

# Walmsley Church Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society



## *Newsletter March 2013*



### *Hello*

No, this is not the photo of the cast of 'Hello, Dolly!', but we do have a lot of happy bunnies getting ready to bring our next show to our audiences.

Spring is just around the corner after a cold, cold winter. However we did go ahead with our Christmas Carol Evening which is always something special just before Christmas for all the membership of the society and the guests who come along to enjoy the evening with us.

### *'Hello, Dolly!'*



We are all looking forward to our spring show 'Hello, Dolly!' which will be up to our usual Walmsley standard and featuring again a super cast with some new members gracing our stage for the first time. We welcome them most sincerely and hope they have along and happy future with our society.

This is a very popular show with audiences so it would be wise to contact our Box Office Manager, Christine, as soon as possible...we don't want anyone to be disappointed.

Christine's number is 01204 305812 or 07896 581431.

## AKT



No, you haven't misread it...it is 'Olivia' and not 'Oliver'

Under the direction of Helen, choreographer Tricia and with assistance from Julie and Ruth, our juniors are working as ever rehearsing for their June production which takes a new slant with the amalgamation of several characters from popular musicals. We meet Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, Eliza Doolittle, Fagin and The Artful Dodger, Scrooge plus a little nudge into Gilbert and Sullivan. It is great fun.

This is one not to miss

## Social

We have been a little action packed on the social side too since Christmas.

We had a superb evening in the bar with our own resident quizmaster Don bamboozling us again with his questions.



A tabletop sale was held in the hall on a very cold Saturday morning which at the time didn't seem to attract the customers but a good profit was made proving that the effort by everyone involved was so worthwhile.....and we had a fun morning.

Coming up we have our annual Fun Walk arranged for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, followed by bacon butties in the Founders Room and Chocolate Bingo on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April again in the Founders Room.

For more details please contact our Social Secretary Barbara on 01204 592918



'Mafia' Mary doing her usual sterling job selling raffle tickets.....beware the consequences if you don't buy a ticket

### AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 stating at 7.45 in the hall.

The notices will shortly be on the notice board should you wish to be on the General Committee or hold a responsible position of office within the society

### Jekyll & Hyde

After the resounding success of our production 'Jekyll & Hyde' the musical, we have been rewarded with four nominations from NODA North West with the results being announced on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the NODA North west annual awards evening at the Hilton Hotel Blackpool.

The nominations are as follows

Best Leading Male Actor in a Musical  
Best Musical Director  
Best Artistic Director  
Best Musical

Steve Benson  
Mike Pinder  
Nora Howcroft  
'Jekyll & Hyde'

### Mayor's Parlour



When the Mayor of our town, Councillor Guy Harkin, was invited to see our performance of 'Jekyll & Hyde', he and Mayoress Colette were so impressed that he invited members of the cast to reception in the Mayor's Parlour.

As numbers were limited, names were placed in a hat, a draw took place and 15 members went along for a small gathering. Again the Mayor reiterated how brilliant he thought the show was.



### *Long Service Award*

At our Annual Dinner Dance, our President, Father Bill, was on hand to present to Jean Maden a NODA 25 year medal. This was for Jean's services both on and off stage to the society.

Our congratulations go to Jean.

### *Anne Windsor*



How do you start to write about Anne ...

Well, she was quite a tour de force in whatever she embraced although you would never know it from her quiet diligence, knowledge and enthusiasm in her approach.

She was a gushing fountain of information overflowing on many subjects and one of her many passions was her love of theatre both professional and amateur and it was her understanding of theatre which was most beneficial to Walmsley Church AODS.

I knew Phil before he and Anne got together as a couple and I can remember distinctly one night after a show at the Ritz Theatre in Farnworth when Phil introduced me to his girlfriend ... Anne.

They were soon engaged and then married and although none of us came from Bolton it was fate ~~the we~~ we should meet up again and live in Egerton and be members of Walmsley church and the operatic society.

Anne served the operatic society faithfully taking on many roles and becoming a true committee member and it is the dedication of people like Anne Windsor who make this world a better place.

Anne will be greatly and sadly missed.

Doctor Doolittle

