

Kyrle Probus Trip to see HMS Pinafore at The New Theatre, Cardiff

Wed 21st October 2015

Gilbert and Sullivan operettas are known and enjoyed by almost everyone but when was the last time you made the effort to go and see one? Well, Kyrle Probus members were fortunate that Peter Allan made the effort on their behalf and organised a coach to Cardiff's New Theatre to boot! Twenty nine members made the trip and before the matinee performance had 3½ hours to enjoy the delights of Cardiff city centre.

The opening overture got the feet tapping ... how does one know so many of the melodies when they are rarely played on the radio? Then on with the singing and dancing. The sailors were all universally handsome (except, perhaps, for poor old Dick Deadeye), the girls were all universally pretty (though Little Buttercup might best be described as matronly), but the star of the show for many was the dapper Right Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, KCB, First Lord of the Admiralty. The comic timing of the Admiral, Captain Corcoran and Josephine his daughter when performing "Never Mind the Why and Wherefore" was superb and the highlight of the show for most of the audience.

On the return trip there was time (lots of time!) to reflect on an excellent day out as we negotiated the traffic chaos that is the Cardiff rush (crawl?) hour ... and for his patience our coach driver Nick became another star performer of the day!