

BRIGHOUSE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS COMMITTEE 2007 /2008

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Wilkin Royd Mill

The evacuation of Wilkin Royd Mill is now virtually complete. Thanks principally to the efforts of the Chairman, with invaluable assistance from Stan, all the more useful items of scenery and stage properties have been transferred to North Vale Mill. Costumes have been transferred to various temporary locations, mainly the President's garage! The whole exercise has involved the disposal of a tremendous amount of rubbish and unwanted materials. Sincere thanks are due to the relatively small number of members who have been actively assisted in this mammoth task.



THE NEW STORAGE AREA
AT NORTH VALE MILLS

OUR NEW WORKSHOP



DIARY DATES

2007 DATES

AUGUST 7th

Pantomime Principle Auditions
see page 3 inside for principle parts

SEPTEMBER 2nd

Pantomime Audition for children
see page 3 inside for more detail

SEPTEMBER 18th

Social evening at stage academy with drinks
and nibbles. Get to see the rehearsal rooms

NOVEMBER 7th

First Carol Concert Rehearsal
at Stage Academy Art Centre

NOVEMBER 24th

Craft fair at Brighthouse Civic Hall

DECEMBER 11th

Carol Concert at the Central Methodist Church

2008 DATES :- JANUARY 22nd to the 26th the Pantomime

DICK WHITTINGTON and his CAT

Notes from the Chairman

Keeping you informed of our forward program for the next 12 month is this news letter. The above Diary gives you all our key dates.

The Carol Concert rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, the dates of these or any changes to this will be available at the first rehearsal.

Pantomime rehearsal dates will be given out when the cast has been selected and our Social committee will be issuing dates of events to look out for .

Brighouse Civic Hall

The Civic Hall saga continues with a vengeance. It was stated in the last Newsletter that the refurbishment of the Civic Hall was unlikely to be completed until Autumn 2007. Even that proved to be wildly optimistic! It subsequently emerged that the Local Authority had been preparing proposals for a major re-building scheme in the main entrance area to provide a council operated "Customer First" service for local ratepayers. In addition to providing accommodation for council staff, the proposals included replacing the main toilet areas and the provision of a through floor lift giving direct access to the main hall. These proposals have been adopted but the work, which will include the major part of the original refurbishment, is not due to commence until February 2008 with completion hopefully before the end of the year. Whilst some of the proposals will undoubtedly benefit all future users of the Civic Hall they have had and, over the next 18 months, will continue to have serious consequences for our society.

To make a bad situation worse, structural engineers have raised doubts concerning the use of the top-floor rooms over the supper room for storage and rehearsal purposes. One immediate effect has been to eliminate the possibility of transferring costumes and stage properties into the Civic Hall prior to closure of the Hall in February 2008. Unless work is carried out during the closure to eliminate the structural problem involved, the long-term future use of the top-floor rooms other than for dressing rooms is very much open to question.

Brighouse Theatre Group

Companies House has now confirmed that Brighouse Theatre Group is no longer a registered company. The Theatre Group will shortly be removed from the list of registered charities and will then have lost its status as an independent organisation. It will continue, however, to operate as the "Premises Committee"-to act on behalf of the society in relation to all matters affecting any present or future premises occupied or used by the society.

Future Productions Due to the proposed closure of the Civic Hall, it will not be possible to present a major show next Spring. The Committee decided that it would not be practicable to present a form of musical production in the Autumn of 2007. They have agreed to arranging some form of review or concert for Autumn 2008 if a suitable venue can be secured followed by our third Pantomime in Jan /February 2009 when the Civic hall re-opens

Pantomime "Dick Whittington and his Cat" will be staged at the Civic Hall from Tuesday the 22nd to Saturday the 26th of January 2008. The pantomime will again involve the P.M. Gibson School of Theatre and Dance

Co Producers — Tony Hiley and Phillipa Gibson

Musical Director— John White

Children's Auditions will be held on Sunday the 2nd September 2007 at the Assembly Rooms. Once again we are inviting children who are related to members to come along. Criteria, minimum age 6 and they currently attending a dancing school.

If your children are interested please register them with the Secretary Lynn Taylor by Saturday the 1st September.

Principles. Auditions for the adult principals involved will be held on 7th August at the Stage Academy Studios from 7.30 pm. The principal parts involved are as follows:

Dick Whittington (Principal Boy)
 Alice FitzWarren (Principal Girl)
 King Rat
 Idle Jack
 Sarah the Cook
 Fairy Bowbells
 Alderman FitzWarren
 Captain Cuttle
 Sultan of Morocco

Anyone interested should contact the Secretary Lynn Taylor ASAP (Age 16 +)

All carol concert and pantomime rehearsals will take place at the Stage Academy Studios on Commercial Street, Brighouse.
