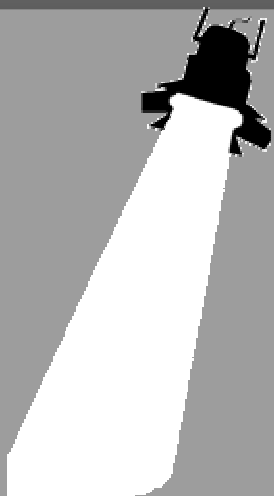


November 2007



Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society

(affiliated to the National Operatic and Dramatic Association)



In The Spotlight

Message from the Editor

Welcome to a new look newsletter and a new editor. Wendy Elliot has decided to hang up her keyboard, and on behalf of the society I would like to express my thanks to her for doing such a wonderful job of producing the newsletter up until now.

I would like to encourage as many members as possible to contribute to the newsletter, so if any of you have anything at all for inclusion, please contact me on 01943 603872 or send your news and articles to newsletter@ilkleyoperatic.co.uk.

Steph Burgess

Barn Dance

Our next fundraiser is our Barn Dance which will be held on Saturday 8 December between 8-12 midnight at Addingham Memorial Hall. Tickets (£10 adults, £6 children) include a buffet supper. We have in the past raised over £1,000 at these events, so please let's make it another night to remember.



Come along and bring your friends. Please telephone Bec (01943 601197) to reserve your tickets, and for more information.

Lost umbrella



If anyone left a small black umbrella at the Clarke Foley Centre during the Gala, please contact Rebecca Farthing on 01943 601197

How many sopranos does it take to change a lightbulb?
One. She holds the bulb and the world revolves around her.

Management Committee 2007-2008

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SUBS

Subs for 2007/2008 are now due. If you have not already done so, please send your cheque made payable to IAOS to Averil Ashworth, 21 Rainhall Road, Barnoldswick, Lancs., BB18 5DR

Adult Acting	£20
Non-Acting	£12
Youth (17-20)	£8
Junior (up to 16)	£5

All You Need is Love

Our recent Gala was thoroughly enjoyed by both cast and audience. We are delighted to announce that we made a profit of £950, which is a great achievement. The gala committee would like to thank everyone, both on and off stage, who contributed to make it such a success.

There were a few unforeseen problems with the sound and lighting. We managed to resolve the sound difficulties by moving everyone forwards, and next year we intend to take our own lighting, which will hopefully solve the problem of some people being beautifully spotlit, with others practically in the dark!

It was generally agreed however that the Clarke Foley Centre was an excellent venue and that the staff there were extremely helpful and accommodating. We are therefore hoping to keep the same format for next time, and the centre has already been booked for another gala next autumn. Watch this space for details.



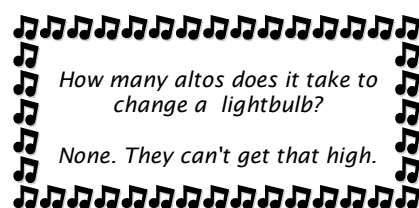
"Is there a spotlight operator in the house?"

Gala 2007 DVD

If you would like a copy of the Gala DVD, please send a cheque for £10 made payable to IAOS to:

Stephanie Burgess
41 Wheatley Grove
Ilkley LS29 8SA

Please enclose your name and address so the DVD can be posted to you. Please also include your telephone number in case of any problems.



The King and I



4-8 March 2008.

Despite uncertainty about the timing of repairs due to be carried out in the Winter Gardens, our production of *The King and I* will definitely be going ahead in the King's Hall as planned. Contingency plans have been put in place in case the Winter Gardens complex is not open by March. The show is now fully cast, although there are still non-speaking parts for men. Anyone who is interested or who is able to help backstage should contact Judith Ratcliffe on 01943 603034. If you can help front of house during the show, please contact Jennifer Terry on 01943 604349. Rehearsals are due to start at the end of November, and all cast members will receive a letter with details shortly.

A date for the diary:

**NODA North East Weekend
2008 will be held at the
Scarborough Spa from
Friday 25 April to
Sunday 27 April**

Interested in entering a BBC talent show to find tribute artists for a number of musical icons?

See www.bbc.co.uk/ultimatetribute



Congratulations to

**Ian And Mary Wilson
who celebrated their
Golden Wedding this summer**