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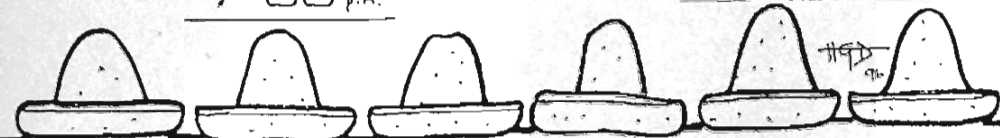
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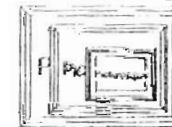
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'CARMEL PLAYERS' is a member of **NODA** and we quote below comments from their journal on the Society's 1995 production:

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Producer Margaret Schofield; Musical Director Angela Clement



A small Catholic Church society playing in a Methodist hall but with tremendous heart and lots of talent and with an 18 piece orchestra. All principles are their own members - watch out for Mabel (Marti Clement) - a young lady who should go far. Some excellent chorus work, both singing and acting. I particularly liked the split of young maidens as the daughters with the more mature ladies of the chorus as chaperones. The scene where they are discovered by Frederic and then the pirates was an absolute delight - especially the chaperone who kidnapped one of the very young pirates! Thank you Carmel Players for a super evening. "

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CASILDA) - friends of Raquelita	Brenda Scrivener
LOLA)	Barbra Bennett
PRIESTESS - a Mexican singer	Judith Major
RAMON - otherwise the bandit-leader Zorro	Laurence Driver
BERNADO - a Police Sergeant	Bob Jowett
LOPEZ - Chief of Police	Malcolm Cox
PEPE) - Ramon's handymen	David Wortley
PABLO)	David Whitwell
SENATOR - American Executive	John Peet
MENDOZA - Mexican Revolutionary	Geoff Sutcliffe

CHORUS

MUCHACHOS, BANDITS, etc Jack Barritt, Tom Barritt
Nial Fleming, Mark Birch

MUCHACHAS Mary Askew, Jennifer Cox, Anne Goss
Christine Haigh, Maresa Whitwell

DANCERS Michelle Fox, Heather Limb, Jose Limb, Ruth Limb
Faith Quigley, Michaela Schosland, Emma-Jane Timewell
Helen Timewell, Louise Timewell

ORCHESTRA

VIOLINS - John Gould (leader), Bill Philpin, Adrian Williams; VIOLA: David Hunter, Robin Radcliffe, CELLO - Jill Cartwright, Leo Warner; BASS - Jim Triffitt; FLUTE - Jack Shuttleworth; OBOE - Margaret Philpin; CLARINET - Charles Waddington; BASOON - Neil Allen; TRUMPET - Eric Booth; TROMBONE - Andy Wharton, Mick Banks; HORN - Terry Allen; PERCUSSION - Susan Johnson; PIANO - Christina Thompson; GUITAR - Bernard Rush; CONDUCTOR - Angela Clement

PRODUCTION TEAM

STAGE MANAGER	Simon Roberts
STAGE HANDS	Jason Davies, Gary Fox, Bill Kelly
LIGHTING	Geoff Lynch, Paul Schofield
WARDROBE	Joan Ayres assisted by Jane Hill, Christine Haigh & Mary Teal
MAKE-UP	Judith Aldrich, Phyllis Kelly
PROMPTS	Aileen Bailey, Kath Lyons
FRONT OF HOUSE	Monica Dodd assisted by Peter Fox, Jack Dodd, Dick Fraser, Teresa McLellan
REFRESHMENTS	Mary Scanlon and her merry band of helpers
PROGRAMME COVER DESIGN	Derrick Green
'VIVA MEXICO' LOGO	Louise Limb
PROGRAMME GRAPHICS	Damian Shackleton, Ben Fleming, Rita Fleming
PUBLICITY	Jack Dodd
SET DESIGN AND PAINTING	Audrey Fitzgibbon assisted by Susan Beckwith
SET CONSTRUCTION	John Bracken assisted by Julian Wood and Francis O'Neil
REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST	Christina Thompson
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Angela Clement
PRODUCER	Margaret Schofield

CARMEL PLAYERS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	Joan Ayres
SECRETARY	Maresa Whitwell
TREASURER	Kath Lyons
BUSINESS MANAGER	John Peet assisted by David Whitwell

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James Colclough for his special interest, encouragement and help with the singing;

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ABOUT THE CARMEL PLAYERS... by Anne Goss



The Carmel Players came into being in 1988. In our parish at that time we had two choirs, one for adults, led by Fr Colum Kelly, and one for children, directed by Angela Clement. In Autumn, they practised for Christmas and in Spring, for Holy Week and Easter. Apart from these two great Feasts and other very special occasions, our church singing is mainly congregational. It was after the last practice before Easter that year when Fr Kelly said, 'See you in October', that a deep, bass voice said, 'Just a minute, we enjoy singing together. Why don't we do it just for fun?'

Unfortunately, Fr Kelly thought this was a silly idea but, as everybody else was in favour, he decided he would join us. We sang: 'Mr Noah', 'Dear little Buttercup', 'When a felon's not engaged...' Adults and children sang their hearts out each week for a fortnight. Then Fr Colum said, 'Angela suggests we put on a production of 'The Pirates of Penzance'. As far as I know, this story was never corroborated by Angela - but, nevertheless, from that moment Carmel Players became an integral part of parish life. 'Pirates' was an incredible learning experience. With Angela's patient guidance, some wonderful soloists emerged. The Major General had about 22 daughters ranging in age from 11 to 50(ish), Elizabeth Vasey made us some lovely costumes, and I doubt that any Company could find a funnier line-up of policemen. Two of them, it has to be said, got into trouble - one for hiding in the wings when he should have been on stage('I don't know this bit!') and Rick Beilby wore a parrot on his shoulder on the last night! Then Margaret Schofield, a soloist with Bradford Gilbert and Sullivan Society, kindly agreed to become Producer for our second show: 'Iolanthe' and has been guiding and giving us confidence ever since. We are honoured and delighted that she shares with us both her experience and expertise.

In 1989, the aforesaid Major General's daughters became fairies. An appeal ran through the parish for 17 pairs of false eyelashes! 'Mikado', 'Sorcerer', 'Gondoliers', 'BMS Pinafore', 'Patience' and 'Pirates'(again!) followed. Our Musical Director, Angela, found voices which people didn't know they had and new talent emerged every year! She has assembled and conducted a wonderful orchestra whose music and friendship we value more than we can say. The cast is drawn essentially from the parish 'family' and families - husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces. One year, ten members of the extended Clement family were involved in the show! Unlike Newcastle United, we do not import players - it's just us! Constitutionally, our main aim is not musical or even theatrical - it is to serve our parish and community. We have wonderful allies in our Methodist friends who put their Hall and facilities at our disposal each year. In effect, they open up their 'home' to us for a fortnight; we feel welcome and at ease and we are very grateful to them. Finally, we remember two special friends: George Realy who delighted in the shows, was always so dedicated in rehearsals and gave all the ladies a rose on the last night; and Nan Vaughan who was in charge of programme sales and was once heard to say: 'Tell Angela Clement that if she doesn't do another 'G & S' I won't speak to her again!' May they rest in peace.



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Sombreros will be the order of the day as the Roman Catholic parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Silsden, and St Joseph's at Cross Hills, stage their annual fund-raiser.

Stalls and games will be set up in the public car park off Wesley Place (from 2-4pm), with proceeds from the event going towards repair work at the two churches.

The event will be used to publicise "Viva Mexico", the next production by the Carmel Players.

The show will be staged at Silsden Methodist Church from October 22-26 inclusive.

Knights Out



A fresh interpretation of Henrik Ibsen's dark and disturbing play *Ghosts* can be seen at the Theatre in the Mill, Bradford, on Friday and Saturday. The Interference company have created a fourth act, picking up where Ibsen left off. Seats are priced £5 (concessions £3) from 01274 383200.

Sixties music legends The Animals, who swept to fame in 1964 with *House of the Rising Sun*, play Colne Municipal Hall on Friday from 8pm. Tickets are £8 and £7 from 01282 864721.

Flavour-of-the-month comedian Lee Hurst brings his brilliant stand-up routine to Halifax Victoria Theatre next month. The star of top-rated TV show *They Think It's All Over* and host of *Saturday Live* is calling into Halifax in the middle of his first UK tour. Tickets, which are likely to sell out fast, are available from the Victoria on 01422 351156, priced £10.

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Surreal comedian Eddie Izzard, star of *Saturday Live* and *Have I Got News For You*, is appearing at Bradford St George's Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Details and tickets are available from the box office on 01274 752000.

Skipton-based artist Harold Oakes opens an exhibition of his work from the past 30 years at the Craven Museum, Skipton Town Hall, this week. The 30 paintings depict a host of local scenes, and admission to the exhibition which is open Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, is free.

Sunday is Karaoke night at Eastburn's White Bear. The fun starts at 8pm.

DAVID
KNIGHTS



Bringing a touch of the exotic to Silsden tonight (Tuesday) is the Carmel Players' production of the comic musical *Viva Mexico!*

This light-hearted story of an American senator whose baggage is stolen by a Mexican bandit can be seen in Silsden Methodist Church at

7.30pm. Tickets are available from Knowles estate agents in Silsden and Cross Hills.