



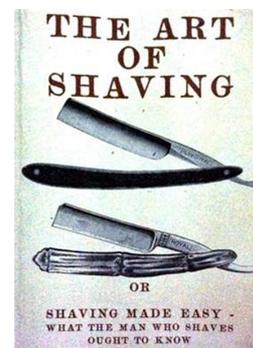
## Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### February 2016

**SWEENEY TODD** is taking bookings for his new enterprise in Fleet Street. His neighbour does a nice line in pies—while you wait!

If you need further incentive and references as to their quality, evidence is offered by Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society from 2– 5 March 2016 at the King’s Hall. Tickets for “Sweeney Todd, demon barber of Fleet Street” are available now.



### Message from our Front of House manager, Sue Walters:

Would anyone consider helping me with 'Front of House' duties during show week, please?

I need a small team of people to help me

- serve refreshments to the audience, cast, crew and orchestra each evening.
- sell programmes and raffle tickets before each performance and at the interval.
- also 2 people at each performance to act as Mr or Mrs Front of House, welcoming the audience and guiding them where necessary (this will be in addition to the Kings Hall staff).

Please contact me by e-mail or phone indicating if you have preferences about your duties and which at performances you could help, then I'll contact you directly with specific arrangements.

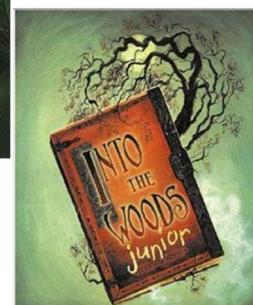
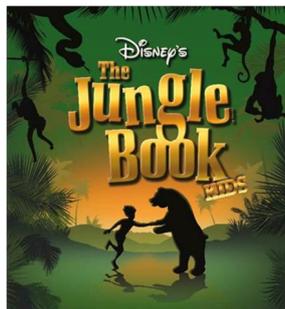
([chris@walters4813.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:chris@walters4813.fsnet.co.uk) or phone 01943 816220)

### Exciting news!!

We can now announce that our autumn show (9-12 November 2016) will in fact be two shows in one:

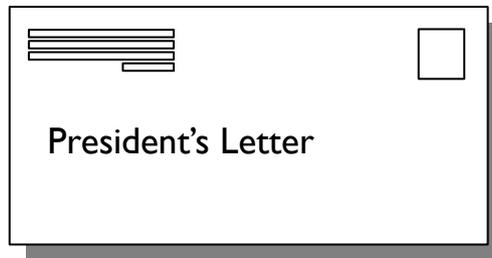
Disney's Jungle Book Kids and Into The Woods Jnr (under 18s only).

There's sure to be a lot of interest in these shows, so make sure you like our page to keep up to date with audition news etc. If you'd like to be added to our email list, contact [editor@ilkleyoperatic.co.uk](mailto:editor@ilkleyoperatic.co.uk).



### AND THEN..... ?

**Well, we seem to be on a bit of a Sondheim theme at the moment. We are delighted to announce that our March 2017 show will be Gypsy!!**



Hi,

It is now almost 6 months since I became the President of our society. I have been to ten productions so far around the region. It has been a very enjoyable and illuminating experience – sharing other society's views and experiences is not only invaluable but also I hope potentially of use to us here at Ilkley.

A lot of hard work and fun has been going on in preparation for our March production – Sweeney Todd. Whilst watching a recent rehearsal I was struck by the level of commitment showed by everyone involved with the production – it shone through in the wonderful singing, energetic stage work and vivid characterisations. It's a powerful piece, which is recognised as not being easy to sing but our principals and chorus have more than risen to the challenges set by Sondheim.

I firmly believe this will be a cracker of a show and do hope you as a patron, member or supporter will have booked or will be booking to see it in person. It will be an evening where you can't fail to be moved by the sheer intensity of the drama, spine tingling singing and macabre storyline.

We are most grateful for the support of two local businesses for their tips and suggestions about cut-throat shaving and proper pie making etc.!!

We have been fortunate to have on board a local business sponsor for Sweeney Todd – Black's Hairdressing. Proprietor Jo Bastow has developed a special hairdressing offer for members of the audience during the run of Sweeney – a leaflet explaining the offer will be on each seat!

Local butchers J B Wilkinson & Sons have kindly helped us by supplying prop pies . We will also, I am sure, be eating their own tasty pork pies at least one evening during the run!

More news about plans for next events and main shows will be outlined elsewhere in the newsletter and should you have any ideas about other productions/events/fundraisers please do not hesitate to share them – we want to hear them.

Kind Regards

Sue Piper

### **An Invitation from Ilkley Playhouse:**

Sunday evening March 13th at Ilkley Playhouse, Phyllida Lloyd who directed both the stage and film versions of "Mama Mia" is coming to give us 'An Evening With .....'. I thought some of the IAOS folk might like to know, particularly the younger ones, as Phyllida hopes there will be younger folk there too. We are charging £5 for that age group.

**Roger Davy**