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## Newsletter February 2009

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009 and a Happy New Year to all our members.

We are pleased to announce that the Civic Hall will be ready for our performance in October 2009 and our production will be Oklahoma. This is great news for our Society and means we will finally be able to come back together to put on a major performance after a long spell when we have been unable to use the Civic. Production dates are 13 -17 October 2009, look out for details of our rehearsals starting in May. We are pleased to welcome as our production team

Producer and choreographer – Ian Stead  
Musical Director – Jonathan Wilby

Auditions for principal parts are to be held on Thursday 26 March with a further date of Sunday 29 March if necessary. Please contact our Secretary, Lynn Taylor (01484 719689) if you wish to audition or require any further details.

### **Carol Concert**

The Carol Concert held on 11 December was very well received by those attending although, sadly, the size of the audience was disappointingly small. The involvement of the Clifton and Lightcliffe band, after a gap of many years, was a great success and it is hoped that they will join us again this year.

### **Civic Hall**

Work is well underway on the major re-development of the Civic Hall. A major stumbling block was encountered towards the end of 2008, when it was discovered that a major internal wall was unsound and needed to be rebuilt. This resulted in a delay in the estimated completion date of some 7-8 weeks. More recently, further problems have been encountered in the form of an unstable foundations and the existence of a well! However, the target date for completion is still May 2009. On this basis, we are able to go ahead with our planned production of "Oklahoma" in October and the Local Authority have now accepted bookings for both this and our 2010 pantomime, "Aladdin". The President and Chairman are trying to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Local Authority early in February in order to ensure, amongst other matters, that there will still be sufficient funds available to cover the cost of the various significant additions to the original programme of work proposed by BTP.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Tuesday 17 February - Social Get Together 7.30pm onwards**

We are having an informal social evening at the Stage Academy rooms. There will be wine, nibbles, quizzes and most importantly the chance to catch up with others. Everyone is welcome; please join us from 7.30pm onwards

### **Saturday 7 March - Hoe Down 7.30pm**

Get out your check shirts and Stetsons, we are having another Hoe Down at St Johns Church Hall in Rastrick. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children to include a pie and pea supper. Tickets are available from John Gilroy at Fawcett Stationeries, Brighouse or Jane Pringle (01484 711920)

### **Thursday 26 March - Auditions**

Auditions for parts in Oklahoma will be held at Stage Academy. For audition material please contact Lynn.

### **13 to 17 October - "Oklahoma" show week**

Are you able to help during show week, please let someone on the committee know. There are always plenty of ways in which help is required, from working back stage to front of house selling raffle tickets/programmes at the start of the show.

As this is our first major production for two years it would be fantastic if we could fill the hall.

### **10 December 2009 - Carol Concert**

This will be held at Central Methodist Church. Further details later.