



STAGE WHISPER

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TRINITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2011

COMING NEXT AT TRINITY THEATRE...

Solent G&S Company present

The Pirates of Penzance

&

Trial by Jury

by W.S Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan

**23rd to 26th February
at 7.30pm**

Trinity Theatre, Cowes

presents

A youth production of



Fri. 18th, Sat. 19th, Sun. 20th

Fri. 25th, Sat. 26th, Sun. 27th

March

Fri. at 7:30 pm Sat. & Sun. at 2:30 pm

Box Office -
off Bath Road, Cowes
Open 11am-2pm Mon - Sat
from 11th March 2011
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HALF A SIXPENCE

I am hoping to produce Half a Sixpence as our musical this year. There will be a readthrough on **Monday 28th February** and auditions on **Wednesday 2nd March**. Performances will be 12th to 16th July.

The characters are:-

Kipps - an apprentice shopman

Sid, Buggins and Pearce - his fellow apprentices

Kate, Victoria and Flo - shop girls

Mr Shalford - shop owner

Mrs Walsingham

Helen Walsingham, her daughter and Young Walsingham, her son

Ann - Kipps' girlfriend

Chitterlow - an Actor

All the main characters are singing parts. There is a large chorus with lots of small speaking parts, also children as young Kipps and young Ann. The scenes include a Ball and a Cricket Match! The songs include Money to Burn, If the Rain's Gotta Fall and Flash, Bang, Wallop.

If you need any more info you can ring me on 245356 Daphne

President's Notes - February

After all the action in December, January has been a relatively quiet month as regards performances. Rehearsals are in full swing for *Alice in Wonderland* and auditions for *A Bedfull of Foreigners* took place recently. The theatre has also been used for some Ghostly Entertainments and a Fashion Show run by the Rotary Club and Posh Frocks. Many thanks to all involved in preparing and helping with these events which are important for extra income and getting more people used to coming to Trinity Theatre.

A few weeks we had the official handover of the Co-Op grant cheque which was pictured in the County Press. We are continuing our link with the Co-Op by bag packing again this year and just four hours of this raised over £130 on February 5th. Thanks to those who helped and if you would like to help in the future, please contact Barbara Wood.

I have just heard that the application for an "Awards for All" grant to help with the costs of the upstairs toilet refurbishment has been considered and we have a conditional offer. We have been granted £10,000 which is what was requested and the maximum under this scheme. The total cost of the project is estimated to be more, but exact costs will be sorted out when the grant is confirmed. The process now is for the society to send further information and for checks to be carried out by the funders. If you know of any other grant schemes going that you think we should apply for then please let me or any committee member know.

Nicholsons have completed the roof repairs so the known leaks should be fixed. An ideal solution would be re-roofing to cure the inherent design shortcomings and the moss which will continue to lead to future problems. Of course, the cost of such a project would run into tens of thousands of pounds so cannot be high on our list until the premium bonds come up! As it is, the repairs cost about £4,000 which will come out of our Co-Op grant money. The clubroom floor has now been cleaned and polished and looks very smart. Thanks to all involved in completing this task. We also had a failure in one side of the auditorium air-conditioning system which has now been repaired. Thanks to Peter Ferguson for his help with this. The vents in the north wall that were part of the old gas heating system have now been blocked up so there shouldn't be any draughts when the north wind blows.

Looking ahead we have a few external hires coming up and there are also some important dates for your diary. These include the Spring Fayre on April 10th and AGM on June 6th. We are also planning to have a Community Charity Quiz on April 30th to raise money for a worthwhile cause. We are going to invite teams to come along from other local organisations and join in, so it should be a fun evening.

We are also looking into the possibility of having film evenings at the theatre. This could be a monthly event but will probably start with a three month trial if it is possible.

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Remember ! HALF A SIXPENCE

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Auditions - Wednesday 2nd. March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 11 th February at 7:30pm	Ghost Evening - External hire
Monday 14 th February at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting
23 rd to 26 th February at 7:30pm	<i>Pirates & Trial by Solent G&S</i>
Saturday 12 th March 10am to 2pm	Bag Packing at Cowes Co-Op
Monday 14 th March at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting
18 th to 20 th & 25 th to 27 th March	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
Friday 1 st April at 7:30pm	Ghost Evening - External hire
Saturday 10 th April 10am to 1pm	<i>Spring Fayre</i>
Tuesday 19 th April at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting
Saturday 30 th April at 7:30pm	<i>Community Quiz</i>
Tuesday 17 th May at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting
25 th to 28 th May at 7:30pm	<i>A Bedfull of Foreigners</i>
Monday 6 th June at 7:30pm	<i>Annual General Meeting</i>

And don't forget work nights every Wednesday 7pm to 9:30 pm except when shows are on.

A BEDFULL OF FOREIGNERS

Bob French held a very funny read through and then audition of this and full cast details will be in next month's Stage Whisper.

However, we do still need to cast 2 men – we need Heinz, a hotel manager, slight accent 35+ and Claude Philby a pompous Englishman whose wife turns up whilst he is staying in the hotel with his mistress. Again 35+.

If anyone is interested in reading the play contact Dinah 291459 (she has the scripts) or Bob on 295248.

Behind the Scenes

As with most things this is being written at the last minute, with the thought wouldn't it be wonderful to have an extra couple of hours in the day, lovely idea, but reality sets in as we all know that they would go the same way as the 25 we already use up each day!

To update you all, this week the auditorium has been transformed into a catwalk for a fashion show, and within 48 hours of that finishing the stage will be magically turned into not only a court room, but a ship as well for the upcoming G&S productions.

Meanwhile else where in the theatre the clubroom has floor has been resealed, and paper mache trees are growing in preparation for "Alice in Wonderland", and throughout all of this discussions are being had about which panto to do, my goodness that means Christmas must be round the corner! Really must find those extra couple of hours.

So just remember if you are the proud owner of a spare couple of hours feel free to donate them to the theatre - there's always something to do.

Mike Buckett 07766410419

All entries (in writing please) for the March edition of "Stage Whisper" should be sent to Rosie Collard, Editor, 5, Battery Road, Cowes by Monday 7th. March.

E-mail contributions welcomed. No attachments, please!

Please note that my email address is stagewhisper@caods.org.uk

Thank you, Rosie