



Players Patter No 159 - May 2013

Treasurer's Report

I know we are well and truly into the throes of Show Stoppers now, both mentally and physically, but I have now received all the income and expenditure receipts for Calamity Jane to finalise the show accounts which show a loss of £850. Very disappointingly audience numbers were well down on budget and on previous shows - almost by 30% from Sound of Music - reducing our income significantly. Costs were kept within budget in the main, with substantial sums being saved by utilising the School for most rehearsals rather than the Hall. Whilst we appreciate cast members and directors prefer to rehearse on the stage, we shall have to get used to using the School for the bulk of our rehearsals in future as the cost savings are so significant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Peter Stubbs for his £100 donation to the society in memory of his parents, Joyce and Ron Stubbs, who were keen supporters of the Players for many years.

The society is always on the lookout for new patrons - if you are interested then please do let either Linda or me know. In addition, please could I remind you that membership subscriptions are due following the AGM on 25th June. Again, please send to Linda or myself.

Sally Barr
Treasurer
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Chairman's message

Well, what's new in the world of Haslemere Players? Quite a lot since you ask.

Firstly, many thanks to the production team and cast of **Calamity Jane** for all the hard work that went in to bringing us another great show. I must give a special mention to our director, Mary Coyte, who was so keen to direct the show, having played the part of Calamity herself...errr.... a few of years ago. Not only did Mary direct the show, she also took on the lion's share of the wardrobe mistress' role, a challenge in itself, and scoured the country for the right outfits. Sadly, ticket sales didn't quite come up to expectation which was a bit of a disappointment to all concerned. The publicity team put in a super-human effort, to the extent that one of the emails we received from an audience member congratulating us on the show also said, "congratulations also on your publicity, which literally papers the place". On that front, thanks must go to Lisa and Brandon Hamilton who joined the walkabout on horseback..... and yes, a huge sigh of relief was breathed by all when the larger of the two beasts decided that perhaps it wouldn't reverse into Hemingway's window!

As we all know, there's no rest for the wicked and no sooner had Calamity finished than rehearsals for this year's **Show Stoppers – A Century of Song** were under way. We're delighted to have some newcomers to the production team this year – Adrian Stent as a director, Carolyn Beaumont as Musical Director, and Debra Allen and Jessi McCluskey as choreographers. As always with this type of show, the cast is something of a moveable feast until everyone knows the programme and who's in which number....and of course the programme is also something of a moveable feast until we know who's in the cast and what they'd like to do.....not quite a vicious circle perhaps but a mildly aggressive one! Anyway, at the time of writing we're fairly certain of the programme, reasonably sure of who's in the show and all looking forward to it immensely. Seriously, we've got a really great cast, a huge variety of musical numbers, a sumptuous array of cakes for the matinee and a veritable feast for the evening performances.....and a licensed bar. Who could ask for more to ensure a great afternoon or evening out? Get booking those tickets people....this is going to be good!!

Plans continue for our October production, **HMS Pinafore**. Our Director, Steph Goodfellow and Musical Director, William Godfree are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the read through at the school at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 June. We know they're a dynamic team (no pressure guys!) so come along and see what they have in store!

In other news, the Racenight on 27 April was a great success and a good time was had by all. I'm not sure that anyone was able to go away

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www.HaslemerePlayers.com

Chairman's message (continued)

gleefully to spend their winnings but it was an enjoyable night. Many thanks to everyone who came along and to everyone who helped with the preparations and the food. Particular thanks to Mike Byrne who had the idea and did the lion's share of the organizing (and made a very good bookie on the night!). I'm delighted to say we raised £410 which will be put to very good use by the society.

Lastly, we're delighted to announce the launch of our new website which will be live any day now. In this day and age it's so important to have an online presence that really sells what we do and who we are. The new site is bright, vibrant and clear. Visitors can view photo galleries and reviews from past shows and see quickly and easily what shows are coming up, where to buy tickets and how to get involved. If there's anything else you'd like to see included on the site, do let us know.

Vicki Gavin

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PARKING AT THE STUDIO

We asked in the October newsletter than members didn't use the car park at the studio for personal use. This is a private car park and only 4 of the spaces belong to Players....the others are only available to us if we have paid to use the school for a rehearsal. We have been asked repeatedly not to use the car park at other times and this is now becoming an issue. The school is an excellent venue for rehearsals and it's important that we maintain a good relationship with them. Unfortunately, a few of our members are putting that relationship in jeopardy. If you want to speak to the society about using one of our spaces, please contact Pamela Depledge. This also applies to the road leading up to the school, through the gates which is also private property.



Thank you



Calamity's Cowboys



A SHOWSTOPPING CENTURY OF SONG!

Don't miss The Haslemere Players' salute to Haslemere Hall's centenary with "Showstoppers – A Century of Song" - Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June 2013, with a matinee performance at 2.30pm on the Saturday!

In spectacular celebration of the very best of musical theatre over the last 100 years, enjoy over 20 memorable masterpieces from Broadway and West End shows - with songs from *Me and My Girl*, *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *South Pacific* and *My Fair Lady* together with classics from more modern musicals such as *The Producers*, *Chess*, *Les Miserables*, *Sister Act* and *Cabaret* – all performed by some of the best voices in town.

There is even a charming 1940's "singalong" style medley and an upbeat Beatles collection – guaranteed to bring back many sentimental memories for the audience!

Relax in a cabaret style setting and delight in either Saturday's matinee performance at 2.30 pm, accompanied by a traditional homemade cream tea, (£10 pp) or the Friday/Saturday evening from 7.30 pm, complete with a delicious two-course supper (£15 pp) – all served at your table by the cast in full costume!

Refreshments are available to buy at Haslemere Hall's fully licensed bar.

Tickets are available from Haslemere Hall – 01428 642161 or go to www.haslemerehall.co.uk

HELP! CALLING ALL WAITRESSES

We are urgently in need of help with waitresses for Showstoppers. We need 6 waitresses and 3 barmen(women) for Friday, 31st May, the matinee on Saturday, 1st June at 2.30 p.m. and again in the evening. If you can help at all, even for just one performance, please contact Angela Jones on 01428 723752 or email on angela_restharrow@yahoo.co.uk

It is great fun, and you get to see the show...



HMS Pinafore
 October 22nd to 26th, 2013
 Director,
 Stephanie Goodfellow
 MD, William Godfree

H.M.S. Pinafore; or, The Lass That Loved a Sailor is one of the very great comic operas with music by Arthur Sullivan and a libretto by W. S. Gilbert.

The roles are:

- The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, KCB, First Lord of the Admiralty (comic baritone)
- Captain Corcoran, Commander of H.M.S. *Pinafore* (lyric baritone)
- Ralph Rackstraw, Able Seaman (our hero, tenor)
- Dick Deadeye, Able Seaman (bass-baritone)
- Bill Bobstay, Boatswain's Mate (baritone)
- Bob Becket, Carpenter's Mate (bass)
- Josephine, The Captain's Daughter (heroine, soprano)
- Cousin Hebe, Sir Joseph's First Cousin (mezzo-soprano)
- Mrs. Cripps (Little Buttercup), A Portsmouth Bumboat Woman (contralto)

Chorus of First Lord's Sisters, His Cousins, His Aunts, Sailors, Marines, etc

The read-through is on June 4th and auditions on Sunday June 23rd 2013



GRAPEVINE News of Members

A very belated, but nonetheless, big congratulation to **David and Kerry McClelland** on the birth of Matilda Roo who arrived on 26th November last year. All the family are well and living in Richmond.

Congratulations also to **Arabella Biddle** who got married just before Calamity Jane and still managed to help with the show.

We say a sad farewell to **Mike Clarke** who has moved to Eastbourne. In his letter Mike tells us he was in 25 Players shows (including 8 or 9 Music Halls) starting with the Sound of Music in 1993 and ending with Titanic in 2006. He says this show was quite the most ambitious and spectacular show he had ever been in. He asks us to wish the Players all the very best for the future from Diana and himself.

Our picture shows **Graeme Somerville** giving Esther Ranzen a helping hand at the Not Forgotten



Association's Christmas Party at St James' Palace last December

BBQ Event Sunday August 4th from 12.30

Tickets £7.50 for Adults and £3.50 for Children to cover all food costs.

This year's summer BBQ will again take place at Hamish & Linda's house on the hill. This year the event will be themed to **HMS Pinafore**, our Autumn show. For fun come as a **Tar** or a **Sister** or a **Cousin** or an **Aunt**.



You'll find some excellent food, a swimming pool warmed to perfection and a fun table quiz

Venue is **Edgecombe, Hill Road, Haslemere GU27 2JN (01428 644473)**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| 31st May & 1st June | Century of Song by Haslemere Players in Haslemere Hall |
| 4th June 7.30 pm | Read-through of HMS Pinafore |
| 13th-15th June | A Sparkling Affair by Farnham AOS |
| 23rd June 2 pm | Principal Auditions for HMS Pinafore in Haslemere Hall |
| 25th June 7.30 pm | Players AGM in the Haslemere Hall annexe |
| Sun 4th August | From 12.30 pm Players Summer BBQ at Edgecombe, Hill Road, Haslemere |

If you get this newsletter through the post and would be happy to receive it by email please send an email to donaldson@haslemere.com Many thanks



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Haslemere Players will be held at the Haslemere Hall on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising and Correspondence
4. Hon. Treasurer’s report
5. Chairman’s report
6. Subscriptions for 2013/2014. The outgoing Committee’s recommendation is that the subscription rate for members should remain at £25 per annum; the rates for non-acting members remain at £5.00. New Patrons £20.00 per family.
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Appointment of Mr Chris Lang as the Independent Examiner
9. Any Other Business

The present officers are as follows:

- President: Mr Hamish Donaldson
- Chairman: Miss Victoria Gavin
- Secretary: Mrs Pamela Depledge
- Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Sally Barr

The present Executive Committee consists of the following members: Angela Jones, Chloe Johnson-Jones, Jane McMichael, Debbie Bowyer, Liz Hawes, Adrian Stent and Mike Byrne. Jane McMichael, Liz Hawes and Angela Jones are not standing for re-election. For any additional nominations to the position of Officers or Committee, please complete the form below.

It would be appreciated if nominations for the election of officers and committee, proposed and seconded, could be sent to the secretary by Saturday 22nd June. No nominations will be accepted once the meeting has started. Please note that only paid up members may vote at the AGM. Subscriptions for the coming year become due for payment immediately following the AGM. A copy of the rules of the Society is available from the Secretary.

A copy of the Minutes from the 2012 AGM is displayed on our website and will be available at the meeting from the secretary.

Mrs P Depledge
Hon Secretary, May 2013

Agenda Item 7: Nomination Form

We, the undersigned, wish to nominate

to the executive committee / to the position of
(delete as required)

Proposed by.....Seconded by.....

I agree to stand for the position above (signed).....

Please give or send this form to Mrs Pamela Depledge,
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