

Woodley Players Theatre Company



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Editorial

Hello everyone!

Yes it's me again, nobody fought me for the job so - I have the chance again to welcome you to the new season! - and what a season we have in store.

Grandma's Party...

...Is a modern comedy about family life without any bad language which leaves you with a warm feeling. The rehearsals are well underway and the set is now under construction.

Tickets will be available from 12th September (0161 430 4480) or by email tickets@woodleyplayers.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there. We can promise you an evening full of laughter for all ages. Please tell your friends.

Next week on Thursday 15th September we are holding our usual first sing through of the next show - "The Sorcerer" by W.S. Gilbert and A.S. Sullivan.

We are starting at 7.30pm because unfortunately we are saying goodbye to Liz and John Humphreys who are moving to Yorkshire soon. Both John and Liz have played such a major role in our productions for so long that, as you can imagine, they are going to be greatly missed. THANK YOU LIZ AND JOHN

We are having a little get together to mark this occasion at 7.30pm before the sing though begins. Please come along and join us!

News also that talks are underway about us performing at "The Bluebell Centre" on Hyde Road in Woodley, next year. More about this in later newsletters.

An exciting year in prospect - do join us!

Lesley Parkinson
Chair

"Grandma's Party" Audition Results

Autumn Production 2005 - 'Grandma's Party' - 19th - 22nd October 2005

Thank you to everyone that auditioned and well done to all those listed below who were successful.

Cast

Grandma - Lesley Ellis

Jack - the father. John Dearden

Jean - the mother. Suzanne Dearden

Philippa - the daughter. Laura Ellis

William - the son. William Dearden

Philippa's boyfriend - Martin Vernon

Mr Boyson - Grandma's 'friend'. David Parkinson

Kimberley - the next door neighbour. Sue Stagg

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Calling all volunteers - We are now looking for people who would be interested in helping out with the following:

- Behind Stage
- Set Building & painting
- Front of House
- Refreshments

Please contact Bryony Somers on 0161 367 7442 if you are able to help

Membership Renewal

It is now time to submit your subscriptions for the 2005-2006 season!

They remain unchanged from last year and stand at £10 per person - £20 for a family! Great value for a whole season's entertainment!

Please support our society by completing the attached form as soon as possible and send it to Margaret Bailey at 54 Fernwood, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5BE.

If you didn't complete a Gift Aid form last year then we would encourage you to do so. It won't cost you any more, but the society can claim back the tax paid on your subscription from the tax man. Margaret will be happy to supply a Gift Aid form on request.

Summer Review

On Saturday 16th July we gave a fund-raising concert on behalf of the Hatherlow Church Hall roof fund; a cause dear to our hearts! Although this isn't our usual territory, we were able to call on the many talents of our members and stage an enjoyable and varied program after only 6 weeks rehearsal. We went from 18th century Latin motet to Calamity Jane in the twinkling of an eye. Not only was the concert well received by the audience, the singers were very enthusiastic and really looked like they were having a good time. Mrs Buchanan on the fund-raising committee asked me to "pass on to your Players our grateful thanks for the concert last Saturday evening. It was a most enjoyable evening and I am pleased to advise you that £551 was raised".

Grateful thanks must go to our soloists, both vocal and instrumental, to Joyce for her support on the piano and to Roger for his patience and perseverance.

Kate Holt

Annual visit to the Gilbert and Sullivan Festival in Buxton - 18th August 2005

As has become tradition, a group of us visited the Buxton Opera House this August to see a production of "The Sorcerer" by Derby G & S Society (Woodley Players 2006 production).

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic production with its fast pace, beautiful costumes and excellent singing, and it was great to catch up with everyone since our last production.

Bryony Somers

Bank Holiday Walk - Monday 29th August

If you remember the weather we had on Bank Holiday Monday morning, you will appreciate that it would take a certain amount of grit, determination, and not just a little bravado to even turn up at the Werneth Low Vistors' Centre at Higham Lane at 11 am. But turn up people did...whereupon we more or less immediately went back (by car) to our house on Pennine Road to have a cuppa and a chat. It was lovely to see Paul & Kim and Eleanor (White), Jackie Jennings and Greg, and Lesley and I, all game for giving it a go! As the day wore on a little, Jackie and Greg had to go, but the weather miraculously changed into being sunny, warm and pleasant, so, after lunch at "The Hare and Hounds" and about 3 hours late, we embarked on a walk, with Tessa (our dog), past the canal and down to the river Tame. Eleanor was remarkably energetic, especially after having the odd ride on Dad's shoulders! All in all, it was a grand day out.

David Parkinson

2004/2005 Charity - Money Raised

Well done everyone! We raised £557.00 for Eyeline Stockport

Review of the Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Thursday 21st July at Hatherlow UR Church Hall.

For your information, here is a list of the posts the current directors occupy:

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| Chair | Lesley Parkinson |
| Vice Chair | Mike Bailey |
| Treasurer | Brian Maguire |
| Secretary | Kate Holt |
| Membership Secretary | Margaret Bailey |
| Newsletter Secretary | Bryony Somers |
| Ticket Secretary | Jenny Rippin |
| Members without Portfolio | Jenny Davies, Kathy Moorhouse and Hazel Jones. |

The vacant Assistant Secretary's post will be allocated at the first meeting.

Thank you to Avril Wilson for her hard work during her time as a Director.

Programme for 2005 - 2006

Grandma's Party by Bob Vass - 19-22 October 2005

Tickets available from tickets@woodleyplayers.co.uk or on (0161) 430 4480

The Sorcerer by Gilbert & Sullivan - 3-8 April 2006

Rehearsals start on Thursday 15th September at Hatherlow Sunday School. The first rehearsal will be at the earlier time of 7:30pm to allow us to spend some time saying "Goodbye" to John and Liz Humphreys

PLEASE NOTE:-

Auditions will be held for "The Sorcerer" on Sunday 9th October at Hatherlow Sunday School from 2pm and anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Kate Holt (01625 614505) or Lesley Parkinson (0161 406 6132) for an appointment and audition pieces.

The principal parts to be cast are:

Sir Marmaduke Pointdextre, Baronet (Bass-Baritone)
Alexis, His Son (Tenor)
Dr. Daly, Vicar of Ploverleigh (Baritone)
Notary (Bass)
John Wellington Wells, of J. W. Wells & Co., Family Sorcerers (Baritone)
Hercules, A page (non-singing)
Lady Sangazure, a Lady of Ancient Lineage (Contralto)
Aline, Her Daughter--betrothed to Alexis (Soprano)
Mrs. Partlet, a Pew-Opener (Mezzo-soprano)
Constance, her Daughter (Soprano)

Concert version of "Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert & Sullivan - Autumn 2006

We will be holding another day like our "extravaganza" several years ago, rehearsing "The Pirates of Penzance" during the day and giving a performance in the evening. Watch this space for date and time information.



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Membership Application

I apply for membership of Woodley Players Theatre Company under terms of the Memorandum & Articles of Association.

Subscriptions are due on 1 September of each year.

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