

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society : Manchester

Notices: January 2015

Forthcoming performances and other information;

** A copy of these notices will be emailed to those members on email and it will be on the website www.manchestergands.org.uk **

Remember **that we now record (sound only)** most of our meetings so if you miss one and would like to hear it, or know anyone else who missed one, please consult Paul Taylor or Jean Dufty.

Forthcoming performances and other information;

1) Remember that our March meeting will be in February!, February 21st, a visit to Manchester University Gilbert & Sullivan Society (MUGSS)'s performance of Patience on Saturday matinee February 21st at Manchester Grammar School, Old Hall Lane M13 0XT. Parking on site. The prices are £8 full/£5 concessions for Wed/Thurs/Fri night and the Saturday matinee; the prices are £10 full/£8 concessions on the Saturday night. If you wish to go please tell Jean Dufty now or jean.mkdufty@btopenworld.com or 0161 – 973 9965.

2) Wilf and Hilary Deakin will be performing in “Summer Song” with The Operetta Company Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th March at Trinity Church, Market Street, Farnworth, Bolton BL4 8EX at 7.30 pm. Tickets from £8 from them or 075 999 51429

3) The Pirates of Penzance performed by English National Opera at London Coliseum will be relayed live to Cineworld cinema in Didsbury on Friday May 15th and Tuesday May 19th at 7.30 pm. Let's have a Society outing to it, preferably on Tuesday 19th. Please let Jean know if you would like to go to this.

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Mike Leigh makes his operatic directorial debut with Gilbert and Sullivan's much-loved comic masterpiece. Seven times Oscar-nominated director Mike Leigh has always been a huge Gilbert and Sullivan fan - in fact, his 1999 film 'Topsy-Turvy' explored their working relationship. As a young man Mike, who is from Salford, belonged to our Society. Now Leigh joins the likes of Terry Gilliam and Mike Figgis in the impressive list of filmmakers who have been lured to tackle opera at the London Coliseum. Running time 135 minutes.

4) Some of us have received by email a 54 page newsletter with further information about the G&S Festival in Harrogate this year. It will also be mailed out shortly and Jean has asked for some extra copies to bring to the next meeting. Lots of attractive things in it. Some daytime events will not be published until March, but you may not want to wait until then to book. The newsletter includes booking forms and booking will start on Feb 6th, three days after our next meeting. If you have Internet access you should be able to find this newsletter on www.GSFestivals.org or Jean can email it to you or post you a copy when they come.

Any other performances or other items of interest?

5) SALES and FREEBIES:

a) Chris Browne has some G&S goods for sale including CDs of his own compositions, Midsummer Moods, £13 full price, but still on special offer to members at £10. It is most enjoyable. Also see his website: www.gilbertandsullivanonline.com or phone him on 01422 844744.

b) Jean has brought a selection of G&S bookmarks and fridge magnets for sale. Also some old copies of the magazine available free of charge for anyone who would like to take any.

6) We have received Christmas cards from our President Royston Nash and from Blackburn G&S Society.

7) As always if you can take programme cards and publicity leaflets to your local library, evening class centre, music shop or local performance please take some.

8) Remember that the house Elizabeth Gaskell, the author, lived in with her husband, Minister of

this Chapel at the time, and their children, has been restored and **is now open to the public** 84 Plymouth Grove, Manchester, M13 9LW. Tel 0161 273 2215. **Opening times:** Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 11.00am to 5.00pm (Last entry 4.30pm). Adults: £4.95 Concessions (Senior citizen and students): £3.95 Children under 16: Free (must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets are valid for 12 months from date of purchase. There is a tea room selling hot and cold drinks and cake. Website www.elizabethgaskellhouse.co.uk.

9) Remember our next meeting on Tuesday evening February 3rd. An illustrated talk by Andrew Crowther, Secretary of the Gilbert Society, biographer of Gilbert and one of the greatest living experts on Gilbert. **An opportunity not to be missed.**

10) Footnote added after the meeting;

I thought it would be too confusing to add information about **Sale G&S Society's Pirates**, and it is not until May, but I see it is getting booked up. It will be performed on **Monday May 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th at 7.30 pm** each evening, in the **Lowry Studio theatre which only seats 180 people**. Tickets; full price £14 including booking fee, Senior £12 including booking fee. I have just looked on the Lowry website and it is already fairly well booked up, **so I think if you want to go and want me to book, let me know by a week today (January 13th) and which night and if Ordinary or Senior and I will book. Or book yourself. Jean. jean.mkdufty@btopenworld.com or 0161 – 973 9965.**