

# Walmsley Church Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society



## *Newsletter Spring 2014*



### *Hello*

This is a lovely time of the year to look forward to our new season of shows and we have three stunners lined up and two more for next season. So again it's all systems go for our brilliant society.

### *'Camelot'*

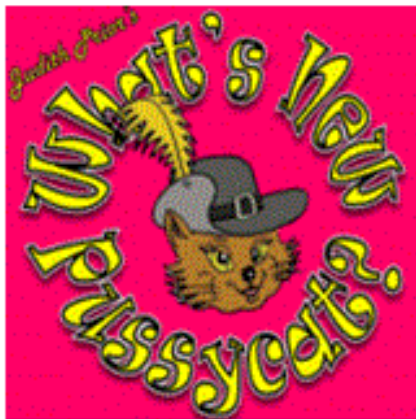


Galloping into Egerton in April will be King Arthur, Guenevere, Lancelot and the court of knights and ladies who will sweep us back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century with a beautiful story and exquisite songs by Lerner and Lowe.

So if you don't want to be locked out of the castle you would be wise to contact our keeper of the tickets, Box Office Manager, Christine, as soon as possible to get your tickets to witness this spectacular experience.

Christine's number is 01204 305812 or 07896 581431.

## AKT



Our AKT is at it again.....They are working so hard under the direction of Helen, Trish is teaching them fantastic dance routines and Ruth is going through the finer points of the music.

The production this year will feature a young, live band who will be joining our juniors in the second act of the show.

This is the first time that this show has ever been produced in the Bolton area, so again a first for Walmsley and the seating will be cabaret style with guests seated at tables of eight.

The dates of the show are Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

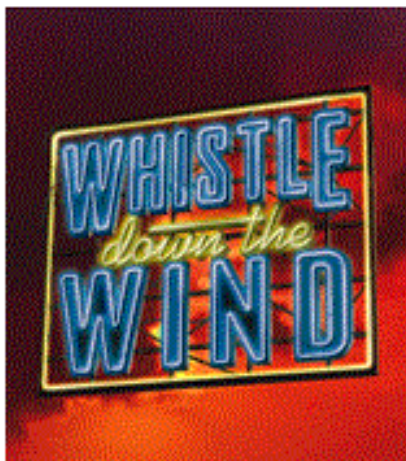
## AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 starting at 7.45 pm in the hall.

The notices will shortly be on the notice board should you wish to be on the General Committee, Sub Committees or hold a responsible position of office within the society.

## Future Productions

### Whistle Down The Wind



This fantastic musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber is a super show for our society as it has a great story-line, wonderful music and embraces the whole of the society in so far as it involves not only the senior section but will take on board some of our junior performers also.

There are lots of parts for the senior members and three children's parts plus lots of chorus numbers with everyone taking part.

This is not a children's production only but a show for the whole society.

Songs from the show that have been big hits are ' No Matter What' by Boyzone, 'Tyre Tracks and Broken Hearts' for Bonnie Tyler, 'Vaults Of Heaven' for Tom Jones, 'Try Not To Be Afraid' by Boy George and of course 'Whistle Down The Wind' By Tina Arena.

The show runs from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## Chess



With lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (Abba), this highly acclaimed musical develops the ancient and distinguished game of chess into a metaphor for romantic rivalries and East-West political intrigue.

The principal pawns form a love triangle: the loutish American Grandmaster, the earnest Russian champion, and the Hungarian-American female chess second, who arrives at the international championships with the American but falls for the Russian. From Tyrol to Thailand the players, lovers, politicians, CIA and KGB make their moves to the pulse of this monumental rock score. Several numbers, including 'Anthem', 'One Night in Bangkok' and 'I Know Him So Well' are all international hits.

The show runs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

## White Christmas



This classic 1954 film, which starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen has been transformed into an equally classic stage musical.

Containing no less than fifteen great songs by Irving Berlin this is a show that will have everyone going home singing at least one of those songs.

The list includes some of Irving Berlin's biggest hit songs along with the legendary 'White Christmas'

The show runs from Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

## Annual Dinner Dance

This was held at the Dunscair Golf Club on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March and again it was a fantastic evening.....good food, good company and the whole evening went off splendidly.

Barbara and Dee organised the whole event, Jane was our MC for the evening, Mike said the Grace and mother and daughter Gill and Zoe proposed the toasts to the Queen and the Society.



## *Elsie Handley*

One of our longest serving members sadly passed away this February and that was the lovely lady Elsie Handley.

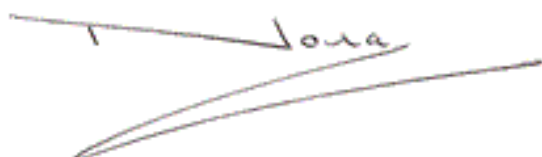
She and her husband Bill became members in 1960, Bill worked back stage and Elsie was a great worker for the society.

In later years, she still supported her church and her church society and even with failing eyesight and hearing she was to be found near the front of the stage in her usual seat enjoying every moment of the shows.

She always had a smile for everyone and although she was just a few short months away from her 100 birthday that didn't faze Elsie because she was grateful for every day of her long and wonderful life.

## *Thank you*

As this is the last letter before our AGM, on behalf of the current Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year...a lot of hard work has gone on to make this society the success that it is.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lora". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single, long, sweeping stroke.