



Staging Post

The newsletter of Pinhoe Pantomime Society

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Around our members

Joan Roberts

Society members past and present, along with her many friends and family gathered at Pinhoe Church to say farewell to Joan Roberts. Joan, who died on 7th October, was a founder committee member of Pinhoe Pantomime Section, as we were then known, when we were set up in 1980. Her son Ian was vice-chairman. She was Musical Director for our very first pantomime *Dick Whittington Jnr and the Dragon*, produced by Gill Sercombe. Joan was MD for several pantomimes following this and in 1985 combined the roles of Producer and Musical Director for our first production of *Aladdin*, a task that would probably be impossible today. After retiring from active participation in the Society, Joan continued to support, and regularly attended our Pantomimes and Summer Shows. We have much to thank Joan for, and she will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to Husband Malcolm and all her family.

June Mayne

As many of you will know, June has shortly to face a serious operation followed by chemotherapy. This means she will not be able to take part in the pantomime, which she was very keen to do. We all wish her well, and a rapid return to full health. On a brighter note, June's husband Bryan is making a good recovery following his chemotherapy.

June's absence makes it more important that members who have been given costumes to take home for final touches ensure that the work is completed. In the meantime Diane will try to answer questions about costumes.

Ian Roberts

Good news here, as Ian continues to make improvement following his heart surgery.

Faye Victory

Congratulations to Faye Browning on her marriage to Dan Victory. A lovely climax to the romantic scene when Dan proposed to Faye onstage in front of a packed house. Love and best wishes to them in their married life.

Aladdin

Rehearsals are proceeding apace, and for the cast it will soon be that dreaded rehearsal “*No Books*”. Keep practising words and movements.

Tickets ordered on your priority booking forms have now being distributed. Please check that all is in order, as it may not be possible to get the seats you want after the tickets go on sale to the public. After that please publicise the panto and sell as many tickets as possible.

Help is still needed by Sue for Front of House for the week of the show. Please talk to grown up friends and relatives to ask for help. Just a few hours one night in the week will be a great help.

Because America Hall has other bookings during the daytime it will be necessary to clear the chairs after some performances, and put them out again next evening. It is hoped that all members will be prepared to lend a hand.

The format of the after show party and lunch is being considered by the Committee. Emma has asked you to consider various options. In giving this some thought please bear in mind that the present format involves a lot of work for a few people, and that it sometimes excludes those very workers from the fun.

Society garments.

Nikki has ordered your hoodies and polo shirts with the Society motif. Please wear these as much as possible to publicise the show. Thanks Nikki for all your work.

Annual Dinner

Emma Guerin has organised the dinner at St.Olave’s for 4th December and it looks like being a sell-out. Great work Emma.

Summer Show

There is to be a Summer Show next year, at America Hall, from 23 – 25 June. John Thorndyke and Izzy Court are putting together a programme. More details later, but put the dates in your diaries, remembering to book Wednesdays for rehearsals.

Skittles Evening

The Jubilee Club has been booked for a skittles evening with jacket potato supper on 12th March. A notice offering choice of fillings will be put up in America Hall during Show week.

Jam Jars

Pam Chown is asking for jam jars for her homemade produce. So save yourself a trip to the recycling centre and bring your jars, complete with lids for Pam at rehearsal.

And Finally

Don’t encourage burglars – don’t leave your television on view where anyone can see it.