



The Bovingdon Players



Newsletter – September 2010

Another prize-winning performance

We were all pleased to learn that for her performance as Dawn in *Steaming* last year, Tiffani Vinyard has been awarded the National Operatic and Dramatic Association's "Best Female Performance in a Play" district award. Well done, Tiffani!



Next Production - Good Things by Liz Lochhead – 18th, 19th & 20th November 2010

Rehearsals are now well underway for the November Production. We'll be performing *Good Things* by Liz Lochhead from 18th to 20th November, directed by John Downs and produced by Liz Lewis.

Liz Lochhead is an award winning playwright and poet. Her plays include the marvellously titled *Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off*, and a rather wonderful *Dracula* (maybe another year!). Her interest in "horror" writing extends to writings and plays about Frankenstein, The Brothers Grimm, and "a sequence of poems" for Bram Stoker.

In complete contrast, *Good Things* is a romantic comedy. She probably needed a change! It was written in 2006, and follows the travails of 49 year old Susan Love as she searches for love and fulfilment following the break up of her marriage. Set in the charity shop where she works part-time, us, we follow her attempts to reinvent herself through speed dating and other devices. In this "Cinderella" for the forty-somethings, Susan does find her Prince Charming, and - Yes! - there is a magic slipper!

We have a very strong cast: Imogen Roberts, Robert Peacock, Anna Murkowski, Terry Casserley, Sue Tubb, Nicola Clough, Shevon Burrows, Ben Hooker and Andrew Jamieson.

Tickets will be on sale soon!

As this play is set in a charity shop, we are gathering together lots of second-hand clothes for the set (which will be donated afterwards to a real charity shop), so please don't throw anything away – just pass it on to a member of the cast.

Meanwhile, volunteers are needed for the following:-

- Lighting operator
- Sound operator
- Props manager (this will need more than one person)
- Publicity
- Programme/poster designer
- Programme editor

Please get in touch with John or Liz - john_downs2000@yahoo.co.uk / li_zlewis@yahoo.co.uk if you can help us.



Good luck, Ben

You may have spotted from the local papers that one of our favourite members – Ben Hooker, the policeman in *A Fête Worse Than Death* and also about to appear in *Good Things*, is standing for election as a trustee of the Box Moor Trust. We all wish him the best of luck.



Gondoliers

Two more of the cast of this summer's murder mystery - Adam Briffett and Caroline Keen will be appearing in the Gondoliers shortly. Here's a message from Adam:

Hi all

I wanted to bug you all to come and see Caroline and me in HLOS's production of Gondoliers. It's on in Harpenden at the Public Halls on the **4th -9th October**.

It's a Gilbert and Sullivan but don't let that put you off as it's not at all stuffy and old-fashioned, the director has made sure it's going to appeal to people who wouldn't usually come and see a G&S. It's also my first leading role, and will likely involve a very fetching gondoliers outfit so you can at least come and laugh at me in that, and Caroline's in a principal role although likely in something much more attractive and less laughable. The story is about a couple of gondoliers choosing their wives from the maidens of Venice, only to discover that one of them is actually the King of the kingdom of Barataria and was married while an infant, although which of the two is actually unclear - and the plot goes from there. It is very amusing, and is looking and sounding great, we're having a hell of a lot of fun in rehearsals.

Tickets are a tenner Mon-Thurs and Saturday matinee and £12 Friday and Saturday night. I can sort out tickets for you at rehearsal if you like, they'll let you reserve your tickets then pay on the door, or else if you want to ring up it's 07817 331150.

It starts at 7.45 each night or the Saturday matinee is 2.30pm.

Let me know if you'd like to come along!

Cheers,

Adam