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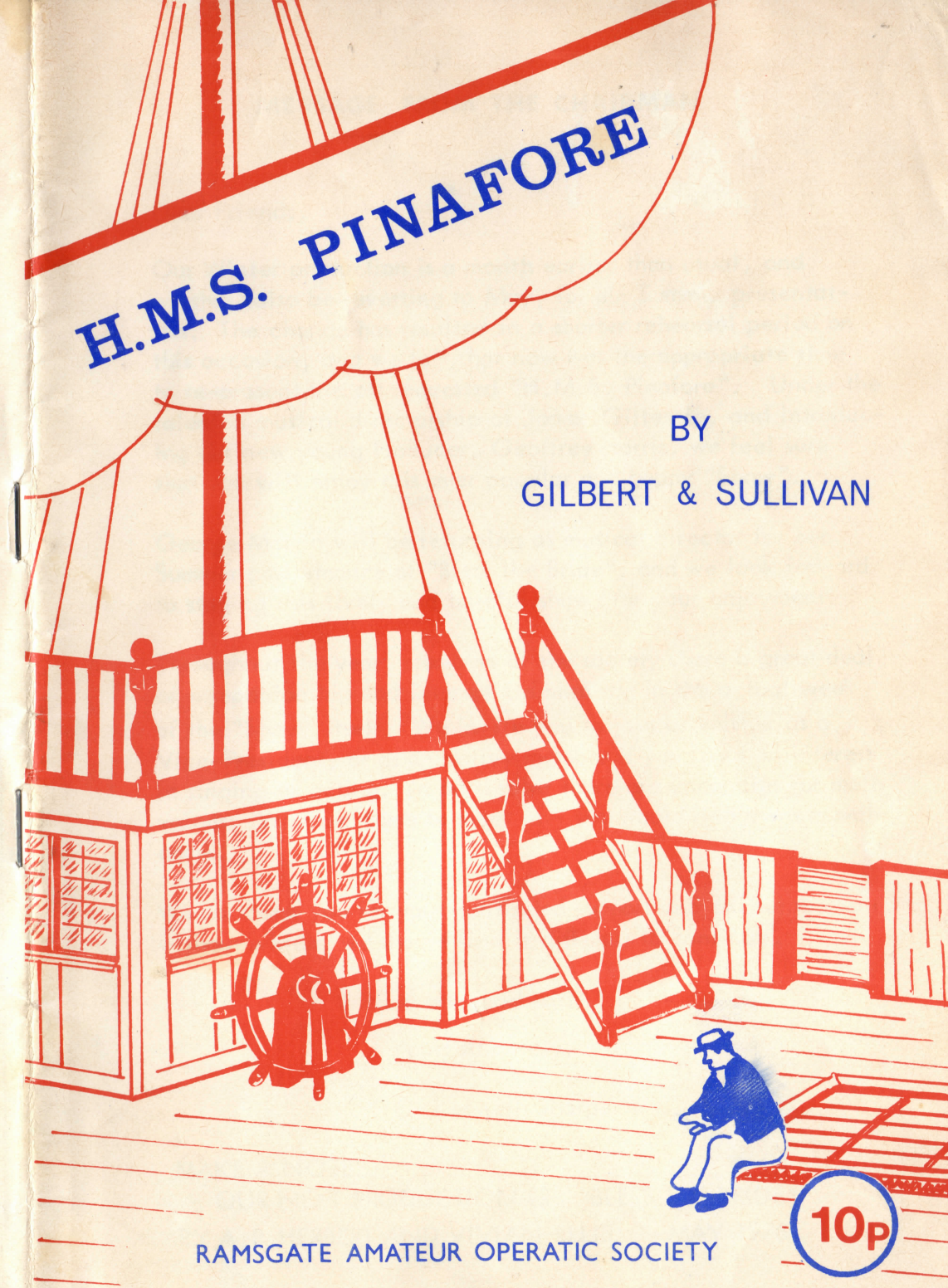
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RAMSGATE AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

10p

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

Our Winter production is a month earlier than usual, and we shall also be reverting to May, for our Summer presentation. The change has resulted in a shorter rehearsal period on this occasion, and we felt that now was the appropriate time to re-present the oft requested "H.M.S. Pinafore". Under the talented musical directorship of James Gillespie, and introducing our new young Producer, Geoffrey Harris, we feel sure that you will enjoy this ever popular and happy "Show".

George Martin will be returning as musical director for our Summer performance of "Bless the Bride", and we look forward to staging this lively and tuneful show, for your enjoyment.

Throughout the year, members of the society share a great deal of companionship and interest culminating in the actual week of the "Show" itself. We invite you to join us, either as a Vice-President, or as an active member if you have an interest in singing or acting. In particular there are vacancies for male voices. Why not come to meet us - you would find a warm welcome.

We do thank you for your continued support and encouragement without which, we should find it difficult to continue.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

C. Kenneth Sharpe

MAKE A NOTE!

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION IS "BLESS THE BRIDE"
BY A.P.HERBERT AND VIVIAN ELLIS. MAY 1978.



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"H.M.S. PINAFORE"

Beneath the cheerful and efficient exterior of H.M.S. Pinafore there lies a hidden secret, destined to change several people's lives: only Mrs. Cripps (Little Buttercup) knows the secret.

Meanwhile Sir Joseph Porter comes aboard with a bevy of relations, to seek the hand of the Captain's daughter, Josephine. Josephine will have nothing to do with him: she is in love with Ralph Rackstraw, a common sailor. At first she denies her love, but when Ralph threatens to shoot himself, she confesses it. Their disparity in ranks is an obstacle to their marriage: they plan to elope at night. The plan is revealed to the Captain by Dick Deadeye, a deformed and misunderstood seaman. The Captain is secretly in love with Little Buttercup, but here again, the disparity in their ranks is an obstacle.

However, Little Buttercup, who has gipsy blood in her veins, finally reveals her secret, and the problems are all sorted out, in a way which we will not disclose.

SYNOPSIS

SCENE: Quarterdeck on H.M.S. Pinafore, off Portsmouth

ACT I - Noon

ACT II - Night

GEOFFREY HARRIS

Our Director Geoffrey Harris moved to Thanet a year ago to accept the position of Drama Master at Dane Court School, Broadstairs, where he has already directed several highly successful productions.

Previously, Geoffrey was a student at King Alfred's College, Winchester, studying Drama, and for six months studied theatre under Minor Rootes at the University of Maine, U.S.A.

Geoffrey first sang in our Society in our 1976 production of "Yeomen Of The Guard" and will be remembered for his characterisation of Henrik Ibsen in "Song of Norway" our last production.

We extend a warm welcome to Geoffrey as Director for this production.

JAMES GILLESPIE B. Mus

James Gillespie was trained at the Royal College of Music and Leeds University and has now been teaching at the Junior School, St. Lawrence College for nearly a quarter of a century!

James inherited his love of Gilbert and Sullivan from his father, who had seen some of Gilbert's original productions back in the 1880's (including The Mikado), and had attended the Leeds Musical Festival when Sullivan was its conductor.

This is James' fourth time of working with the Society: he acted as Producer for "Patience" (1973) and "The Pirates of Penzance" (1974) and as Musical Director for "The Yeomen of the Guard" (1976). We are pleased to welcome James once again as Musical Director for this production.

H.M.S. PINAFORE

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. ... JOHN DIXON
 (First Lord of the Admiralty)

Captain Corcoran (Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore) ... JAMES BUTTERWORTH

Ralph Rackstraw (Able Seaman) ... PHILIP CARTER

Dick Deadeye (Able Seaman) ... BILL WOOLLEY

Bill Bobstay (Boatswain's Mate) ... TIM OFFORD

Bob Becket (Carpenter's Mate) ... BILL RENWICK

Tom Tucker (Midshipmite) ... CYMON HOLLOWAY

Josephine (The Captain's Daughter) ... PAM MARTIN

Hebe (Sir Joseph's First Cousin) ... KATE WOOLLEY

Little Buttercup (A Portsmouth Bumboat Woman) ... JUNE HOLLOWAY

Marines ... MIKE MASON

... STAN HUMPHRIES

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Marjorie Butler	Betty Dale	Jayne Jarrett
Delia Butterworth	Gwen Fuller	Mary Patten
Margaret Carless	Vera Hawes	Betty Perry
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Jean Cranney	Aldwyth Humphries	Lynne Tew
Vera Croot		Margaret Warren

CHORUS OF SAILORS:-

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Eric Croot	Max Nelson	Robert Cronin

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The Press for the publicity and coverage which is so helpful in bringing our efforts to the notice of the Public: The Programme sellers and front of House helpers who do a really grand job: The backstage lads and lassies who help to make up one big happy team.

We thank all who assist us greatly by taking advertising space in the programme. A special word of thanks to Mr. 'Teddy' Bevan and the Theatre staff who really do their best to make our run at the Granville Theatre as enjoyable for the members of the Society as they do for our audience, and that is my 'cue' for thanking you, our Patrons, for supporting the Society in this our latest presentation of 'H.M.S. Pinafore'.

We hope you will enjoy the show and have a safe journey home. With so many staunch friends and helpers - set against the ever rising cost and difficulties in production - we hope to maintain our usual high standard of entertainment.

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