

Walmsley Church Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society



Newsletter September/October 2013

Hello

With the Autumn issue of our Newsletter, there is always much to report and this one is no different.... so here we go

Doctor Dolittle

Never before performed in Bolton by any professional or amateur society, Walmsley Church Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, we are yet again bringing a premier performance into Bolton.

Tickets are on sale now...so make sure you get yours as soon as possible.....this show is going to be another winner for Walmsley.

You can book your tickets with our Box Office Manager, Christine, on 01204 305812 or mobile 07896 581 431

This is an irresistible musical and a perfect treat for the whole family.



AKT



Our AKT's production next year is 'What's New Pussycat', a great sparkling new comedic musical based on the classic story of 'Puss In Boots' ... with great rock and pop songs added from the likes of Madonna, Tom Jones, Brenda Lee, Nancy Sinatra, Bruno Mars and Beyoncé.....they won't be here but we will be singing their songs

The dates of the show are Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th June 2014,

Social

Thanks to Barbara and the social committee, we have had several excellent social events, the first being the annual BBQ which again was held in the McGreavy's garden and a good time was had by all.

A new event was the evening barge trip, with dinner served on board. This was very well supported and a lot of jolly pirates are anxious for a second sortie out on the canal next year.....cutlasses at the ready

The Wagon and Horses, Hawkshaw was the return venue for the annual bowling match and saw a great turn-out for the bowling and many side-line supporters plus the weather was extremely kind all day. This year's winner was Mike Taylor and runners up were Don Mason (finalist), Steve Cunliffe and Dave McGreavy. Well done to Dee for organising the teams and keeping us all in check...it's not an easy crowd control situation.



On the 28th September, we had a packed-out evening in the hall for 'Voices and Brass' featuring Radcliffe Brass Band and starring our own singers Lindsay Farnworth, Dave and Eileen Reeves and a lovely young trio of singers from our AKT, Zara Horn, Olivia Higham and Steevie-Leigh Crossley

Also we have the return of Safari Supper on 28th October so contact Barbara or put your name on the list which is on the notice board. This is a Safari Supper with a difference as we won't be moving to different homes but staying within the confines of the Community Hall (formerly The Parish Hall) and it will also incorporate Halloween with prizes for the best costume male, female and child.

In the Founders' Room on the 16th of November will be the Great Quiz Night, so watch out for more details.

Thanks to all who have supported these recent social events and they do keep us a very closely -knit society..

Operatic Service

Our annual service of thanksgiving was held on Sunday 8th September 2013 at 6.30pm, which again saw many of our members and AKT taking part. We spoke the words of Hugh Lofting, the author of 'Doctor Dolittle', sang lovely hymns and songs from musicals and finished with the rousing and very fitting 'Thank You For The Music'

Sadly, it was Father Bill's last Operatic Service with us since he will be taking retirement at the end of the year as both our vicar and society President. Thank you Father Bill.

BATS Dinner and Awards

Walmsley were again very well represented by 15 members at the recent Bolton Amateur Theatre Societies Dinner and Awards Evening

We received three nominations for the following categories:

'Jekyll & Hyde'.....Best Musical
Steve Benson.....Best Actor in a Musical
'Olivia'.....Best Junior Production

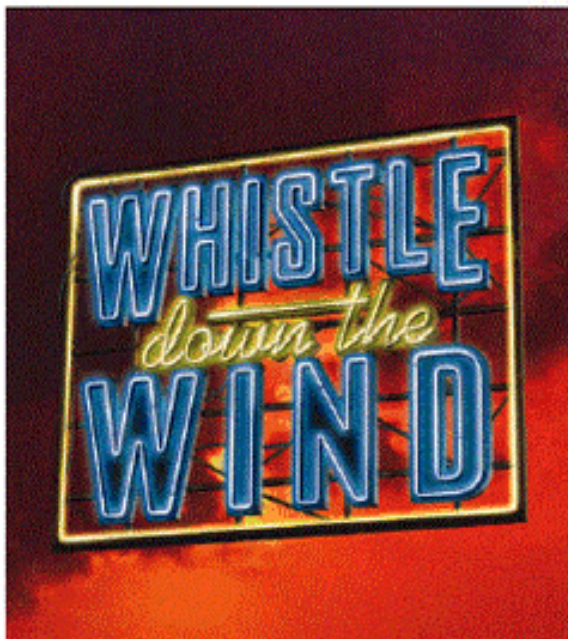


We were all delighted to be present when Steve was awarded Best Actor in a Musical for his stunning portrayal of 'Jekyll/Hyde'. Congratulations Steve.

Congratulations must also go to everyone involved in the productions of 'Jekyll & Hyde' and 'Olivia' in whatever capacity their roles took them.

Walmsley Society is a great team

'Whistle Down The Wind'



This society always strives to be at the forefront when staging musicals. And guess what...we have done it yet again. This musical has never been performed in the North West by an amateur society and one of the fantastic links with this musical is that the original black and white movie, although not a musical, was filmed in Lancashire around Clitheroe.

Based on the charming novel of the same name by Mary Hayley Bell, the setting has moved from Lancashire to small town Louisiana in 1959. with the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by rock legend Jim Steinman, know for his work with Meatloaf and Bonnie Tyler.

Packed with wonderful songs which have all been hits in their own rights such as 'Whistle Down The Wind', 'No Matter What' and 'Vaults Of Heaven', this is another show with a good story and superb music for all the family.

Another first for Walmsley

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