“A Chorus of Disapproval”

Our Spring 2016 is going to be “A Chorus of Disapproval” by Alan Ayckbourn. This is about a theatrical group putting on a play and in this case it is “The Beggar’s Opera”. This has a cast of 7 men and 6 women.

Initially we are seeking interest from anyone who would like to direct this production. We will then ask for interested parties to audition for parts before Christmas so that rehearsals can start in the New Year.

The story is about:-

“A diffident widower attempts to escape loneliness by joining the local amateur light operatic society. By accident rather than by design, (in fact, by not saying “no” to anything be it a request to obtain confidential information from his company or an offer of illicit sex) he advances from a small part to the lead. Parallels are skilfully drawn between “The Beggar’s Opera” and the day to day activities of the society which is performing it.”

This is essentially a play with some songs and there are quite a few small roles. We feel this gives opportunities for various levels and particularly relevant as we have quite a few members who are good singers.

**Dates for the performances are: Friday April 8th 2016 20.00hrs, Saturday 9th April 14.30 and 20.00hrs**

Below is an approximate breakdown of the lines as well as, roughly, the amount of singing required for each role.

**Characters: Names in Italics are in the “Beggar’s Opera”**

- **Guy Jones**: Widower. (2 solos as Macheath of 8 lines, same song, 4 more songs of 4 – 9 lines)
- **Dafydd ap Llewellyn**: The director. (Solo, 4 lines in Welsh! Plus 1 with Hannah as Polly.)
- **Hannah Llewellyn**: Dafydd’s wife. (In role as Polly 3 songs between 3 to 8 lines and 1 song with Guy)
- **Bridget Baines**: Daughter of local publican, stage manager, prompt. (1 song of 8 lines solo)
- **Enid Washbrook**: Company member. (As Mrs Peachum 2lines solo then 2 songs with others 3 lines and 7 lines).
- **Ted Washbrook**: Her husband. (3 lines solo, 4 lines solo, and then with others 10 lines)
- **Linda Washbrook**: Daughter and girlfriend of Crispin. (As Lucy 2 songs, 7 lines and 3 lines)
- **Councillor Jarvis Huntley-Pike**: (With Enid and Ted, 7 lines)
- **Rebecca Huntley-Pike**: His wife.
- **Ian Hubbard**:
- **Fay Hubbard**:
- **Crispin Usher**: Seeing Bridget Baines! (As Macheath 8 lines, with Mr Ames, 5+ lines)
- **Mr Ames**: Shy piano player. (With Crispin, 5+ lines)