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Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society

(affiliated to the National Operatic and Dramatic Association)

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The King and I



Message from Rita:

Congratulations to everyone who was in any way involved with 'The King and I'. What a wonderful show. I heard nothing but praise for it. One lady thought we ought to take it to the Alhambra! Fancy trying to fill all those seats!

Everyone, on stage, back stage, front of house, and doing administration worked so hard and the team effort made it all worth while. My thanks and congratulations once again.

My thanks also to everyone who donated gifts for 'Rita's Bazaar' and to those who helped each evening to sell the goods. We made £150 which will go to swell the society's funds.

Rita Brown

(See website for production photos and press review—Ed.)

Electronic newsletter

Those people who have given me their email address will receive this newsletter via email. In future you will not receive a paper copy.

If you have not yet given me your email address, please send it to newsletter@ilkleysoperatic.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

Management Committee 2007-2008

Rita Brown	President
Val Williams	Chairman
Andrew Walbank	Secretary
Paul Oldfield	Treasurer
Averil Ashworth	Membership
Pam Clarke	Wardrobe
Rebecca Farthing	Minutes
Jennifer Terry	Business Manager
Derek Oldfield	Lettings
Stephanie Burgess	Newsletter/website
Judith Ratcliffe	
Dale Chadwick	
Mark Gott	
Leslie Fitton	
Kathleen Pinder	Bookings
Barbara Falloon	Patrons

First Gala Rehearsal (Adults)
10.6.08, 7.30 p.m.

President's Dinner
20.6.08

First Gala Rehearsal (Children)
26.6.08, 7.30 p.m.

Ben Rhydding fete
Saturday 28.6.08

Carousel Auditions
Saturday 12.7.08, 1-5 p.m.

Gala
16-18 October 2008

Carousel
3-7 March 2009

(see over for details of events)

In The Spotlight



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Gala 16-18 October 2008

Following last year's successful Gala, we are sticking with the same format this year and will again be performing at the Clarke Foley Centre. Our theme this time is Journeys.

The first rehearsal will be Tuesday 10.6.08 and we will rehearse every Tuesday until September, when we will rehearse Thursdays as well. The children will have two rehearsals on 26.6.08 and 3.7.08 at 7.30 and will then recommence in September. Please note, places for this Gala are limited because of space restrictions, so if you wish to take part but cannot attend the first rehearsal, you must telephone Stephanie Burgess (01943 603872) or Rebecca Farthing (01943 601197), otherwise your place cannot be guaranteed.

We already have plenty of ideas for songs, but if you can think of something you'd particularly like us to include, please do let us know.

Two points to note:

- Rehearsals **will** continue weekly throughout the summer.
- We **will** be performing without music (no arguments please...).

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first rehearsal.

Message from Val Williams:
"During rehearsals for the Gala I will be doing the numbers game. This time I shall be asking for £5 up front for 10 games. There will be 2 winning numbers each week and the prize money will depend on the number of participants, so the more the merrier."
Val.

Carousel 3-7 March 2009

Our next main production is Carousel, which takes place at the King's Hall 3-7 March 2009.

The **audition date** for Carousel is Saturday 12 July from 1-5 p.m. For audition pieces and to book an audition slot, contact Judith Ratcliffe on 01943 603034.

If you can help front of house or backstage with Carousel, especially with prompting, lighting and library, please contact Val Williams on 01943 601376.



President's Dinner

Rita's President's Dinner takes place on 20 June 2008 at Bracken Ghyll Golf Club. You should already have received details of this separately. Please respond as soon as possible and do come along to this popular and enjoyable evening.

Ben Rhydding Fête 28.6.08

We will be running a stall at Ben Rhydding fête, which will be on a Saturday afternoon. If you can help out by setting up, manning the stall, or clearing away, please let a member of the committee know.

How many basses does it take to change a lightbulb?

None. They're so macho they prefer to walk in the dark and bang their shins.