

Halifax Gilbert and Sullivan Society Newsletter

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Lockdown news



It's ironic that just after the last Newsletter appeared with its list of forthcoming events, other events conspired to foil us. We did at least manage to hold the Invitation Birthday Pot-Pourri on Friday 13 March (lucky for some), which was a very happy occasion. Our three birthday boys and girls, Stuart Summerscales, Penny McGoverin and Sally Stopford, added up to 200 between them, though delicacy prohibits revealing the distribution of those years.



Apart from that, the usual suspects made their appearances, although this time some of the entertainment was a bit more up-market than usual. It was certainly an evening to be remembered, and just as well, because it may have been the last for a while.

The Committee met virtually (via Zoom) on Sunday 3 May, and the general opinion was that the Society was unlikely to be able to get together before the end of this year, and that activities planned for 2020 would be carried forward to 2021. Even if aspects of the current lockdown were to be eased, some degree of social distancing would continue and make it impractical to hold a meaningful rehearsal, let alone assemble an audience for a performance. In the meantime it would seem that our Facebook and Whatsapp correspondents are doing their best to keep us occupied, in touch and amused.

AGM and Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due on April 1 for the year 2020-2021. It was agreed at Committee that they would be optional for this year, though if people wish to make a contribution they would be very welcome. The rate is £30 for members, as agreed at the 2018 AGM, and £10 for patrons. You can send a cheque to Stephanie Bolton, Aldwyn, Greenroyd Avenue, Halifax HX3 0LP.

If you have facilities for paying online, the Society's Account details are :

- Barclays, Halifax Commercial Street
- Sort code 20-35-84 ; Account number 20780502

Please give the reference SUB and your surname so that we can identify your payment.

Paul Sanders

We are sorry to have been told of the death from Covid-19 of Paul Sanders.

Paul and Wendy Sanders were members of the Society from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s, before they left for Cumbria where Wendy was a team rector in the Cockermouth area.

Paul played Wilfred Shadbolt in 1979, Colonel Calverley in 1980 and the Usher in *Trial* in 1981. We last met them in Halifax when they came down for Angela Horner's funeral in February 2016. We extend our sympathy to the family.



Ida remembered

Since it seems unlikely that Princess Ida will get an outing this year, here are some reminders of her previous appearances at the Playhouse. We haven't any for 1976, so if you have some could you send a copy along for the archive?

1986





1999





2012





Stay safe, everyone !