

Opera Comique

Trustees:-

K. Sivyer Tel: 01267 290346 (Home) (incl. Answerphone) EMail: kevinsivyer@btinternet.com
Address: Waunyrewig, Nantgaredig, Carmarthen, South Wales. SA32 7PG

D. Francis Tel: 023 9261 3807 Email: HEATLEW@aol.com

N. Smith 2 Dover, Close, Fareham, Hants. PO14 3SU Tel: 01329 665170, EMail:
nigel@doverclose.fsnet.co.uk Mobile phone: 07961 373645

Website:- www.operacomique.org.uk

28 May 2012

Dear All,

The following is a reminder of the arrangements for our June Iolanthe concerts.

Saturday June 9

10.00am Rehearsal in the Church of the Resurrection, Drayton, PO6 2AP. **Note:** this is not where we rehearsed last time but just over a mile down the road, where we performed Iolanthe last October.

If any principals for Waterlooville cannot attend please let Kevin know. We are aware that some chorus members in Havant Light Opera will not be able to attend at 10am but they are requested to join the rehearsal asap (approximately 12.30pm) for a short briefing.

A meeting/rehearsal for those going to US in August will follow in the early afternoon.

Friday June 15

6.00pm Please attend at 6pm for a short period of preparation/rehearsal prior to the Waterlooville Music Festival concert at 7.30pm - St George's Church, St George's Walk Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7TX. Audience tickets can be booked via the link on our website.

Saturday June 16

2.00pm Rehearsal at David Bogue Hall St Andrews Road, Gosport PO12 1QA, prior to concert there at 7.30pm. Please bring some refreshments for the break after the rehearsal and we will have a small celebration during the break. Audience tickets £4.

As last year the costume requirements for the performances are:-

Peers DJs with colourful bow ties. If the weather is as warm as now then white shirts/bow ties will suffice.

Fairies Short black dresses (long for Fairy Queen) with coloured scarves (full length for Queen) NB extra scarf for Iolanthe and 4 more for Peers/Willis at end of opera. Scarves will be provided.

Chancellor Academic gown

Strephon/Phyllis Modern country style garb eg checked shirt/w/coat, jodphurs. NB DJ for Strephon Act2

Willis Red mess jacket, black trousers

Principals will be provided with the ring binders with decorative covers from the previous performance. If chorus members need any music please bring such copies in a plain black ring binder.

Other Dates in 2012

July 21 (Saturday) 2pm - Memorial Concert for John Ellerton near Chichester with Opera Comique singing Finale of Princess Ida, Hail Poetry and the Finale of Gondoliers. There will be a short rehearsal before the concert at 12.30pm. Seaford College, Lavington Park, Petworth, West Sussex, GU28 0NB

August 18 – 27 Trip to New England, US

October 6 (Saturday) Iolanthe at the Wildfowl Trust Centre, Arundel (probably 6.30pm after the Centre closes to the general public) – some principals from Littlehampton etc.

October 7 (Sunday) Iolanthe at the new [Berry Theatre](#), Hedge End in the afternoon (performance 3pm)

October 20 (Saturday) Kevin Sivyer conducting Sing-In at QE High School, Johnstown, Carmarthen - Opera Comique members welcome

November 18 (Sunday) Opera Comique concert at Grim's Dyke Hotel (Sir W.S. Gilbert's home), Old Redding, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, HA3 6SE. Maximum of 30 people. Concert will be excerpts from HMS Pinafore, Gondoliers and Pirates of Penzance.

Cast List June 2012

Waterlooville 15th June 2012

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Iolanthe | Alison Jerome |
| Phyllis | Amanda Crehan |
| Fairy Queen | Josephine Craston |
| Strephon | Simon Cooksey |
| Lord Chancellor | David Francis |
| Lord Mountararat | Keith Fry |
| Lord Tolloller | Max Bullough |
| Sentry | John Warner |
| Celia | Penny Bullough |
| Leila | Irene Kent |

Gosport 16th June 2012

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Iolanthe | Margaret Thorpe |
| Phyllis | Penny Garrett |
| Fairy Queen | Janet Goodwin |
| Strephon | Bill Delicate |
| Lord Chancellor | Brian Musselwhite |
| Lord Mountararat | David Johnson |
| Lord Tolloller | Max Bullough |
| Sentry | John Warner |
| Celia | Penny Bullough |
| Leila | Irene Kent |

Note: Gosport principals to attend at Waterlooville on 15th in the chorus if possible.