



ST DAVID'S PLAYERS

A GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Dear Member/Patron,

Following our **Annual General Meeting** held at Kalendar Hall last month, the Committee was elected as follows:

Chairman: Gina Redman

Secretary: Susan James **Treasurer:** Caroline Avery

Committee Members: Mike Redman, Eleanor Bridgman,
Christine West, Hilary Todd, Kate Johns,
Susan Gunn-Johnson, David McIlroy

Thank you to all those members and patrons who were able to attend the **A.G.M.** and the informal social event afterwards.

Last year's nominated **Charity** was **HOSPISCARE** and we are pleased to announce that the total amount we donated was £1,500. Our Charity night, during the week of the show, raised £274 from the sale of tickets and we gave £190 from the raffle and donated the remainder (£1,036) from profits from the production of the Mikado. Hospiscare also collected over £500 in their bucket collections during the week.

Thank you to everyone who supported "**The Glory of Christmas**" Concert which was held in St David's Church last December. This concert was arranged for FORCE by Dick Passmore and St David's Players sang accompanied by the Exeter University Chamber Orchestra. All proceeds went to FORCE and we are pleased to inform you that the concert raised £1,300 towards their funds.

Planning for this years' production of the **The Zoo and Sorcerer** is well underway and will be performed at the Barnfield Theatre, Exeter from Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th October 2005. We are extremely pleased that Mark Perry has agreed to be our Musical Director and Jane May will be our Director.

Rehearsals for this production will commence on:

***Tuesday 19th April 2005 - 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m.
At the Kalendar Hall, South Street, Exeter***



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Membership of the Society has been maintained at £25 which is due on the first day of rehearsals. If you require a musical score please also bring along an additional cheque post-dated until 31st October 2005 made out to St David's Players for £25 which will be given back to you when you return the book.

Auditions for new members will be held during the 2nd or 3rd week of rehearsals and Principal Auditions will be held on Sunday 8th May from 2.30p.m. onwards at the New School, Exminster.

If you have access to the Internet the St David's Players web site at www.stdavidsplayers.co.uk is well worth a visit. Ian Bond very kindly set this up last year and it is extremely informative. It not only has information about past productions, photos and libretti but Ian will be keeping it up to date with all the information regarding rehearsal schedules, audition pieces, social events etc relating to this year's production. So why not pay it a visit and have fun trying to see how many people you can recognise in the photos!

Should you feel like listening to The Zoo and The Sorcerer, Decca recently produced a recording of both of these shows together on a 2-CD set. The catalogue number is 4736592.

Social Events - Your committee has agreed that we will, once again, this year hold a social event. Those of you that were at the AGM will be aware that a number of suggestions were made and members will be able to discuss these at rehearsals during April.

Patrons - Thank you once again for your continued support which is much appreciated. Information about tickets for the show and social events will be sent to you as soon as details are available.

Thank you all once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2005.

Susan James (Secretary)

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