

ROSE HILL MUSICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter Summer 2011

A.G.M. 2011

At our Annual General Meeting it was generally conceded that our production this year of HMS Pinafore had been a 'happy show' with a good atmosphere at rehearsals and in the show itself. The feedback that we have had, is that this was the best show that we have produced in recent years.

Roy Harrison (the flutist) , to whom we gave a book token on his retirement after many years of playing in our productions, said that the orchestra found us a friendly society, long may that be the case.

We also paused while Peter Featherstone paid tribute to our past Chairman and 'Master of the Patter Song' Malcolm Worton, who sadly passed away just before the show.

Buxton Festival

Our proposed show for 2012 is 'Ruddigore' and I have suggested that members might like to attend the matinee of Ruddigore performed by The G + S Opera Company on **Sunday 14th August** at the Buxton Festival. Groups of 15 or more receive a 10% discount (front and rear stalls only) + £2.00 senior citizen discount. It is suggested that 'lift share' and 'bring your own picnic' would be the order of the day. If you would like to go, please contact John Wilson either by E-mail or telephone: john_hil@yahoo.co.uk or 01332 753575.

The Buxton Festival covers the shows by professional and amateur groups - full details can be found on the website: www.gsfestivals.org/content/programme

New Season

Beverley produced a synopsis of the show at the AGM, if you did not pick one up or were absent you will find one by looking on Wikipedia.

Rehearsals will start on **Monday 5th September** with principal parts being auditioned on **Thursday 15th September**. If you are interested in auditioning please request details of the test pieces from our Secretary Sandra Stone on: sstone54@hotmail.co.uk

For the reasons already advertised the next show has been brought forward to **21st February 2012** therefore the rehearsal schedule is tight. If you cannot make all of the rehearsals but have mastered the music, you may find that Beverley allocates you a more static role although she has arranged for a friend to come and help coach movement.

We put out the plea every year that you keep us informed if you cannot make a rehearsal - this is particularly important when Beverley is setting the piece. Please, please communicate! It helps planning the evening's rehearsal. Beverley's mobile number is: 07855 022381

Summer Social Gathering

On a lighter note, Tony and Cath Eley have kindly offered to host a summer social event on **Saturday 23rd July** for members and their partners - late afternoon from 4.30pm onwards. Cath will deal with the catering, but bring your own drink. Please contact Sandra Stone by **Friday 8th July** , so that Cath knows how many to cater for - there will be a small charge to cover the cost of food. If the weather is nice and we are outside, help in putting out the food would be appreciated and we should all help in clearing up at the end.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the two occasions mentioned above.

John Wilson - Chairman