



# Woodley Players Theatre Company



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## Editorial

Dear All,

Another season gone and another just beginning. Time passes so quickly. It doesn't feel like twelve months since I wrote to you promising an exciting year, and I wasn't wrong was I? We have tried new things this year, and have been very pleased with the outcome. Having been in this role as Chair for several years now I felt it was time to step down and let someone else have a go. I am remaining as a Director so I will still be in there working. Having thoroughly enjoyed leading our fantastic team I feel very proud of our achievements and reputation in the community and would urge you to keep in touch with the committee if you have any comments or suggestions that will enable us to keep growing and improving.

This year we welcome Laura Ellis in her new role for us as director of "Our Day Out" by Willy Russell. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new young members who will be performing the play in "the round" - another innovation which is very challenging and exciting.

Then in May, "Pirates" - the only major G&S that we have not yet performed. What a year in prospect!

It is eighteen years since David and I first made the suggestion at Woodley Methodist Church that we should form a properly organised society with Annette and John Phillips alongside and I am proud to say that we continue to have a very happy society which cares about people both within our group and community, we set ourselves very high standards and give excellent productions.

Keep up the good work everybody, and enjoy yourselves.

I wish Hazel luck in her new role as Chair of our society and thank the rest of the committee, especially Kate as our Secretary, for all their time and effort and support.

**Lesley Parkinson**  
(Outgoing Chair)

Welcome to the new season of Woodley Players events. I am to take over as the Chairman from October.

On behalf of all members, I would like to thank Lesley for her stewardship of the society and hard work over the last few years. She has held the society together through all the problems and successes and taken us into uncharted territory with the resounding triumph of the Bluebell Centre concert. I hope that I shall live up to her example.

We embark on a new programme, with first, 'The Gondoliers' in a day.

In February: a play, 'Our Day Out' and then, in May, a G&S production which Woodley Players have never attempted before - 'Pirates of Penzance'.

Happy Singing

**Hazel Jones**  
(Chair Elect)

## Membership Renewal

### New for 2006 - Introducing payment by Standing order

It is now time to submit your subscriptions for the 2006-2007 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! This year however we would request that members wherever possible convert to paying their membership by standing order. You can re-register as a member and/or opt to pay by standing order by completing the attached form as soon as possible and sending it to Margaret Bailey either by post to 54 Fernwood, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5BE or by email to <mailto:maggiebailey54@hotmail.com>. As you can appreciate, this is a far quicker and easier system to manage rather than the membership secretary having to contact each individual member and arrange for payment to be collected. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Margaret.

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.

## Review of Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Thursday 6th July at Hatherlow UR Church.

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

Chair	Lesley Parkinson
Vice Chair	Mike Bailey
Treasurer	Brian Maguire
Secretary	Kate Holt
Membership Secretary	Margaret Bailey
Newsletter Secretary	Bryony Somers
Ticket Secretary	Lesley Ellis
Members without Portfolio	Roy Davies, David Whitehead, Jenny Davies, Kathy Moorhouse and Hazel Jones, Richard Hall, Derek Swain and Laura Ellis

### Addendum

After 5 years as Chair, Lesley Parkinson has decided to hand over to Hazel Jones - another longstanding member from October. Every one on the Management Committee wish to thank Lesley for all her hard work over the years, but especially over the last 5 years which has seen WPTC face many varied challenges which she along with other have worked hard to overcome. We also welcome Hazel as our new Chair and wish her well for the future.

Full details of the AGM can be viewed at [www.woodleyplayers.co.uk/members.htm](http://www.woodleyplayers.co.uk/members.htm)

## Summer Review

### Concerts at the Bluebell Centre

For those who weren't able to attend our concerts at the Bluebell Centre at the end of June - you missed a treat!

In many ways, this was a first for Woodley Players both for staging an outdoor event and performing with the full Werneth Concert Band. We provided a varied program including some G&S items, solo and full chorus numbers and audience participation items, all of which proved very popular.

Everything had been planned down to the last detail; I know many of us were truly glad we didn't get the chance to wear those fetching plastic macs. Even a temporary power cut during Saturday night's performance gave us an excellent opportunity to show off our formidable *a capella* singing skills!

The concerts were a great success and have generated much interest in the vicinity among other groups who would like to follow in our footsteps. Many of you who participated told me how much you had enjoyed the concerts and how keen you are to repeat the experience next year.

These concerts were the culmination of some months of hard work to organise 100 musicians and singers - no mean feat. Thanks must go to Roger Pearce and to Allan Jones for their musical leadership, to John Stannyer for his initial invitation which fired our imagination, and to all those members of Woodley Players who helped in so many ways - you know who you are.

*Kate Holt*

### Annual visit to the Gilbert and Sullivan Festival in Buxton - 17th August 2006

As has become tradition, a group of us visited the Buxton Opera House this August to see to see a production of "The Pirates of Penzance" by Derby G & S Society (Woodley Players 2007 production).

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic production with its fast pace, humorous dances, excellent singing, and as the Festival Adjudicator pointed out a Pirate King who "was Derby's answer to Johnny Depp!" It was great to see so many of the group there. It really was a wonderful performance and well worth the wait.

*Bryony Somers*

### 2005/2006 Charity - Money Raised

Well done everyone! We raised £713.00 this year for our chosen charity, 3rd Gee Cross Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers). I know first hand (as Beaver Leader) how much this means to the group and it represents a substantial contribution to our fundraising efforts which are aiming to provide us with a new building.

Leukaemia Research has been chosen as the 2006/2007 season charity

*Bryony Somers*

## Dates for your Diary

### "Gondoliers in a day" - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006

As you will be aware from our previous newsletter, we will be holding another day like our "extravaganza" several years ago, rehearsing "The Gondoliers" during the day and giving a Concert performance in the evening. To be assured of a place or to book tickets for the evening performance, please contact Margaret Bailey on 0161 427 5352 or e-mail: [maggiebailey54@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiebailey54@hotmail.com)

Full details can be found on our website - [www.woodleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.woodleyplayers.co.uk)

### "Our Day Out" by Willy Russell - Auditions Sunday, 5th November 2006

Auditions will be held at Hatherlow UR Church Hall (yellow room) from 2:30pm.

List of Characters

#### Adult Parts

Mrs Kay  
Mr Briggs  
Susan  
Colin  
Lollipop Man  
Headmaster  
Bus Driver  
Cafe Owner  
Cafe Assistant  
Zoo Keeper

#### Children's Parts

Carol  
Reilly  
Linda  
Ronson  
Andrews  
Digga  
Karen  
Milton  
Little Kid  
Kevin  
Jimmy  
Maurice

Rehearsals will be on Sundays and Mondays, beginning on Sunday, the 7th January 2007. It is also hoped to organise a couple of work shops before Christmas!  
Production week is 18th -25th February 2007.

For more information, please contact Laura Ellis (Director) on 0161 430 8678

**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

### "The Pirates of Penzance" - 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Auditions will be held for "The Pirates of Penzance" on Sunday 26/11/06 at Hatherlow Sunday School from 2pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Kate Holt (01625 614505) for an appointment and audition pieces.

The principal parts to be cast are:

Frederic — Frederic is the handsome, young man who had been mistakenly apprenticed to a band of pirates until his twenty-first birthday. He values duty as the supreme human trait. He is extremely naive and has never seen a woman besides his nursemaid, Ruth.

Voice: Tenor

Mabel — Mabel is the beautiful and independent ward of Major-General Stanley who falls in love with Frederic.

Voice: Soprano

Ruth — Ruth is the half-deaf nursemaid of Frederic. She joined the pirates after mistakenly apprenticing Frederic.

Voice: Mezzo

Edith — The leader of Major-General Stanley's daughters

Voice: Soprano

Major-General Stanley — A wealthy widower raising his daughters alone.

Voice: Baritone

Samuel — The confident and fearless lieutenant to the Pirate King.

Voice: Baritone

Sergeant of Police — The Sergeant is the bumbling leader of the police who is sent out to fight the pirates. He has a strong sense of duty, yet is a coward in the face of real danger.

Voice: Baritone

The Pirate King — The Pirate King is the strong leader of the pirates. He is fully willing to rape and pillage, yet refuses to commit evil acts against orphans.

Voice: Baritone

Isabel — Ward of Major-General Stanley

Voice: Soprano

Kate — Ward of Major-General Stanley

Voice: Mezzo

Rehearsals start on Thursday 4th January 2007 @ Hatherlow UR Church (yellow room) 7.45pm.

Performance dates now confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> May. Auditions will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Further details to follow.



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