



Players Patter No 160 - July 2013

Chairman's message

In a long tradition of the Brits being completely dissatisfied with the weather can I just say.....it's awfully hot!! It needs to be said.... not least because we may not get another opportunity for quite some time. Let's hope it stays this way until the BBQ on 4 August at Hamish & Linda's. We will be having a paper boat making competition (to tie in with the theme of HMS Pinafore), a quiz, fabulous food and the usual great company! More details elsewhere in the newsletter.

A big thank you to those of you who were able to come to the AGM. It's an opportunity to let us know what you think about how things are going and give us your suggestions for improvements so it's always good to see as many of you as possible. It's also a time for changes to the committee so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Angela Jones, Jane McMichael and Liz Hawes who have all stood down for all their hard work (I have no doubt we'll be able to rope them in in the future) and give a very warm welcome to Susanna Lloyd and Racheal Roberts who have both agreed to join the committee.

I'm delighted to say that this year's Show Stoppers was a great success and thank you to everyone who was involved. The show is a massive undertaking with a huge amount for people to learn but everyone pulled out all the stops and did the society proud.

Rehearsals are now well under way for HMS Pinafore and already it's shaping up to be a really fun production. The set and costumes are *fairly* traditional but beyond that.....well, you'll have to come and see it!

That's all for now and hope to see you at the BBQ.

Vicki Gavin

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H.M.S. PINAFORE SAILS INTO HASLEMERE!

Join us on board **HMS Pinafore** for this hugely popular comic masterpiece – the genius of Gilbert & Sullivan at their uproarious best – at Haslemere Hall, Tuesday

22nd – Saturday 26th

October, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm.“

Awash with sublime music and familiar, uplifting songs, HMS Pinafore tells a tale of romance, betrayal and redemption on the high seas, whilst poking good-natured fun at the Royal Navy and the British class system!

Will Josephine, the Captain's pretty daughter, succumb to the charms of lowly able-seaman Ralph Rackstraw? Will the dastardly Dick Deadeye succeed in scuppering their plans? What is the dark, mysterious secret lurking in the heart of Little Buttercup?

Come all ye landlubbers and join us for a tale of nautical naughtiness and saucy shenanigans, with shipshape sailors and mischievous maidens! Great entertainment, amazing sets and wonderful costumes – it's a show not to be missed!

To book your tickets please call Haslemere Hall on 01428 642161 or email boxoffice@haslemerehall.com. For more details go to www.haslemerehall.co.uk or www.haslemereplayers.com



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

HMS PINAFORE - principals

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| SIR JOSEPH PORTER, K.C.B. (First Lord of the Admiralty) | Adrian Stent |
| CAPTAIN CORCORAN (Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore) | Alan Thornhill |
| RALPH RACKSTRAW (Able Seaman) | Gary Maslen |
| DICK DEADEYE (Able Seaman) | Richard Arthur |
| BILL BOBSTAY (Boatswain) | Chris Bridge |
| BOB BECKET (Boatswain's Mate – Carpenter) | Mark Waters |
| JOSEPHINE (the Captain's Daughter) | Rebecca Lucas |
| HEBE (Sir Joseph's First Cousin) | Carolyn Beaumont |
| LITTLE BUTTERCUP (A Portsmouth Bumboat Woman) | Vicki Gavin |

Rehearsals are well under way (weigh?) And you are very welcome to come along to the School and see how we are doing.

FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGERS

We are in need of people to train as Front of House Managers. This would require you to attend a training session with Richard Oldham and involves being in charge of the whole of the Hall while a show is being performed. You would be in charge of the ushers and would need to sort out any problems with the audience as well as knowing about the fire alarm system. If you are interested could you contact Linda Donaldson on 01428 644473 or linda.haslemere@btinternet.com



GRAPEVINE News of Members

Oliver Muncaster was up from Devon recently for his mother's funeral. He is living in Bideford and sends his love to all who may remember him.

We welcome new members Andy Armitage, Richard Arthur, Charlotte Fentem, Gary Maslen, Marian Muskett and Alison Wallis. We very much hope they will enjoy being with us and taking part in the show.

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

www.HaslemerePlayers.com

Social Report

Summer BBQ Event on Sunday August 4th from 12.30 pm. 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**. For fun come as a **Tar** (or a **Tar's sister**) You'll find some excellent food, a swimming pool warmed to perfection, a table quiz and to keep with the Pinafore theme we are planning a **paper boat making competition**. Venue is Edgecombe, Hill Road, Haslemere GU27 2JN (01428 644473). **BYO chair and bottle.**



Inter-Society Quiz

On the 13th September this year Haslemere Players will be entering a single team of 6 people into the inter-society quiz hosted by the Thespians in the parish Link. We have a few people already in mind to build our crack quiz team but we are still missing some expertise. If you would like to take part and you think you are a mind-bank of useful information then please let me know and I will try my best to include you in the team.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| Sun 4th Aug | Players Summer BBQ at Edgecombe, Hill Road |
| 13th September | Inter-Society Quiz |
| 3rd - 5th Oct | Fawlty Towers supper evening by Haslemere Thespians |
| 22nd - 26th Oct | HMS Pinafore |
| 29th October | Read-through South Pacific |
| 21st – 23rd Nov | A Laughing Matter by Grayshott Stagers |
| 21st – 25th Jan | Jane Eyre by Farnham Operatic |

Haslemere Hall Volunteers

You probably know that the Haslemere Hall receives almost no annual grants from Waverley BC, although Waverley do help with capital projects (like the new roof).

What this means is that the Hall depends on Volunteers to act as ushers and man the bar, particularly for cinema performances.

If you would be able to give even a modest amount of time, say once a month, to help as a volunteer please email richard@haslemerehall.com