



NEW SOCIETY LOGO

Ruth has kindly organised a new logo for the society (above). This will be in use from 2018 and suitably placed on all our literature, posters, flyers, programmes, banners, etc., **THANK YOU, RUTH.**

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

OUR LAST REHEARSAL THIS YEAR. THE GONDOLIERS

Our last rehearsal will be on Friday, 15th December. It will be a full rehearsal, starting as normal at **7.30 p.m. PROMPT.** We are looking to practise as much as possible, but also to make time to finish off with mince pies, so.....

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING ALONG SOME HOME-MADE MINCE PIES OR EVEN CHRISTMAS CAKE THEY WILL BE VERY WELCOME. THANK YOU.

Merry
Christmas  **mas** to you all



We have 2 distinct sections on the Society Facebook:

a) A **CLOSED GROUP** just for us – members and friends. You'll find

information about rehearsals, requests for help, news, etc. We can chat to each other without any members of the public able to see what is said. Search on Facebook for '**Wolverton G&S Members and Friends**'. Then ask to become a member. **Chris or Karen, who manage the members page**, will accept you and then you will be able to see all the posts on your Facebook feed and contribute to the conversation.

b) A **PUBLIC-FACING PAGE** which is open to anyone. You can find it by searching '**Wolverton Gilbert & Sullivan Society**' on Facebook. We use this to promote shows, help to sell tickets, etc. Please make sure you have **LIKED** the page – that way, anything we post will appear on your FB feed. You can share our posts so that all your FB friends will see them. If we send out an 'event', then please do invite your friends to come along. We try not to bombard people with posts, just a steady drip-drip of information and different images to catch people's attention and sell those all-important tickets.

This public page is managed by Ruth and Louise.



OTHER W G & S SHOWS

Christmas Concert with the
Wolverton Light Orchestra (WLO)

Sunday 10th December (see schedule)

Musicals in Concert

With the WLO on 23rd/24th June 2018

Iolanthe 26/27th –30th March 2019

Summer 2019 (dates unknown)

We would like the members to have a say in the Summer Show for 2019. So, if you have an idea or two on this, then please let us know.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

YOU SHOULD NOW HAVE A REHEARSAL SCHEDULE. IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT US NOW!!

THE GONDOLIERS: The Chorus will continue each Friday, except for the Christmas concert until Friday, 15th December. In 2018, we recommence from Friday, 6th January. 7.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Rehearsals: Friday 1st, Wednesday, 6th and Friday 8th December. Wednesday's rehearsal is at Stantonbury's Christ Church. The Concert is on Sunday, 10th December, when both afternoon rehearsal and evening concert will be at Stantonbury Theatre.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP—GRAHAM BREEZE

At our last AGM, Graham Breezes was awarded a Life Membership of the Society.

For the new members, who probably do not know Graham so well, he has been the Chairman of the Society for 16/17 years (a member for even longer) and in that time has directed, choreographed, provided much fun and worked energetically behind the scenes to complete the whole 'Savoy canon' and achieve enormous success with these and many other Society shows.

The Society will be forever grateful to Graham.



DID YOU KNOW?

WHY DO WE CALL A THEATRE CASH-DESK A BOX OFFICE?

Back in Shakespeare's days, the most secure way of keeping theatre accounts was in a sealed ceramic money box. Much like a child's piggy bank. The cash would go into the box, which was then taken to the proprietor's office, smashed and the takings for that performance counted. The remains of several such boxes/pots have been recovered during archaeological digs, the most recent being at the Curtain Theatre in Shoreditch in East London, where Shakespeare himself is known to have performed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WILL DYSON

Will Dyson, who has performed wonderfully in many W G & S shows and who has recently performed in Banbury in Half a Sixpence, has become engaged to his partner Les. We wish them every happiness in their future together.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

If anyone misses a rehearsal then we do not have time to repeat everything the following week – as we said right at the start. We are relying on everyone to take responsibility for working on words, notes and movement in between the scheduled rehearsals and Ros, Jo and Mike will always find time if anyone wants to check or run through anything. PLEASE, IF IN DOUBT, ASK US.

YOUR COMMITTEE. Your Committee Members are: Chair—Kim Bennett; Vice-chair—Liz Carter; Secretary—Chris Worton; Treasurer—Wayne Oakes; Business Manager—Shona Gilchrist; Friends Secretary—Karen Platt; Graham Mitchell and John Bailes. Ruth Martin and Louise Thonger, along with Graham and John also handle the publicity, whilst Graham Mitchell also looks after our Box Office, but not in a pot!
FROM US ALL—WE WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE FESTIVE TIME