

Colchester Amateur Operatic  
Society.

The Yeomen of the Guard  
or  
The Merry Man and His Maid,  
by  
W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.

Fifth Season.

The Playhouse,  
Colchester.

February 11th-15th,  
1930.



**I**t chanced one day that Mistress Phoebe sat a-spinning on Tower Green, and as she was spinning she sighed for the love of Colonel Fairfax. This same Fairfax, betrayed by a scurvy kinsman, was to be beheaded in an hour or so. Anon along came her brother Leonard, and her father Sergeant Meryll, who did happen upon a plan to save him, while Leonard bided himself away, Phoebe gained the keys from sour-faced Wilfred, and Fairfax was released in the guise of Leonard Meryll.

But having but an hour to live, Fairfax had taken to wife, Elsie Maynard, a strolling singer, thinking perchance thereby he would revenge him on his scurvy kinsman. Now Jack Point, enamoured of his companion player Elsie, did persuade Wilfred

Shadbolt to swear he had shot this Fairfax as he escaped across the moat. In the meantime Fairfax, in the guise of Leonard, went a-wooing, and he wooed Elsie. It happened anon that both Wilfred and Dame Carruthers, the buxom housekeeper, did by divers means discover the deception of Fairfax, and both Phoebe and her father did perforce obtain their silence by marriage. At last the expected reprieve arrived and Fairfax claimed his bride, fair Elsie. But the Tower, like a ghost its vigil keeping, allows but little happiness within its grim old walls; for as they stood in rapturous embrace, Jack Point did thither wend his way, and seeing them so, swooned with broken heart, as he sighed for the love of a ladye.



Scene  
Tower Green.  
16th Century.

Cast

Sir Richard Cholmondeley	....	W. V. Gribbell
Colonel Fairfax	....	Herbert Bischoff
Leonard Meryll	....	J. Godbold
Jack Point	....	Leonard W. R. Pease
Wilfred Shadbolt	....	Harold P. Turner
The Headsman	....	Hervey Benham
First Yeoman....	....	Wilfred C. Brown
Second „	....	G. C. Offord
First Citizen	....	Harold Fielden
Second „	....	T. G. Thirtle
Elsie Maynard	....	Doris Warner
Phoebe Meryll	....	Mary Donovan
Dame Carruthers	....	Gina Brée
Kate	....	Winifred Fielden

Chorus of Yeomen of the Guard and Citizens.

Full Orchestra.

Producer .... H. Ashley Cooper  
Hon. Mus. Director....E. H. Turner, A.R.C.O.

Sergeant Meryll .... Clifford A. King

Hon. Business Manager .... Duncan W. Clark  
Hon. Secretary .... W. W. Townsend