

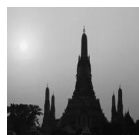
January 2008



Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society

(affiliated to the National Operatic and Dramatic Association)

The King and I



4-8 March 2008, King's Hall

Rehearsals are going well for The King and I, and it looks like being a fantastic show. The good news is that following uncertainty about the date of the roof repairs to the Winter Gardens, this has now been put back until April, which means we have the use of the whole complex as usual for the week of the show.

Tickets are now on sale online on our website (see over for details), or for personal / postal bookings, see the enclosed flyer. Please do try and publicise the show and sell as many tickets as possible.

Rita would like high quality bric-a-brac or unwanted Christmas presents for her stall to be held in the Winter Gardens during show week. Could you please bring these and any raffle prizes to Operatic House before the show.

Electronic newsletter

You can now receive this newsletter electronically. Please send your email address to newsletter@ilkleyoperatic.co.uk. Your information will not be passed on to any third parties and no other members will see your email address. In order to be able to read the electronic version, you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available to download free of charge from the Adobe website. Please do consider doing this, as it will save the society money on paper, ink, envelopes, postage, etc., not to mention time spent folding and stuffing!



Dates for your diary

Quiz, including Pam's soups - Weds 12 March, 7.30, Operatic House

Spring Fair - Saturday 29 March, 10-12, Clarke Foley Centre

Gala - 16-18th October 2008, Clarke Foley Centre

Management Committee 2007-2008

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SUBS

Subs for 2007/2008 are now **overdue**. 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

Please note, if you are in 'The King and I' and have not paid, you are not insured on stage!!

In The Spotlight



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*What's the definition of an alto?
A soprano who can sightread.*

IAOS Enters Cyberspace



If you didn't see the recent article in the Ilkley Gazette, you may not know that we now have a brand new web-site at www.ilkleyoperatic.co.uk. Do have a look at it to catch up on news, see photos of past shows, find out details of current and forthcoming shows and for booking information. You can also post comments on the site. If anyone has digital photos of past shows or society social events that they'd be happy to share, email them to editor@ilkleyoperatic.co.uk.

Barn Dance Success

A message from organiser Rebecca Farthing:

On 8 December over 40 members and their friends attended a fun evening of dancing at Addingham Memorial Hall. Turning out on the most miserable night in December, everyone who took part enjoyed themselves tremendously, and although less than £100 was made in profit, the event was judged a success by everybody. A 'Heads and Tails' Bingo helped add to the coffers, and the lucky winner walked away with £10.

I'd like to thank everyone who provided food - what a spread! - for the evening, my husband John, together with Steph and Andrew Burgess and Sam Hill for all their help with mulled wine and washing up, and Rita Brown, Judith Idle, Derek Oldfield and Pam Clarke for their donations. Special thanks must go to Janet Ault without whom I could not have got the Hall set up in time.

It was wonderful to see a whole mix of age groups from the society, all having a great time!

Jennifer Terry has taken over the job of sending cards on behalf of the society.

Please contact her on 01943 604349 if you'd like a card sending to anyone connected with the society on a significant occasion, such as wedding, anniversary, illness etc.

Family Cards

President's Evening

A message from Rita:

Many thanks to all who attended my President's Evening. I hope you all had a good time; your support was very welcome.

I am already thinking about my President's Evening in 2008, hopefully in June or July, and I would like some ideas from you. Hold the function somewhere different, with perhaps a buffet meal? - any ideas would be greatly appreciated! I have already been looking around various places - some too small or with poor kitchen facilities, others a bit on the expensive side. Cost really does come into the equation; I'd like everyone to be able to afford to come, so invite all your friends and relations! The greater the number of people attending, the cheaper it becomes. Organising an evening for different age groups is very difficult, so once again, any ideas?

(If you'd like to email your ideas to newsletter@ilkleyoperatic.co.uk, I'll make sure they get passed on - Ed.)

Congratulations to past member Clare Fitton who recently gained an MA in Musical Theatre from the Central School of Speech and Drama



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Dear All

I would like volunteers to help me with the cast's hair and make-up for our next production *The King & I* on the 4th – 8th March. You will be needed from 6pm till 7.30pm during the show week and we will also organise a demonstration night to explain the hair and make-up techniques. If you can help out either all or just some of the nights please contact me on 07962337093. If you know of anyone else you think might be interested in helping, please pass this on to them



Thanks Averil.