



The South Anglia Savoy Players

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WINNERS OF INTERNATIONAL GILBERT & SULLIVAN FESTIVAL, PHILADELPHIA USA 1996
AND THE INTERNATIONAL GILBERT & SULLIVAN FESTIVAL, BUXTON 2001, 2002

Dear Patron,

June 2011

Last year our performances of *Pirates of Penzance* enjoyed outstanding reviews. We are delighted this year to be presenting *Patience*, one of the most melodious and perennially popular of the G & S operettas, as our entry at the International Gilbert & Sullivan 2011 Buxton Festival.

Hugely popular at the time, *Patience* originally ran for 578 performances, one of the longest first runs of all the Savoy Operas and although not as well known as the other G&S operettas, the gentle humour and tuneful melodies are still a delight.

This was their 6th collaboration and opened in London in 1881 and enjoyed a long initial run during which it transferred to the Savoy Theatre and there enjoyed the distinction of being the first production ever to be lit by electricity. The story is as silly as any G&S operetta, lovesick maidens, a brigade of the 35th Dragoon Guards and the odd poet or two combine to provide a delightfully humorous story of love and rejection. However, it is not the plot that attracts, but rather Gilbert's clever and witty lyrics and Sullivan's entrancing music.

We are presenting performances at two local venues:

Sunday 31st July 2011 at 7.00 pm
Monday 1st August 2011 at 7.30 pm
The Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham, Essex CM8 2DY
Contact Pamela Adams - BOX OFFICE - 01376 583223

Tuesday 2nd August 2011 at 7.30 pm
The Westcliff High School for Girls
Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 0BS
Contact Chris Iddiols BOX OFFICE - 01702 586667

We thank you for your past patronage, and look forward to seeing you at one of our summer evening performances.

Best wishes,
Pamela Adams and Christopher Iddiols
The South Anglia Savoy Players Box Office team

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