

# MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019



## IOLANTHE

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Attend every rehearsal

Learn your words and notes

Get involved in social media

**ATTEND EVERY REHEARSAL** — we all know that in rehearsing we make mistakes, but by making those mistakes we more often than not get better and learn something.

**LEARN YOUR WORDS AND NOTES** — if you learn your words it is one less thing to think about when dancing or blocking. Also, as we often do our steps to the rhythm of the words they provide reminders as when and where to move.

### FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

After what would have been 6/7 months of rehearsing we all want to perform to full houses. YOU CAN HELP Follow our guide on Facebook on Page 2.

**POSTER AND FLYERS** — Also, if you are able to print Page 3 (all our posters have now all gone and are spread around Milton Keynes) please do so and display it at work or wherever you meet large numbers of people. THANK YOU.

**facebook**

FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA

YOU CAN HELP

**CLOSED GROUP**—We have a “closed” group which is solely for members, cast, orchestra, crew and close friends of WGSS. If you are not in the group, please add yourself, and Chris or Karen will approve. The group is for chatting, information and postings about other shows you are in. Funny stories may also help.

**PUBLIC PAGE**—This is where the majority of our Social Media posting is from (the posts should duplicate on Twitter and Instagram). **THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN REALLY HELP.**

Please make sure you have “liked” the page, and you can then invite family and friends to like the page also. Ruth does the majority of posting on the page, and has scheduled various posts to publicise **Iolanthe** in the next few weeks.

When you see a public post from the main page, please “like” it, and “share” it onto your newsfeed/timeline. **It also really helps if you write a short post when sharing.** People are then more likely to see and read it when scrolling through Facebook.

**EVERY “LIKE” AND “SHARE” HELPS US PROMOTE THE SHOW!**

You can also update your profile picture to an image of the show poster or one of the official photos from the photoshoot – then every time one of your posts appears on a newsfeed, it reminds people about the show!

Please contact Graham Mitchell if you wish to do this. **Of course you do !!**

## THE 'IOLANTHE' BANNERS

are presently displaying at Stantonbury Leisure Centre/Theatre  
and Wyvale Garden Centre (Woburn Sands).

**If you are involved in a show with another group then please let John know  
and we will arrange to have them displayed with you.**

**They measure 2m high and 1m wide and take up very little space.**

## IOLANTHE TICKETS

**If friends and family are looking for ideas for buying birthday/Valentine's/  
Easter/Mothers' Day gifts why not suggest tickets for Iolanthe. The recipients  
are guaranteed a great night out! This is the Iolanthe booking link**

**<http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk/whats-on/all-shows/iolanthe/15336/>**

# IOLANTHE

About The Gondoliers

*"It was a very enjoyable show"*

*"I cannot see how you could improve on a first class performance"*

*"Keep the joy shining out to the audience!"*

*"I predict a riot in 'lords'"*

*König  
Jack the Ripper*

*The Gondoliers*

*Showblitz!*

*Iolanthe*

7:30pm Stantonbury Theatre MK14 6BN

Wed 27th to Sat 30th March 2019

Box Office 01908 324466

Tickets online [www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk](http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk)

Information [wolvertongands.co.uk](http://wolvertongands.co.uk)

email [iolanthe@wolvertongands.co.uk](mailto:iolanthe@wolvertongands.co.uk)





## “FRIDAY NIGHT IS GOTH NIGHT”

On Friday 27th March,  
the audience are invited to  
dress Goth style.

Tell your friends and family to join  
in the fun.



YOUR Costume show and tell is on  
Friday, FEBRUARY 15th

Please arrive at 7.15 p.m. dressed ready (or be  
able to get dressed ready) as though you were  
doing the show THAT NIGHT. No make up is  
necessary.

We need to know what you will look like for  
the show. More details are also on Page 5.



Thanks to Karen. Of course, it  
doesn't apply to us!



**THE NEXT ISSUE OF GANDERS**

**(OUR PUBLIC NEWSLETTER)**

**WILL BE OUT SHORTLY.**

**ANY SPECIAL VALENTINE'S ARTICLES TO  
GRAHAM M, PLEASE.**

**ALSO, DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL RECIPE FOR  
GRAHAM TO INCLUDE?**

**Deadline 14th February**



## Costume show and tell Friday 15th February

Here's your chance to show your creativity and taste by bringing what you plan to wear for our production of Iolanthe and getting the thumbs up from director Graham Breeze.

We're running Act 1 that night and you can wear your costume for rehearsal if you like, but Graham just needs to see it.

To avoid delaying the start of rehearsal too much, please try to arrive by 7:15.



The fairies will need to be in goth costume. The society is providing wings for you. Feel free to bring your jewellery and wigs if you have them.

The peers will need to wear business suits and white shoes (not trainers).

Robes and coronets are being hired for you.

If you won't have your costume by then, please bring along a photo of what you are planning to wear.

Any questions, please ask Graham Mitchell.

07594 301107 or [fancydressman@gmail.com](mailto:fancydressman@gmail.com)





## WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING IN 2019?



Our summer show will be

### **THE SORCERER**

(Dad's army style)

between 17—20 July 2019

at Stantonbury Theatre 7.30 p.m.

If interested, please let us know.

**“Who do you think you're kidding?”**

Rehearsals will be most Wednesdays and Fridays  
from April onwards.



### LAST CALL—WG&SS Polo neck shirts



We will be soon placing our first order for the society polo neck shirts. If you are interested in buying one, please let John know. The price is £15 each. These are a good quality shirt (Fruit of the Loom Premium)



100% cotton with our embroidered logo on the front and printed logo on the back of a navy coloured shirt.

Sizes are: Small 25-37", Medium 38- 40", Large 41-43", X Large 44-46,  
XX Large 47-49", XXX Large 50.

### **General Data Protection Regulation**

If you no longer wish to receive the Wolverton G & S Society Newsletter,  
please email [secretary@wolvertongands.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wolvertongands.co.uk)

## What your friends are up to in 2019



### THE GRAND DUKE

Our very good friends at Putteridge Bury are performing the week before us and some of us will go along to support them.

Graham Breeze is the Director and is also performing as Ernest.

Others you may know include: Paula as Julia, Nicole as Olga, Annie as Herald, Louise as Bertha and the costumes are the responsibility of Amanda Fraser.

We wish them every success with the show. If you wish to go, please contact Karen immediately.



Mike Crofts, our Musical Director, will be leading our very good friends, WLO, on 2nd March 2019.

Tickets on the door.  
See LEFT for more details.

Would any of your friends or family want to become a Friend of Wolverton G & S Society?

For a minimum donation of £25 per person, they will receive a complimentary programme for the productions and invitations to our social events. They would also have our grateful thanks for sharing our love of live theatre.

For further details please contact: Karen Platt, Friends Secretary, 9 Harvester Close, Greenleys, Milton Keynes, MK12 6LE.

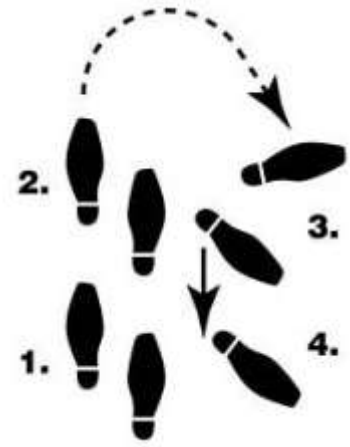
## WEDNESDAYS REHEARSALS START ON 20th FEBRUARY.

VENUE: CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY  
(NEAR THE THEATRE AND LEISURE CENTRE)

**7.15 p.m. prompt start**

**We are also starting up blocking/dance steps rehearsals as  
from this Wednesday 7.30 p.m. at Stantonbury.**

**The steps we do are not difficult— YOU JUST NEED TO  
PARACTISE THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.**



### KIM BENNETT

It is with huge regret that, due to personal circumstances, Kim has had to stand down from being our Chairperson from the committee and also taking part in future performance (certainly in the near future).

Kim has been on the committee for over 30 years and although wanting to stand down earlier was persuaded to stay on and take on the role of Chair.

The Society will miss her lovely voice and acting experience, not to mention all the hard work she does behind the scenes.

She will continue to support the Society, but in other ways and she will certainly continue as a Friend of the society.

**WE WISH HER WELL AND HOPE TO SEE HER BEHIND THE SCENES  
DURING THE SHOW.**

**Our current committee is shown below for your *information*.**

President	Clarence Gill
Chair	Graham Mitchell
Vice Chair	-
Secretary	Chris Worton / Karen Platt
Membership Secretary	Jo Bigg
Treasurer	Wayne Oakes
Business Manager	John Bailes
Committee	Charlotte Elliott
Promotions/Marketing sub group	Ruth Martin, Jo Bigg, Catherine Lee, Louise Thonger, Graham Mitchell, John Bailes



**DID YOU KNOW ?**

**Ruth Martin has already been on local radio twice (on Thia's Chatty Charity Show) in recent weeks to help promote our current show, IOLANTHE.**

**Ruth, along with Jo Bigg and Cat' Lee, are also looking to do more radio interviews (and possibly singing) and have already lined up an appearance on Nancy Stevens show on MKFM.**

**There will almost certainly be other radio shows to follow.**

**LINKS ANYBODY ????????????????**

**People are working hard behind the scenes for the show and so every little bit you can do will help.**

**YOU CAN ALSO HELP WITH THIS ONE!**

**WE SEND OUT RELEVANT SHOW ARTICLES TO ALL OUR LOCAL TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS.**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU SEE ANY OF THEM!**

**We really need to know if these articles are reaching the public.**

**THANK YOU**



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