

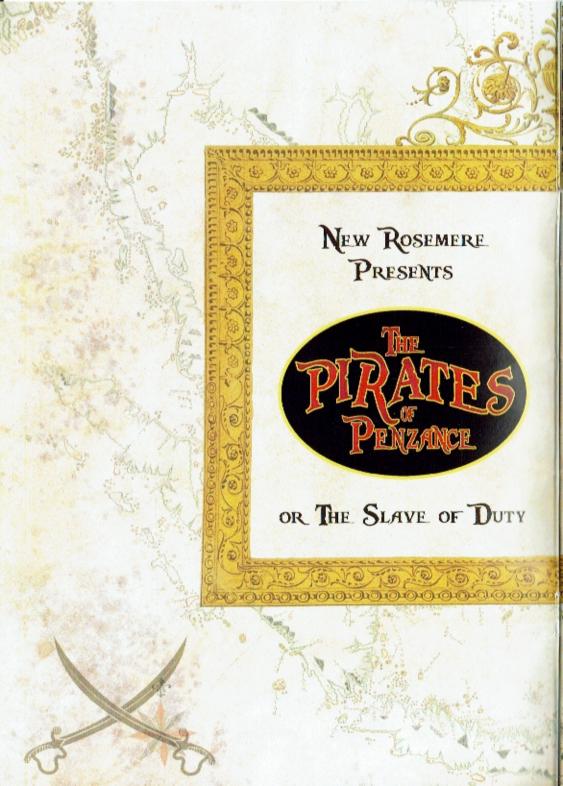
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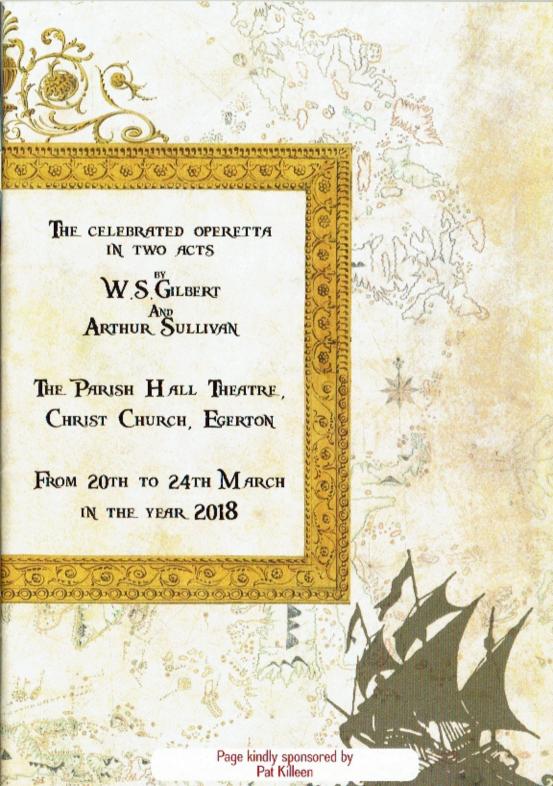
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very warm welcome to tonight's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Pirates of Penzance'.

This year, I'm (once again) wearing two hats; those of Chairman and Director. It doesn't matter which hat I wear though as I write this, I am incredibly proud of the entire cast and crew; they have all worked so hard throughout rehearsals and in the run up to the show and the final result would not have been possible without their hard work and commitment. My sincere thanks goes to all the normally unsung heroes of our shows: the Front of House staff; the rehearsal brewer-uppers; our rehearsal pianist; our orchestra and all the crew.

It has, once again, been a pleasure to work with Christine Seager as Musical Director and rehearsals have been tremendous fun. We are delighted to welcome 15 new acting members this year, many of whom joined us following our successful Come & Sing event in Summer. We are holding another Come & Sing event in July. This time, it's a family Come & Sing day; more details are inside.

Since our last show, we have commenced a series of very successful concerts across the North West area, the next of which is on 14th April at The Triangle, Doffcocker. All the details, along with future dates for this year's events, are to be found throughout the programme.

Looking forward to next year, as



well as another series of concerts, we will be presenting HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury. If you fancy having a go at being on stage, or helping back stage, get in touch with us and let us know. We're a very friendly bunch and we'd love to hear from you.

Back to tonight though; we join our Pirates as they celebrate the birthday of their apprentice Frederic. Unfortunately, all is not as straightforward as it first appears..."

Hannah

Bolton Choral Union, founded in 1887, is one of the oldest established choral societies in the North West. We are a thriving, local choir performing at least four concerts a year, including a Family Carol Concert each December.

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y the time 'The Pirates of Penzance' opened at New York's Fifth Avenue Theatre on 31st December 1879, the names of W.S Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan were already extremely well-known on both sides of the Atlantic. The previous operetta 'H.M.S. Pinafore' had been a huge success for the pair, and had seen no fewer than 150 American production companies performing unauthorised versions - a practise which held no comeback for its authors as copyright protection in the US didn't extend to the work of foreigners. The bootleg versions were reputedly of an erratic quality, with transcriptions of the music often being quickly scribbled by audience members attending official performances.

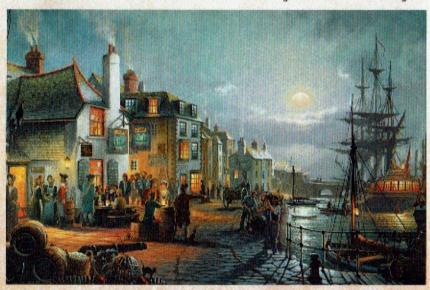
Desperately seeking a way to curtail the operations of these modern day 'pirates' with their next production, Gilbert, Sullivan and their producer Richard D'Oyly Carte took the unprecedented step of not only opening 'Pirates' first in the U.S., but also having an almost simultaneous English copyright performance at the Bijou Theatre in Paignton, in order to ensure their rights were asserted in both countries.

The English performance was hastily arranged and saw D'Oyly Carte's touring company reading from scripts and wearing costumes from H.M.S. Pinafore... it was to be the start of April before the full London run began, very successfully, with 363 performances performed in just under a year.

The ambition of curtailing unlicensed performances was only in part successful, with the first transcribed version taking to the American stage within nine months, but with four official companies touring the U.S., D'Oyly Carte had given the American public the opportunity to see The Real McCoy', while maximising the profits for all involved.

Since its opening in 1879, 'Pirates' has seldom been far from the stage. It saw three revivals even during Gilbert's lifetime, and has remained one of the most popular works of light opera ever written. The famed 1980s production by Joseph Papp and Mike Leigh's 2017 version with the English National Opera are notable highlights.

Like all Gilbert and Sullivan operattas, 'Pirates' contains all manner of subtle and not-so-subtle comedy, with something lurking behind each tree ready to make one laugh anew with each watching.



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Musically, Sullivan's baton sardonically skewers the work of Verdi ('Come Friends Who Plough The Sea' and 'You Triumph Now' are both burlesques of Il Travatore), Schubert ('Sighing Softly to the River') and many others, while Gilbert's unparallelled and vicious satire ridicules archetypal characters which still hold relevance today, even if many of the individual personalities of the time are long forgotten.

The work is quite taxing to perform, with the role of Mabel being one of the most challenging of its type, requiring "Steady beauty of tone throughout the octave from F to F'. The well-known Major-General's song is a tongue-twister of the highest order, and on a number occasions complicated a counterpoint exists, notably between the Policemen and Maidens ('When the Foeman Bares His Steel/Go Ye Heroes') and again in 'How Beautifully Blue the Sky' when the ladies chorus sings in waltz-time as the lovers duet in 2 - a serious challenge for the Musical Director

There are a couple of "in-jokes" to look out for if you're new to G&S:- they may make an appearance, or they may not, depending how the cast are feeling:

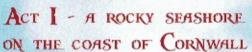
The first is where the maidens express the view that the pirates are in fact "all noblemen who have gone wrong." The Major-General questions, "What, all?" to which the Pirate King answers, "Well, nearly all!"

This exchange tends to appear in virtually all Gilbert and Sullivan operattas somewhere, and is a reference to a famous passage in H.M.S. Pinafore. On this occasion the lines were written in the original 'Pirates' libretto, but later dropped by Gilbert.

The second is where the Major-General invites the pirates to 'Take my daughters, some of whom are beauties'.

The original libretto states that all are beauties, however Gilbert petulently altered the line upon being refused involvement in the casting of one of the U.S. productions.

If you hear either of these "in-jokes" then remember to laugh loudly, and everyone will assume that you "Really Know Your Stuff!



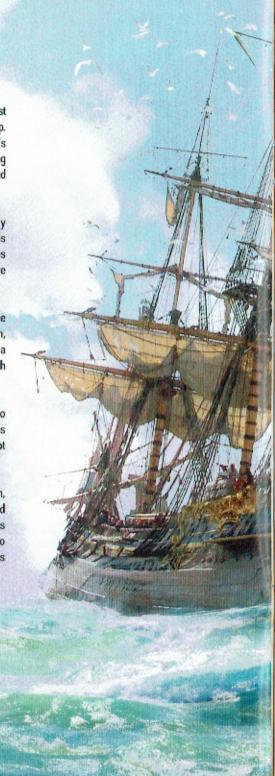
he curtain rises on Frederic, celebrating his 21st birthday and the end of his pirate apprenticeship. Ruth, the pirates' maid, relates how Frederic's father had instructed her to take the young Frederic off to become a pilot, but that she'd mis-heard and enrolled him as a pirate.

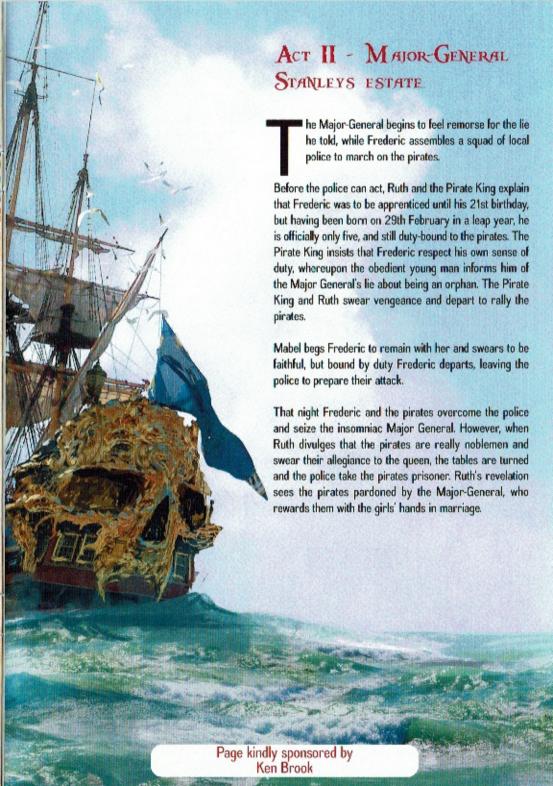
Now that his apprenticeship is reaching an end, duty compels Frederic to pursue the pirates, who he confesses are pretty hopeless anyway: amongst other weaknesses they refuse to take advantage of anyone they believe to be an orphan, all being orphans themselves.

Ruth tries to persuade Frederic to take her along when he leaves, intimating that she is a fine figure of a woman, despite being the only woman he has ever met. When a party of beautiful young women arrive on the beach however, Frederic sees through Ruth's lies.

Thinking themselves alone, the girls are horrified to encounter Frederic, still dressed as a pirate. He assures them that he only seeks love, but all reject him... except Mabel.

The other pirates sneak up and capture the women, intending to take them as wives, but their chaperone and father, the Major General, objects, pleading elemency as an orphan (knowing of the sympathy the pirates extend to orphans). The heartbroken pirates release the girls, as Mabel and Frederic look forward to their marriage.





ACT I A ROCKY SEASHORE ON THE COAST OF CORNWALL

OVERTURE

- 1. Pour, OH Pour THE PIRATE SHERRY (Chorus of Pirates and Samuel)
- 2. When Fred'ric was a Little Lad (Ruth)
- 3. OH, BETTER FAR TO LIVE AND DIE (Pirate King and Chorus)
- 4. OH! FALSE ONE, YOU HAVE DECEIV'D (Ruth and Frederic)
- 5. CLIMBING OVER ROCKY MOUNTAIN (Ladies Chorus)
- 6. STOP, LADIES, PRAY!
 (Edith, Kate, Frederic and Ladies Chorus)

7. Oh, Is There not One Maiden Breast

(Frederic and Ladies Chorus)

8. Poor WAND'RING ONE! (Mabel and Ladies Chorus)

9. What Ought We to Do? (Edith, Kate and Ladies Chorus)

10. How BEAUTIFULLY BLUE THE SKY (Mabel, Frederic and Ladies Chorus)

11. Stay, We Must no Lose Our Senses

(Frederic and Ladies Chorus and Pirates)

12. HOLD, MONSTERS!

(Mabel, Major-General, Samuel and Chorus)

13. I AM THE VERY MODEL OF A MODERN MAJOR-GENERAL

(Major-General and Chorus)

14. Oh) Men of Dark and Dismail Fate

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ACT II A RUINED CHAPEL BY MIDNIGHT

1. OH) DRY THE GLISTNING TEAR (Mabel and Chorus)

2. THEN, FREDRIC, LET YOUR ESCORT LION-HEARTED

(Frederic and Major-General)

3. When the Foeman Bares His Steel

(Mabel, Edith and Sergeant)

4. Now for THE PIRATES LAIR!
(Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King)

5 WHEN YOU HAD LEFT OUR PIRATE FOLD

(Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King)

6. Away, Away! My Hearrs on Fire!
(Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King)

7. ALL IS PREPARD, YOUR GALLANT CREW AWAIT YOU!

(Mabel and Frederic)

8. STAY, FREDRIC, STAY!
(Mabel and Frederic)

9. No, ILL BE BRAVE)
(Mabel, Sergeant and Chorus of Police)

10. When a Felons not Engaged in his Employment

(Sergeant and Chorus of Police)

11 A ROLLICKING BAND OF PIRATES
WE

(Sergeant and Chorus of Pirates and Police)

12. WITH CAT-LIKE TREAD
(Samuel and Chorus of Pirates)

13. Hush) Hush) Not A Word

(Frederic, Pirate King, Major-General, Police and Pirates)

14. SIGHING SOFTLY TO THE RIVER (Major-General and Chorus of Pirates and Police)

15. Now What is This and What is That



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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

Mabel	Eleanor Molloy
Frederic	David Griffiths
Major-General Stanley	Peter Bowden
The Pirate King	David Seager
Sergeant of Police	Ken Brook
Ruth	Heather Nicholas
Samuel	Mike Nash
Edith	Katherine Seager
Kate	Claire Butler
Isabel	Christine Travis



MUSICAL DIRECTOR Christine Seager

CHORUS OF GENTLEMEN

Ewan Arthur, Ed Barrow, Anthony Barton, Andy Bent, David Butcher, Malcolm Evans. Graham Fletcher, Tim Marris, Rob Moss, Andy Robertshaw, Tom Rowley, Harry Webster, Mike Wickham

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Major General Stanley Peter Bowden



Frederic David Griffiths



Pirate King David Seager



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Samuel Mike Nash



Mabel Eleanor Molloy



Ruth Heather Nicholas



Edith Katherine Seager

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Kate Claire Butler

Chorus of Gentlemen



(I-r) Malcolm Evans, Harry Webster, Ewan Arthur, Andy Bent, Rob Moss



(I-r) Andy Robertshaw, Graham Fletcher, Anthony Barton, David Butcher, Tom Rowley, Tim Marris, Mike Wickham, Ed Barrow

Chorus of Ladies



(I-r) Jennifer Pollard, Gill Clough, Anne Armstrong, Irene Holmes, Sue Wilson



(I-r) Gemma Ball, Jenny Greenfield, Elizabeth Walsh, Christine Laithwaite, Gill Roscoe, Heather Molloy, Christina Harper, Ann O'Shea



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Saturday 3rd November 2018 —Cabaret Concert at Adlington Community Centre

Friday 30th November 2018 - Concert at Horwich RMI, Chorley New Road, Bolton

SO WHAT IS HE GOING ON ABOUT?

he infamously difficult "Major-General's Song" is undoubtedly the most famous patter-song ever written, even appearing at the Last Night of the Proms in 2000, and notoriously being parodied by Tom Lehrer where he "set the names of all the chemical elements to a vaguely recognisable tune," but we at New Rosemere got to wondering "Just What Does it all Mean?"

FROM MARATHON TO WATERLOO IN ORDER CATEGORICAL

Both Marathon and Waterloo were famous battles, the former in 490BC between Greece and Persia and the later being where Napoleon was defeated by the British in 1815, but where does 'categorical' come in? Well, it would appear that in 1851 an historian named Sir Edward Creasy wrote the book 'The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World', in which the battles were organised by category.

EQUATIONS BOTH THE SIMPLE AND QUADRATICAL

x + 9 = 27 (simple) $19x^2 + 2x + 7 = 148$ (quadratical) And that's all we know about that!

BINOMIAL THEOREM

A bit of maths dreamed up by Sir Isaac Newton. Something to do with splitting scary looking equations into less scary looking ones such as (x+y)(x-y).

THE SQUARE OF THE HYPOTENUSE

Even my grandma knows about this one! The length of the long side of a triangle squared is equal to the sum of the other two sides squared. Mighty useful, one would imagine, especially in Ancient Greece where triangles were all over the place.

INTEGRAL AND DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

Oh, Lord Have Mercy! Anyone with an O-Level or A-Level in maths can explain this one to you. Lots of us studied it, but we're still searching for someone who knows why.

BEINGS ANIMALCULUS

Tiny little animals such as the fleas that live in our orchestra pit or that you can only see with a microscope.

KING ARTHUR AND SIR CARADOC

Caradoc was one of the knights of King Arthur's Round Table. People proclaiming to be these characters show up at Stonehenge quite regularly, suggesting either the existence of a time and space portal from another dimension, or a successful escape attempt from a secure unit somewhere in Wiltshire.

HARD ACROSTICS

Acrostics was a game back in Victorian times that involved answering a series of questions, with the first letter of each answer spelling out a word.

ELEGIACS

A form of poetry used for elegies back in olden times. Alternating hexameter and pentameter lines formed an Elegiac. Now we're learning stuff!

UNDOUBTED RAPHAELS

Gilbert had it in for the Pre-Raphaelites, which he satirized in Patience, and anyone who's seen Millais' attempt at a horse in the painting 'Sir Isumbras at the Ford' would likely agree. This line may be another little prod in their direction.



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Tim Henshaw NOMINATED in 2002 for 'The Yeomen of the Guard'

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WINNER in 1999 for 'Trial by Jury' and 'HMS Pinafore'

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1935	The Gondoliers	1936	lolanthe
1937	The Mikado	1938	Trial by Jury and HMS Pinafore
1938	Patience	1939	Princess Ida
1940	The Pirates of Penzance	1941	Iolanthe
1942	The Yeomen of the Guard	1943	The Mikado
1944	Ruddigore	1945	The Gondoliers
1946	Trial by Jury and HMS Pinafore	1947	Utopia Limited
1948	The Yeomen of the Guard	1948	The Mikado
1948	Merrie England (Festival)	1949	lolanthe
1950	Tom Jones	1951	Princess Ida

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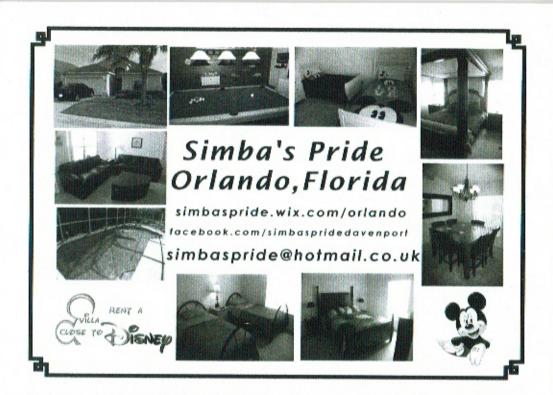
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New Rosemere would particularly like to thank Deane URC for use of their church as a rehearsal space, and Walmsley Church AODS & Christ Church PCC for the use of their hall and equipment.

New Rosemere were saddened to hear of the death of Rob Peace last year. As a member of the Society, Rob took several leading roles in productions; our thoughts are with his family.

Fancy joining us on-stage or back-stage?
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FOR THE PRODUCTION

Producer:	Hannah Carolan
Musical Director	
Rehearsal Accompanist	Nicola Dagnall
Stage Manager	Deb Lyons
Ticket Secretary	Helen Seager
Front of House Manager	Robert Molloy
Sound	Dale Wilson
Lighting	Walmsley AODS
Scenery	West Yorkshire Savoyards
Stage PropertiesReg Hardma	an, Janet Hardman, Sue Aspinall
CostumesDes	igned and supplied by The Boyz
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