

SAVOYARDS NEWS

APRIL 2011

PRESIDENTS'S MESSAGE

“We in sincerity, wish you prosperity, Bridegroom and Bride”

Pity we are not at present in weekly Friday rehearsal, or we could have rendered the above {from The Gondoliers, of course} on the day to the happy pair.

I continue to watch former videos/DVDs of our shows with delight, and occasional surprise – “forgotten they made us do that” – and gain the confidence that we shall get into our stride as a Society again soon. Gilbert and Sullivan are perpetual providers of delight and surprise, and we can, I know, present them to local audiences as of yore.

I invoke “Queen Victoria’s name” – that regular Royal – and say “we are not interested in the possibilities of defeat, they do not exist”.

Alan

THINGS PAST

March 2011

On 16th our team narrowly lost their Semi-Final contest in the Town Quiz. It seems that this event will be another victim of changing tastes and enthusiasms as there are no plans for it to take place in the future. Since the Town Quiz began in the 1980s in the Little Theatre Sheringham Savoyards have won the Cup on more occasions than any other organisation and have never failed to participate in the annual contest.

Pub evenings duly took place in the Burlington on 25th, as well as 25th Feb., when about a dozen people gathered for a drink and a natter.

THINGS TO COME

May 2011

Chorus rehearsals for RUDDIGORE , under the direction of Maggi Warren, will begin on Friday 6th until June 10th, in the Friends Meeting House, Cremer Street, Sheringham . Starting 7.30 SHARP - PLEASE!! Remember that parking is VERY difficult – so “Park and Walk!”

Annual Dinner.

By popular demand a repeat of last year’s event will be held at the Windham Arms on Saturday 14th. Arrival from 7pm with supper to be served at 7.45pm. The bar will be open but you are welcome to bring your own drinks if you wish. We are pleased that the popular musical duo Spectrum will provide music after the meal so you can “dance the night away”

The cost of the 3 course buffet supper will be £15 per head. Numbers will be strictly limited again so its “first come / first served” ref tickets. Please complete the booking form attached to this letter and return to Kath Whiting who requires payment in full by 7th May. Cheques payable to Sheringham Savoyards.

JULY 2011

St Peter's Church, Sheringham has been booked for Saturday 2nd at 7.30pm for a "Bring and Sing" MIKADO. Principal Roles will be as follows :

The Mikado- Keith Swetman, Nanki Poo – Patrick Monk, KoKo – Andy Weston,
Pooh Bah - Chris Sullivan, Pish Tush – John Bill, Yum Yum – Gennie Plunkett,
Pitti Sing –Bev McInnes, Peep Bo – Kath Whiting Katisha – Pam Warren.
Narration – Jason Bell. Musical Director – Maggi Warren

Accompanist - Karen Smith <probably – we hope!!>

Please bring your own scores if you have them as we will only have a limited number available on the night to share among the audience. A charge of £5 will be made to the audience – largely to cover expenses but any profit will go to the Japanese Disaster Fund. Tea/Coffee at the interval is included in the ticket price. We do hope that, apart from giving us all a chance to sing THE MIKADO again, this event may encourage a few more people to join us – and how we need them!!

SEPTEMBER 2011

Rehearsals for RUDDIGORE recommence at 7.30pm on Friday 9th – back in St Josephs!

A G M - this year to be held at the Windham Arms – 7.30pm Weds 14th

NOVEMBER 2011.

RUDDIGORE

Dress Rehearsal in the Little Theatre Thursday 24th.
Performances Fri/Sat 25th/ 26th all at 7.30pm.

PEOPLE

This News Letter does not, I am pleased to say, contain news of further losses among our Members past or present but may precede the death of a Society!

Our Chairman writes :-

This is an appeal to every Member and Friend of the Sheringham Savoyards.

As you are aware the decision has been taken to cancel this year's Summer Show – the first time in the thirty odd year history of the Society that this step has been forced upon us.

Predominantly this was because of the difficulty in finding enough men to fill not only the principal roles for the show, but also the male chorus – my own health issues merely adding to an already perilous situation.

If, despite extensive efforts already made by your Committee, the Society is unable to recruit more new members, especially men, there is a very real threat that we will be unable to mount an Autumn show. This would leave us in a very precarious position, possibly to the point of the Sheringham Savoyards being wound up, as our sole function is to produce shows!

I am therefore appealing to each and every one of you- if you do not want to see this happen and face losing "the cherished rights you enjoy on Friday nights" which so many of you have enjoyed for over 30 years- please, please do try to recruit even one new member.

Andy Weston

Our appeal for storage space, both for archive material and costumes, in the last News Letter has possibly been fruitful - watch this space- but unfortunately Hazel is unable to continue in her role as Archivist. So, once again, if you can help please do. Also if you can help in any other way please contact any one in the Society who will relay the offer to the Committee.

Finally we wish Andy all the very best with his surgery – hoping to see him back in action, hale and hearty, very soon.

SHERINGHAM SAVOYARD GREEK EVENING
SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2011
THE WINDHAM ARMS, WYNDHAM STREET, SHERINGHAM
3 COURSE BUFFET MEAL – followed by MUSIC FOR DANCING
£15 per person

Please book me tickets . I enclose a cheque for

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Name

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Please send this form and your cheque to :-

Kath Whiting, Flat 3, 21 Cliff Road, Sheringham NR26 8BJ

By 7th May 2011