



# Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

May 2016

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

*Thanks for all the emails and comments regarding our proposed change of the name of the society.*

*Keep them coming!*

*Just to clarify - following some comments about people being able to google us, it makes no difference whether Ilkley is first or last in the name; it depends on the search terms that people use.*

*The choices are: Musical Theatre Ilkley, Ilkley Musical Theatre Company, Ilkley Musical Theatre Society, or stay the same.*

**9—12 NOVEMBER 2016**

**We are showcasing our junior members.**

**Casting has been announced as follows:**



### Jungle Book Kids

Mowgli - Leo McDonnell; Bagheera - Hugh Ameigh; King Louis - Landon Crowther;  
 Shere Khan - Seamus Stainton; Baloo - Josh Beevers; Colonel Haithi - Ewan McDonnell ;  
 Kah - Amy Brown-Carrera ; Vulture - Joel Ensink

The Jungle: Jemima Wilcock, Mahalia Beevers, Ellie Boon, Francesca Rose, Charlotte Dear, Charity Clifford, Briony Moffat, Esther Killan, Eliza Wilson, Olivia Benson, Sophie Mann, Isabelle Starr, Grace Chadwick, Lottie Addenbrook, Amy Brown Carrera, Amelie Benson, Jemima McDonald, Ruby Clark.

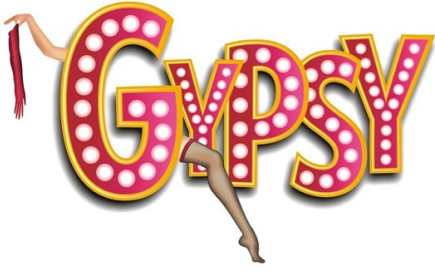
Elephants and Monkeys: Harvey Conroy, Barnaby Killan, Ewan McDonnell, William Dudley, Joel Ensink, Morven Cameron, Connie Smith, Emily Ingham, Frida Etchell, Amaru Etchell, Esme Parsons, Blythe Dale.

Choir: Sophia Rose, Evelyn Kennedy, Skye Kitching, Kathryn Picken, Kiki Binns Eve Allen, Loen Scott, Rosie Barraclough, Lucy Laycock, Jessica Pitt, Cara Tennant, Isobel Wearing, Evie Connor, Emily Mayrick., Ned Smeaton.



### Into the Woods

Cinderella - Klara McMenamin ; Jack - Valentino Dale; Baker - Joey Wilby; Baker's Wife - Siena Anderson  
 Little Red Ridinghood - Elodie Parsons; Witch - Mary Warren ; Cinderella's Prince - Daniel Burgess  
 Rapunzel - Francesca Beevers; Rapunzel's Prince - Theo Labbett ; Jack's Mother - Katie Burns  
 Cinderella's Mother/Granny - Louise Cody ; Narrator - Gabriel Jones; Wolf - Tom Wood  
 Mysterious Man - Kane Anderson; Steward - Robert Mann; Cinderella's Stepmother - Francesca Wills;  
 Lucinda - Sophie Armitage ; Florinda - Eleanor Dear ; Cinderella's Father - Tom Harris.



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**Casting for "Gypsy" (March 2017) is as follows:**

MAMA ROSE- Laura Judge ; HERBIE- Ian White; BABY JUNE- Sophia Rose;

DAINTY JUNE- Chloe Judge; YOUNG LOUISE- Jemima McDonald;

LOUISE(GYPSY)- Lucy Carter

TULSA- Fergal Mullan Wilkinson; LA- still to cast; YONKERS- Daniel Burgess; ANGIE- still to cast;

UNCLE JOCKO- Riaz Meer; WEBER- Ted Killan; KRINGLEIN- still to cast; GEORGIE- Daniel Burgess;

POP- David Hardman; NEWSBOYS- Val Dale, Joe Walker, Landon Crowther;


MISS CRATCHITT- Steph Burgess; MR GOLDSTONE- Riaz Meer;

HOLLYWOOD BLONDES/ TOREADORABLES- Frankie Wills (AGNES) Mary Warren,

Sophie Armitage, Elizabeth Roberts, Siena Anderson

CIGAR-still to cast; PASTEY- Daniel Burgess; TESSIE TURA- Helen Smith; MAZEPPA- Jane Collins; ELECTRA- Loretta Marklew.

Other roles played by Eliza Wilson, Joel Ensink, James Forrester, and other members of the company.

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To: Members of IAOS	
From: The President	

**Hello, fellow members of the society**

It certainly is an interesting time to be the President of the Society when we are considering changing our name etc. I do hope that you are able take part in the discussions about it and let the Management Committee have some feedback. Travelling round visiting other local societies I noted that some have already taken the plunge and opted for a name they feel more adequately describes what their society does. This is an important decision for us and one not to be taken lightly.

At our last show – Sweeney Todd we entertained over forty representatives of other societies, NODA, Ilkley Parish Council Chairman and his Lady, the Lord Mayor of Bradford and her consort. Appropriately, a Pie & Peas supper was served – this appeared to go down well - the stage pies Mrs Lovett had been baking during the production had put off not too many people. It was good to be able to return the hospitality shown, to me during my Presidency. Many excellent compliments were received about the show and evening.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will be able to read about the progress made in casting our next two productions. This has been a mammoth job to co-ordinate and manage – well done and many thanks to everyone involved with this.

Although our November shows are by a cast of children and young adults, there is still plenty to be involved with – whether it's helping photocopying resources, being part of our FOH team etc. I would encourage everyone to particularly welcome the parents of the youngsters taking part as we might be able to 'persuade' them to join our membership on a more long-term basis. I remember it was through being a parent helper that I initially got involved with amateur dramatics over twenty years ago. There hasn't been a year since that I have not sold programmes, made coffee, done bar duty, operated lights etc.!!

I know some members may feel disappointed our next two shows don't have a requirement for an adult ensemble. I can report that this has been the subject of discussion by the Management Committee. I am hopeful some interesting options will be put forward for some opportunities for ensemble performance work hopefully either later this year or next year. Watch this space! !

As I am writing this the sun is shining outside and my cats are trying to get me out into the garden, so I must sign off now...

Regards and best wishes for a pleasant summer everyone.

Sue Piper