

Music at
St John's



Opera Comique
50th Anniversary
Gilbert & Sullivan concert

**at St John's Church, Southbourne,
West Sussex, PO10 8LB**

Saturday 18 October 2025
at 7.00pm

The programme includes a 150th anniversary performance of "Trial by Jury" and popular excerpts from HMS Pinafore, The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance and The Gondoliers

**Free entry with retiring collection
for the Organ Fund**

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This event is celebrating the start of Opera Comique's 50th Anniversary year but also Kevin's 80th birthday. It is also part of a Southbourne Music at St John's series this year and our first concert since the Pandemic 5 years ago.

Who is invited to take part

All former Opera Comique members and members of societies Kevin has been involved with but also anyone else who knows the music. Please spread the message widely. Everyone is also invited to participate as chorus for "Trial by Jury". Anyone who would like to be considered for the solo items in the programme feel free to contact Kevin by email <mailto:kss45@talktalk.net>. If you feel unable to sing please join the audience.

What will happen on the day

4pm Rehearsal in church

6pm Birthday celebrations/refreshments

7pm – 9pm Concert conducted by Kevin and Denise

Dress for concert - Dress relaxed smart/casual.

Getting to St John's Church, Main Road, Stein Rd, A259, Southbourne PO10 8LB

Parking:-

- Behind church
- Pharmacy opposite church
- Travellers Joy/Surgery 100m East on Main Road

Public Transport – very well served by the 700 Portsmouth to Chichester bus or Southbourne railway station

PROGRAMME

Trial by Jury complete

HMS Pinafore

Over the bright blue sea/ Sir Joseph's barge etc

When I was a lad

Why and wherefore

Finale 2

Mikado

If you want to know who we are

Comes a train/3 little maids

Sun whose rays

Mikado's song

Tit willow

Finale 2

Pirates

Oh better far

Climbing over Rocky Mountains

Oh is there not/Poor wandering one

Modern Maj. General

When the foeman/When a felon's not engaged

Finale 2

Gondoliers

For the merriest fellows

Bridegroom and bride/When a merry maiden marries

Sparkling eyes

Cachucha

Finale 2