

Newsletter September 2005



From your New Editor – Carole Pope (AKA Fisher-Grant)

I have been asked to take over the Newsletter, so here goes with the first one. Unfortunately I don't have all the fancy software that Graham has so you have to put up with a bog standard format but I'll try to get some pictures in where I can to make it more interesting.

Diary Dates: * Details later in newsletter

Friday 9 th September	Rehearsal	St. Luke's Church Hall, Raglan Rd, Bromley at 7.30
Friday 16 th September	Rehearsal	WTC
Friday 23 rd September	Rehearsal	WTC
Friday 20 th September	Rehearsal	St. Luke's Church Hall
Saturday 1 st October	Performance for Harris Hospice Care at 7.30.*	
Saturday 15 th October	Performance for ourselves – The Whitfield Hall, Bromley United Reformed Church, Widmore Rd, Bromley 7.30 (We need to sell this one).	
Tuesday 25 th October	Next committee meeting.	
Saturday 5 th November	QUIZ NIGHT - WTC with your hosts, M&M*	
Friday 16 th December	Patrons Evening/Christmas get together*	



Patrons Evening

For those who are new or have not attended before, this is an enjoyable social evening. We invite the Patrons to this so they get the chance to meet us with our hair down and we give them a concert of spontaneous entertainment. Anything can happen, mistakes, duets in two languages, totally unrehearsed, but the Patrons know this and enjoy the casualness of it all. We can normally only managed to do 2 – 4 chorus pieces and these have to be pieces most people already know. Just turn up and bring a pile of music/scores with you. Martin

Cleave does an excellent job on the piano never knowing what is going to be put in front of him. There are usually light refreshments such as mince pies etc.

Sad News: It is with great sadness that we inform you that dear Edna died in Christopher's Hospice on

Opera Nova has made a donation to St. Christopher's via the undertakers.....

Edna will be missed by all, particularly by the altos.

Good News: Robyn gave birth to a little girl - Leah Jenny - 6lb 15 ozs on Tuesday 6th September in Pembury Hospital.



If anyone would like a full size digital photo please E mail me. Please note I am no longer on my old E Mail address. My temporary E mail address is

carolepoppe@gmail.com

M & M (the two Mike's)

Michael Smith has announced that he and Mike Pipe will become legally united in early 2006. In deciding what name they would be known as Pipe or Smith, and decided on another Family name of Encot. They also thought it would be too complicated with two Mike Encots, and since there was already a problem with two Mike Smith's in the area, Mike Smith has taken his second name of Phillip. They will therefore be known as Phillip Encot (Mike Smith) and Mike Encot (Mike Pipe). The name change takes effect almost immediately by deed poll.

Quiz Night 5th November:

The Mike and Mike or should I now say Mike and Phillip are again running the quiz night on 5th April which was the only date available at WTC. We have requested a microphone and no complete rounds on operatic subjects. Jane's team will be asked to return The Brian Moore Cup for presentation to the new winners. Jane's team last time comprised: Jane Johnson, Vinny Mann, Julie Hyland, Peter Calver, and Michelle Crozier. They also contributed much to the humour of the evening. Provision of food and thus ticket prices are still under consideration. In the meantime please put the date in your diaries and bring all your friends (including those who can't stand opera) for an enjoyable evening.

Storage Space:

There is a plea from Chris Purnell and Carole Pope for storage space for costumes. Also Carole and Adrian would be grateful if some-one could look after the Photocopied music which currently occupies a filing cabinet in their conservatory. M (You can have the filing cabinet as well if you like)!! IF you are able to help, can you let us know. A large loft, dry garage or conservatory???

Sunday Lunchtime meals:

The WTC run Sunday lunches once a month and raise about £100 each time they do a meal. It appears that those who attend and eat and pay for the meal have requested it is done on a more regular basis. One of the organisers approached me (Ann John) to say would Opera Nova be interested in doing this from time to time because we would most certainly have “takers” for the meal without any selling effort. The only effort we would have to make is providing the food. Therefore if any of you have culinary skills and would be willing to prepare a meal for about 25 people it looks as though we would have a ready made “audience”. At WTC they normally split the food between several people i.e. one does the meat part, one does the dessert and so on. The cost of the food would of course be re-imbursed and it would be prepared in your own home and only heated at WTC. It could therefore be cooked well in advance and frozen. Please let your Chairman John Guttridge, or one of the committee know if you would be interested.

Opera Nova Website:

This is currently sharing webspace with West Wickham Operatic Society but should be operating under its own domain name and in its own webspace by the end of the year.

It can currently be found by clicking the following link, or typing it into your browser window.

www.wvos.org.uk - then click the green “Links” button and then click the Opera Nova logo.

The Webmaster is Graham Copeland and information such as rehearsal schedules, contact details of the officers of the committee, social and news items and a downloadable pdf of this, and future newsletters, will be posted on the website.