



## IT'S RUDDIGOOD!

If you're looking for something to do this Easter break you absolutely must see Ruddigore, being performed from 5-7th of April by the Nottingham University Gilbert & Sullivan Society at The Squire Performing Arts Centre, Nottingham Girls High School.

The Beestonian's editor was privileged to be invited along to opening night and I had a fantastic time. The performances were incredible, with a special nod to lead actors Jon Salt and Grace Bale. I had a chat with Jon just before going on stage.

"This is the first musical theatre lead that I've had. I'm really excited for it."

Jon has been with G&S for 3 years, building up his part from background actor to this, his second lead role but first singing. And he's absolutely fantastic as Robin Oakapple, a shy young farmer with a secret.

I also chatted briefly to Freya Waninge, director who explained the process of

creating such a great show, whilst also studying at Uni.

"It was hard trying to balance it all. I was really fortunate that I had such a great team. Emma (Gault, Musical Director), Katrina (Wilkins, Producer) Isabella (Di Tora, Choreographer), and the cast, everybody worked really hard. It has been everyone's effort and I'm really proud of it."

The group effort really shows. The performances are polished, from the leads to the chorus. The set design and wardrobe are fantastic; minimalist with a unique steampunk inflection that really lends itself to the in parts pastoral and in other parts gothic play. The orchestra are particularly great. I had a fantastic night watching the play. It runs for 2 more nights - Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of April at Squire Performing Arts Centre at Nottingham Girls High School so go see it. It's family friendly so take the kids and the grandparents too. You'll have a ruddigood time...