

International Recognition for Local Singers

On the back of performing their award winning production of *The Gondoliers* at the recent 14th International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, Abbots Langley Society (ALGSS) are all smiles as they again picked up nominations at the lavish award ceremony.

Since they first appeared at the festival in 1998, the society have developed quite a reputation for the quality of

their shows, as well as respect from the 'great and good' of the G&S world. Performing alongside professional stars boasting engagements with the Royal Opera House and Glyndebourne, ALGSS held their own against 13 other companies all vying to be crowned international champions.

In spite of fierce competition from top companies who had

travelled as far afield as South Africa, the USA and Australia to perform at the festival, ALGSS did catch the eye of festival adjudicator, Gillian Humphreys. She nominated *The Gondoliers* for the award of "Most Traditional Opera" and Rob Milner in the "Best Supporting Actor" category for his portrayal of the villainous Don Alhambra. It is the second time director, Mike Monk, has been nominated for "Most Traditional Opera" at the festival, but the nomination was a new experience for Rob. A member of ALGSS for some years, Rob also won the inaugural 'Christine Jordan Award' for his performance of Don Alhambra when the society performed *The Gondoliers* at the Watford Palace in January.

Despite their success, ALGSS are not ones to rest on their laurels and they're looking forward to returning to the Watford Palace Theatre and the Buxton Opera House with *Ruddigore* in 2008. To join ALGSS or to buy tickets to see their next show go to www.algss.org.uk



Rob Milner

The cut off date for submission for the next publication is Friday 5th October

Open Watford

"I think people see Quaker quite exclusive and old fashioned says Kim Goode, a unit lecturer from Kings Langley is one of the elders at Watford."

"A lot of my generation assume we eat Quaker Oats the time" says Owen Evans, a sixth form student from Croft Green.

Many people both inside and outside the Church know about Quaker beliefs and practices. Are you a Christian? What do they believe about God? Do you have a pacifist to be a Quaker? This will be an opportunity to find out more about the local Quaker community at an Open Day to be held at the Watford Methodist House on Saturday 10th September from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The Open Day, which is suitable for all ages, will have various displays and opportunities to share in Quaker worship. There will also be interactive art, fair trade and



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