



# OPERA CLUB NOTES [www.operaclub.org.uk](http://www.operaclub.org.uk)

Sept 2008



## The Music Man



**Our 2008 show  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!  
15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

(Note, there will be no Saturday matinee this year)

Musical Director: Angela Barker  
Producer: Helen Hardwick

If you would like to **advertise** in *The Music Man* programme please contact David Eccles.

### 'The Music Man' Cast List:

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Harold Hill:    | Kevin Stuart                     |
| Marion Paroo:   | Jenny Clarke                     |
| Mrs Paroo:      | Jennie Connor                    |
| Tommy:          | Simon Cox                        |
| Zaneeta:        | Laura Nicholson                  |
| Grace:          | Philippa Hogg                    |
| Mayor Shin:     | Stewart Lock                     |
| Eulalie Shin:   | Sally Hatton                     |
| Charlie Cowell: | Nick Rogers                      |
| Marcellus:      | Peter Thomas                     |
| Amaryllis:      | Wakana Yasuda & Lizzie Melbourne |
| Winthrop:       | Harry Nicholson & Joe Shippam    |
| Olin:           | Terry Foster                     |
| Jacey:          | Kevin Wood                       |
| Ewart:          | Ian Stone                        |
| Oliver:         | Chris Whitebread                 |
| Ethel:          | Fiona Thompson                   |
| Alma:           | Sue Shippam                      |
| Maud:           | Liz Barnett                      |
| Mrs Squires:    | Debbie Marsh                     |
| Ladies:         | Nicky Allen                      |
|                 | Julie Anscombe                   |
|                 | Juliette Ewbank                  |
|                 | Jane Johnson                     |
|                 | Fen Mole                         |
|                 | Christina Usher                  |

### Chairman's Notes:

We are now entering a busy and exciting time for the club. This is evidenced by the number of adverts below and attachments to this newsletter, for which I make no apologies.

Not least is our rapidly approaching production of *The Music Man*, which we hope to be as special and as entertaining as our recent productions have become.

As you should all now know, next year we are joining forces with ESOS to perform Scrooge at the Harlequin. We have also decided to jointly put on a concert in March for 2 nights at the Harlequin Theatre. Following the Dickens theme, this will be "Musical Twist - A Tale Of Two Companies" and is intended to be a showcase of the talents and repertoire of both companies - past, present and future. Do read on for details.

Here's to an interesting next 15 months.

Regards

*Kevin*

## 2009 Membership Subscriptions. Something different...

Given we will be joining forces with ESOS for both of our productions in 2009, membership will work a little differently for next year.

You will only need to join one society (and pay once!) and this will give you membership of both Opera Club and ESOS for the "year". Membership fees have been harmonised and given that ESOS's year starts 3 months earlier, the fee will effectively get you 15 months of joint membership. A bargain. We don't mind which of the societies you send your 2009 membership to, as all subs and show costs will be split 50:50 for the year. However, the downside is that the 15 month membership effectively starts from 1 October, so we'd like your payment soon.

See attached letter and application form for full details.

### ESOS Christmas Carol Concert Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008 Reigate Park Church

Those of you taking up your 2009 joint membership will also be able to take part in this year's carol concert.

See attached letter for details. Rehearsals start straight after Music Man finishes. (1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Micklefield.)

### Spring Concert 2009 A joint production with ESOS 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, The Harlequin Musical Twist – A tale of two companies

Musical Director Angela Barker  
This concert will cover the history of the two societies.

See the attached letter and application form.  
**Note, if you'd like to take part we'll need to hear from you ASAP.**  
(1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009, Micklefield.)

## Scrooge



### A joint production with ESOS 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009

(including a Saturday matinee)

Musical Director: Angela Barker

Producer: John Taylor

See the attached draft rehearsal schedule if you are interested in taking part

1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Micklefield.

## Don't miss out on our next social event: a HELIER QUIZ NIGHT!!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

In the upper hall at The United Reformed Church, Shaws Corner, Redhill.

Tickets £10, available at rehearsals (includes supper) BYOGrog  
Or send a cheque & SAE to The Opera Club, 23 Redstone Park, Redhill, RH1 4AS

You are invited to the most fun-filled fundraising event in the area....

## Musical Picnic Party



7.30pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008

United Reformed Church  
Hatchlands Road, Redhill RH1 6AU

*Choose your table's musical then:  
wear the clothes, dress the table,  
eat the food, sing the songs!*

Ideas:

Children of Eden

~~Les Misérables~~ - gone!

Chicago

The Mikado

Mamma Mia!

South Pacific

Wicked

Lion King

Pirates of Penzance

Doors open at 6:30pm for table decorating.

Prize for the "best dressed" table.

Bring your own picnic to fit your show.

e.g. pasta/pizza for The Gondoliers.

Book early to get your first choice of show theme.

*Call Sarah or Kaz on  
07963 545470*

Tickets: £10 adults £6 children  
Includes complimentary wine.

Many thanks to Debbie Marsh and Adrian Martin for organising the Car Rally on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We raised £96.20 for funds and 'A Pint Of Fosters' won it, Terry Foster and two friends, all three receiving a bottle of wine as a prize. The two teams who came joint last and won bottles of 'Ketchup' – get it? – were Lynda and David Pond, and Sue Rogerson and hubby. A great time was had by all!

## ££ Introducing ££ ££ The 100 Club ££

Your chance to help support the Opera Club, plus you may win some money! For just £1 a month you can join the 100 club (of hopefully 100+ members). Anyone can join and each month a proportion of the proceeds are returned as cash prizes. See the attached letter and application form for details.

### Members' News

Congratulations to the new Dr Dreux. If you haven't seen much of Alys Dreux lately it's because she has been studying hard to finish her doctorate. She has now been awarded her Phd in vascular biology.

Congratulations also to Julia Rogers on her A level results: a double distinction in Performing Arts BTEC and a C in A level film studies.

### YOUR COMMITTEE

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Chairman:                     | Kevin Hogg           |
| Vice-Chairman:                | Nick Rogers          |
| Secretary:                    | Margaret Churchley   |
| Treasurer:                    | David Pond           |
| Production Secretary:         | Nicky Allen          |
| Business Manager:             | David Eccles         |
| Social Secretary:             | Sarah Esser          |
| Marketing:                    | Fiona Thompson       |
| <b>With thanks to:</b>        |                      |
| Lynda Pond:                   | Membership Secretary |
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| Gemma & Joe Murphv & friends: | Refreshments         |

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