



The FOGS horn

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The newsletter for friends of the University of York Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

Important!

The date for the 35th Anniversary celebrations has changed! Owing to booking constraints, it will now be a week later than first advertised, on **Saturday 10th March**.

We are planning a day of celebrations, including a 'classic' rehearsal in the afternoon, where you are invited to come and join current society members in singing through well-known songs from G&S shows. In the evening there will be a meal (with a 'sea' theme), followed, hopefully, by a ceilidh led by members of the society. Tickets for the evening cost £25 and are available now! To book yours email fogs@gsyork.co.uk to let us know you'd like to come, or post us a cheque and we'll post you a ticket.

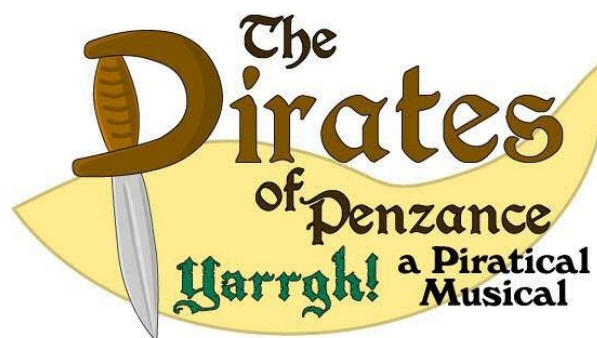
Whether you can come for the whole day or only part, we'd love to see you there to help us celebrate 35 years of G&S at York University!

Display.

We're hoping to create a display of material from our archive to show at the celebrations. If you can help us with copies of any old photos or descriptions of your memories of the society, please email or send them to us at the address below. We've already had a photo of our first show, which is very exciting!



The female cast of *Pirates* 1973 in Derwent dining room.



Exclusive cast interviews!

Several members of the cast recently gave exclusive interviews to the FOGS horn. Read on to find out the secrets of rehearsals, directorial disasters and what to look out for in *Pirates* 2007.

1. Who are you?

Lauren Mathews (Kate)
James Knowles (Samuel)
Helen Bourne (Chorus)
Ellen (Bunny) Cain (Chorus)

2. What have you most enjoyed about G&S so far this year?

Helen: The Willow-oops, I mean the rehearsals!
Bunny: Yes, the rehearsals, honestly!
James: The first run-through with dialogue.
Lauren: Watching Chris (Director) and Robbie's (MD) faces to see what their reactions to our acting and singing are!

3. What is your favourite song or line from *Pirates*?

Helen: When the Foeman Bares his steel. Or the line about piracy being honest compared to respectability.
Bunny: The 'orphan' joke.
James: 'Place them at the bar!' Or the Paradox trio.
Lauren: 'Pray observe the magnanimity- the Act 1 finale.'

4. Who is your favourite character or actor?
Helen: The Major-General (Andy Lawson).
Bunny: The Pirate King (Jim Durdin).
James & Lauren: Jim or Emma Bradley (Mabel).



Policemen and some of the Major-General's daughters.

5. What are you most looking forward to about the show?

Helen & James: The costumes!

Bunny: Performing.

Lauren: The dancing (looks doubtfully towards the directors!)

6. How often do you find yourself randomly singing or quoting G&S?

Helen & Bunny: Several times a day!

James: Just at rehearsals, generally.

Lauren: I've been getting better lately. Not quite never- but hardly ever!

If that has encouraged you to come and see our production, *The Pirates of Penzance* will be performed in the University of York's Central Hall on February 15th, 16th & 17th at 7.30pm, with a matinee 2.30pm on the 17th. Tickets prices will be:

£3.50 students

£5 concessions and Friends of G&S

£10 adults

We would encourage you to book in advance to be sure of getting the concessionary rate as FOGS. Please see our website to book tickets, or email us. We look forward to seeing you there for what will be a unique production!



Rehearsals.

A Piratical Quiz.

Can you answer these questions about *Pirates*?

1. In what year was *The Pirates of Penzance* first performed?

2. What was unusual about the location of the premier?

3. Which earlier work by G&S was the song "Climbing over rocky mountain" taken from?

4. What do the Major-General's daughters have in common with Phyllis from *Iolanthe*?

5. How many times has York G&S performed *Pirates*?

6. When will Frederic's next birthday be?

7. What, according to the Pirate King, is comparatively honest when compared to respectability?

8. Of what kind of theorem was the Major-General teeming with news?

9. Which other G&S operetta is set in Cornwall?

10. What is the name of the Major-General's castle?

Answers in the next issue.

If you know of anyone who hasn't received this newsletter and would like to, please ask them to send us their contact details (preferably email) so we can keep them informed too!

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