

Merry Tidings to you all!

It's that time of year again—when the days are short and chilly, Christmas songs can be heard everywhere, and the new year is just around the corner. And with the new year comes our show—The Mikado! Yes, there's not far to go now, but there's lots of hard work to come until we get there yet.

Rehearsals have been going well so far, and a fantastic time was had by all at the annual Christmas Concert with the Light Orchestra, as can be seen in the following photo:



The schedule for rehearsals in the new year are as follows:

Friday 8th January—Re-cap of pre-Christmas rehearsals (blow out the cobwebs!)

Wednesday 12th January - KB, PT & NP: Dialogue up to entrance of Ko. Will briefly look at No.3 but will set properly with men on Friday. Block No.4—Young man despair. Ko, PB, PT—Block No.10 I am so proud

Friday 15th January— Men, PT & NP—No.3 Our Great Mikado. Then run No.1-No.4. Ladies and YY, PS, PeepB & PB—No.8 So please you sir. Then run No.6-No.8

Wednesday 20th January — KO & PB – will briefly look at No.5 & 5a but will set properly with men on Friday. Dialogue after end of No.5a. Ko, PB, NP, YY, PS PeepB, dialogue between Nos 7 & 8—run 7 and 8 with dialogue.

Friday 22nd January—Men, PT & Ko Ko: No.5 Behold the Lord High Executioner (and dialogue in between). No.5a As someday it may happen. Men & NP & PT—revisit Nos 1, 2 & 3.

Wednesday 27th January—Dialogue with NP & Ko Ko after No.10: This is simply appalling NP & YY: Set No.9 Were you not to Ko Ko plighted and dialogue before.

Friday 27th January— Set Finale Act 1—everyone!

A note from our Patron Secretary, Karen Platt:

Patrons/Friends

There have been a lot of changes to the committee this year, and our new committee is made up of members as follows:

Chairman—Graham Breeze

Vice Chairman—Kim Bennett

Business Secretary—Shona Gilchrist

Treasurer—Wayne Oakes

Secretary—Chris Worton

President—Angela Bowen

General Committee
Member—Stephen Kirk

General Committee Member
and Patron Secretary—Karen Platt

General Committee
Member—Charlotte Pearson

I am now the Society's Patrons secretary and one of my first requests (approved by the Committee) is that we change the name of these lovely people to Friends of Wolverton G&S Society. So do you know anyone who could become our "Friend"? Do you have a family member or someone who loves coming to our shows? For a minimum donation of £25 a year, they would get our thanks for their support plus programmes to any of our productions/concerts throughout the year, a name in said programmes (if they wish) and invitations to our social events. Please let me know if you have someone that I can approach who would be interested.

Also from this year, we received a donation from someone called C.V.P Harrison but I have no other details. If you know who this person is, please contact me.

Karen

We must sell lots of tickets for the Mikado—why not have some hand-bills ready to give to family members on Christmas Day, or maybe even buy them a ticket as a last minute present?

However you do it, the drive for ticket sells needs to be at the forefront of our minds for the new year—Wolverton G&S New Year's resolution this year is to sell 5 more tickets each than we were originally planning to sell!

What would you like our next G&S show to be?

The Committee have come up with a shortlist of options for next Year's show, with consideration also for the years following 2017, and we would like your feedback on these options. The potential shows are as follows:

Gondoliers Grand Duke Iolanthe

Princess Ida Ruddigore Thespis

Please let any member of the committee know your feedback on what show you would prefer, either verbally or via email.

Missing Harrogate DVD

Angela Shash brought and paid for a Harrogate DVD. Have any of you got it?! Jo thinks she gave it to someone but can't remember who. Please help!

Summer Show Venue...?

Can you think of a venue that we could use for our Summer Show? As Madcap is no longer available to us as an option, we need to find a different venue that is both suitable and affordable, and preferably will allow us to perform a show as opposed to a concert. So do you have any suggestions???

If you do then please let us know!!!

Summer Social

What would YOU like to do for our Summer Social 2017?

A barbeque? Picnic? Dinner? Any other option?

Please give any thoughts you have to any member of the committee verbally, or by email.



Subs are now due!!!!

Anyone who hasn't already done so, please make sure that you have set up a standing order or given a cheque/ cash to Wayne (this can be done via Graham at rehearsal).
This must be done ASAP!!!

**May much
merriment and
joy be with you
and your family
for Christmas and
New Year! See you
all in 2017!**