



Players Patter No 157 - Nov 2012



Reminder



Carol Singing, mulled wine and mince pies evening on Tuesday 18th December in the Annexe.

Come along at 9 pm, or earlier, and join the cast of Calamity Jane for our festive reunion for all members and patrons

Chairman's message

Well, what a success **The Sound of Music** was! I can't remember the last time we sold out on a Saturday night and to sell out on 4 out of our 6 performances was absolutely fantastic and such a great reward for everyone involved. You can read more about the financial result elsewhere in the newsletter but suffice it to say, we're delighted! Thanks must go to Hamish who, as always when he directs a show, really threw himself in it, not only directing the show but also being heavily involved in the scenery, helping with marketing and encouraging the cast to buy tickets. Everyone on the team was conscious of costs so thank you to you all.

As always, there's no rest for the wicked (I must be very wicked!) and we're straight in to **Calamity Jane**. We had some excellent auditions but one can never look at characters in isolation so decisions were far from easy. Anyway, we've ended up with a great cast and rehearsals are now well under way. We are still short of a few men so if you can't quite get that niggling feeling out of your head that you'd really like to don a cowboy hat and come and join us you would be very welcome. If you want to find out more, please contact Mary Coyte, our director on 01428 722961 or by email at marycoyte@btconnect.com.



We have lots going on at the studio and things are busy, busy, busy! Our new shelves have now gone up in the end room and are being painted and crates will shortly be arriving for storage. This has made a huge difference and improved the usefulness and flexibility of the room no end. We also have shelves for all our libretti and scores and will be sorting through these and keeping just a couple of copies of each show. As well as this and the addition of a new washing machine and tumble dryer, we are also now looking at the painting of windows and the replacement of rotten timber. This is an expensive element of the upkeep of the studio but something we really have to do before the windows deteriorate to a point where they need to be replaced. We have several quotes and work will be under way shortly.

The studio is busy almost every Saturday morning now, costuming shows for other societies and hiring fancy dress



Christmas Cracker

Don't forget that this year's Christmas Cracker Carol Concert will be held in the Haslemere Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday 22nd December. It is a fun evening for audience and massed choir. Tickets are £8.50 & £10 (£4 & £5 for children) from the Hall (01428 642161) and include mulled wine and mince pie.

As before the Players will be supplying a good part of the choir so there are plenty of people to support. But do book soon; it is always a sell-out and half the tickets are gone already.

Chairman's Message (continued)

costumes, not to mention all that the studio team do towards costuming our own shows. If you are ever able to give up a couple of hours from 10-12 on a Saturday morning once in a while (we know few people are able to commit to every week) the team would be really pleased to see you. There is always something to be done.....and your efforts will be rewarded with a hot chocolate and a friendly chat!

Don't forget to come and join us our traditional Christmas carols and mince pies from 9pm on Tuesday 18 December in the annexe and buy your tickets for Christmas Cracker at the Haslemere Hall in which many Players' members will be performing.



It seems remarkably early to be saying it (although all the Christmas goods in Sainsbury & Tesco would suggest otherwise) but a very happy Christmas to you all and a prosperous New Year!

Vicki Gavin

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th December	Mulled wine and carols in the Haslemere Hall at 9 pm
22nd December	Christmas Cracker in Haslemere Hall at 7.30 pm
11th-19th January	Cinderella by Haslemere Thespians
22nd-26th January	Guys & Dolls by Farnham Operatic
15th and 16th Feb	One Act Plays by Grayshott Stagers
19th-23rd March	Calamity Jane in Haslemere Hall
1st and 2nd June	Century of Song by Players in Haslemere Hall

Treasurer's Report

Following our very successful production of Sound of Music, I am delighted to report a very healthy surplus of £3,600. This is a fantastic amount and is the result of high ticket sales combined with controlled costs in all areas including costumes, scenery & props and orchestra, so many thanks to all involved.

Two years ago the committee took the decision to select shows that we anticipated would each generate a good surplus, with the aim of at least breaking even each year but ultimately to build up our financial reserves. And I am pleased to say that, having announced a surplus for the past three shows, we are starting to do just that.

We have however needed to spend a fair amount on improvements to the studio and shortly we anticipate a large expense on replacing the (very rotten) windows, so we will be undertaking a series of fundraising events to help cover these costs and would be grateful for any support you can give to these. Details to follow in the New Year.

Sally Barr
Hon Treasurer



GRAPEVINE NEWS OF MEMBERS

One serious omission from the last Newsletter was the very sad death of Peter Massey on 22nd July. Peter was one of those wonderful unsung heroes who do things quietly in the background without making any fuss or asking for any acknowledgment. Not only was our Auditor for many years, but he helped in any way he could, whether it was Front of House, helping with the Civic Evening and generally doing those little jobs which no-one else wants to do. Peter had not wanted a church service but Pam organised a lovely service at the graveside in Camelsdale which some of us attended. He was a lovely man and will be much missed.

At the Players' AGM Mary Coyte was presented with her 45 Year NODA Award (actually it was her 4th Silver Bar). NODA have badges to mark service to the amateur theatre and it is hard to believe that Mary has been treading the boards for 45 years (she must have been a child actor) so she deserves all our very best congratulations.

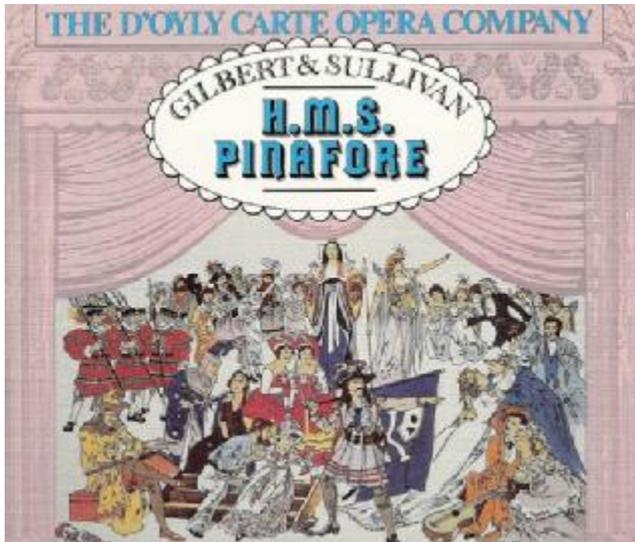
HMS Pinafore

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 (tenor)
- Dick Deadeye, Able Seaman (bass-baritone)
- Bill Bobstay, Boatswain's Mate (baritone)
- Bob Becket, Carpenter's Mate (bass)
- Josephine, The Captain's Daughter (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 16th 2013

Social Report

Angela Jones is organising a party to go to see The Gondoliers in Godalming on Wednesday, 20th February. The cost will be £10 each. Tickets are going fast so if you are interested, please contact Angela on angel.restharrow@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible.

As usual, we shall be having mince pies and mulled wine at 9 p.m. after the rehearsal on Tuesday, 18th December followed by carol singing. Do come and help us raise the roof.

Copies of the latest Players Patter are always available on the web site:

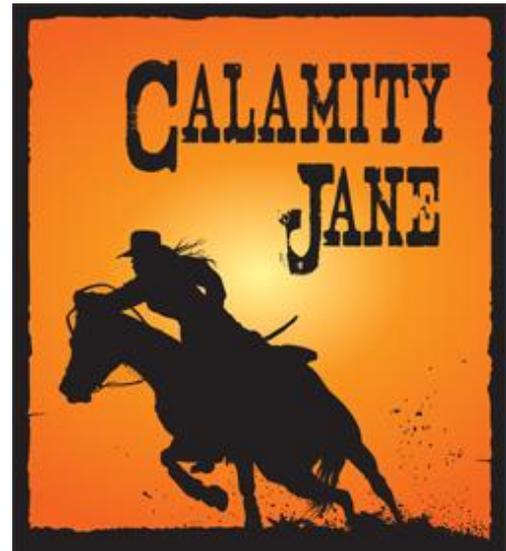
www.HaslemerePlayers.com

Calamity Jane

March 19th to 23rd, 2013

MD, Angela Jones

Choreographer, Debra Allen



Rehearsals are now under way for Calamity Jane which will be performed in the Haslemere Hall from 19th to 23rd March (a week earlier than normal as Easter Sunday, on 31st March, is early this year).

As usual there is a strong cast:

Calamity Jane	Kate Chesworth
Wild Bill Hickock	Chris Bridge
Lieut. Danny Gilmartin	To be cast
Katie Brown	Jessi McCluskey
Francis Fryer	Alan Thornhill
Henry Miller	Graeme Somerville
Susan	Isabelle Providence
Adelaide Adams	Rebecca Lucas
Joe, the Bartender	Mike Byrne
Doc	Richard Tytler
Rattlesnake	Bill Hudson

One or two more dancers and cowboys would be welcome. Further details from Mary Coyte: marycoyte@btconnect.com or 01428 722961

The Flower Club

Haslemere Flower Club recently had an exhibition in the Haslemere Hall. One of the best exhibits was called 'The Sound of Music' pictured here. No doubt it all helped publicise the show.

