



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:

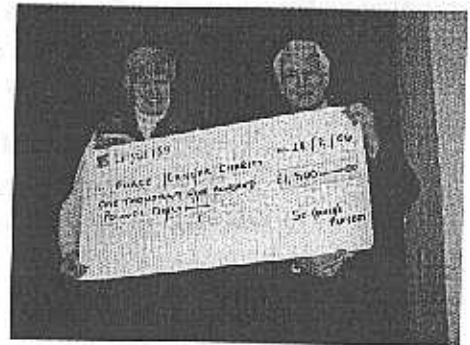
Chairman: Brian Small

Secretary: Eleanor Bridgman **Treasurer:** Caroline Avery

Committee Members: Susan James, Kate Johns,
Sue Gunn-Johnson, Mike Redman, *Gina Redman*
Hilary Todd, Christine West

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 **FORCE Cancer Charity** and we were pleased to present Mervyn Hayes of Force a cheque for a total of £1,500 at the AGM. During the week of the show, we collected £441 from the raffle and raised £123 from the sale of tickets on our Charity night. We donated the remainder (£936) from Society funds. Force also collected over £400 from their bucket collection and jam sales over the week.



Congratulations to member Sarah Haydon who married Tony Ford in March 2006!

Planning for this year's production of **The Pirates of Penzance** is well underway and will be performed at the Barnfield Theatre, Exeter, from Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th October 2006. We are extremely pleased that Mark Perry has again agreed to be our Musical Director and we welcome Mary Pickard back to the society as our Director.

Rehearsals for this production will commence on:

*Tuesday 25th April 2006 7.30pm to 9.30pm
at Kalendar Hall, South Street, Exeter.*

Don't forget to join us in for a drink in the local hostelry afterwards!



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Membership of the Society has been maintained at £25 (£15 for non-singing, unwaged and senior citizen members), which is due on the first day of rehearsals. If you require a musical score, please bring an additional cheque post-dated until 31st October 2006 made out to St David's Players for £25, which will be returned to you when you return your book.

Auditions for new members will be held during the 2nd or 3rd week of rehearsals. Principal Auditions will be held on Sunday 14th May from 2.30pm at Kalendar Hall, South Street, Exeter. Please note members are entitled to audition for a principal role if they have paid their membership fee and attended at least one rehearsal.

If you have access to the Internet, why not visit the **St David's Players website** on www.stdavidsplayers.co.uk? This website is kindly maintained by Ian Bond and contains information about previous productions, a photo gallery, libretti as well as rehearsal schedules, audition pieces and social events relating to this year's production. Should you wish to listen to a recording of *Pirates*, browse the Reviews of Recordings section for Ian's recommendations.

Social Events – Your Committee has agreed to run further social events in 2006! A number of suggestions for social events, including a quiz night, have already been made and members will be able to discuss these at rehearsals during April and May.

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 they are available.

The **Pirates of Penzance** concert held in St David's church on 25th March 06 with invited soloists and orchestra and in which a large number of St David's Players members sang, raised a fantastic £2,468 for Hospiscare. Jane Iffla would like to thank all the members of St David's Players who kindly donated their time for what was an immensely fun day.

Thank you all once again for your support & we look forward to seeing you in 2006.

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