



HMS PINAFORE – FRIDAY 23rd JULY 2021 AT WINTERSHILL HALL, DURLEY, SO32 2AL

After many months of lockdown, we all need a fun evening out and a chance to relax and be jolly ! So on the evening of Friday 23rd July we are presenting our 12th charity open air theatrical performance by Illyria (www.illyria.co.uk), a travelling theatrical company. This year it's in aid of The Friends of Holy Cross Church Durley, a charity (No 1047813) that supports our local 13th Century church, as we raise funds for a new roof. See <https://www.bcd-churches.org.uk/our-parishes/durley/> for more details of our church and the work required.

Set on board the warship HMS Pinafore, the opera cheerfully mocks such Great British institutions as Class, Patriotism and the Royal Navy. Josephine the captain's daughter is in love with Ralph a common sailor, but her father wants her to marry Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty. The couple are caught as they elope from the ship and Ralph is locked in the ship's dungeon. Only when certain revelations are made by Buttercup, a dockside vendor, can everyone end up freely marrying their true hearts' loves. This wonderful comic opera gets the complete Illyria treatment, faithfully performed by a reduced cast on a beautiful nautical set,

It will take place from 6 to 9.30pm in the grounds of Wintershill Hall near Bishops Waltham, the performance starting at 7.30pm and lasts for two hours including a 20 minute interval. The gates open at 6pm so bring your own picnic supper, rugs, chairs, (waterproofs just in case!), money for the raffle, a party of friends (or just yourselves), and relax in a garden surrounded by lovely trees on a summer's evening. No portable BBQs please, and there will be plenty of room to be as socially distanced as you want to be !

Do please come with your friends to enjoy yourselves, and support the preservation of this key feature in our village community, by returning the form below to me, or book online at www.illyria.co.uk. Tickets are £20 per person, and £20 extra to bring a gazebo using this form. Tickets are not refundable, the show goes on in all weathers ! Additional donations are very welcome and if you are a UK tax payer do please Gift Aid your donation.

Jamie Balfour

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Please return to: **JMJ Balfour (Illyria), Wintershill Hall, Durley, Hants, SO32 2AL**

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- *I would liketickets @ £20 each, bring ... gazebos @£20 each, and wish to make a Donation for £..... I enclose a cheque made out to “The Friends of Holy Cross Church Durley” for £.....
- *I sadly cannot come but enclose a cheque made out to “The Friends of Holy Cross Church Durley” for £..... as a Donation.*
- *I am a UK tax payer, I would like my donation to be treated as Gift Aid *.

Signed.....

Date.....

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