



# Staging Post

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**A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS**

We hope everyone enjoyed the festivities over Christmas and the New Year. Now it is time for the final push to get ready to make *Aladdin* our best pantomime ever. A final polish to our words and movements, and last touches to costume and scenery.

We also need to sell more tickets, particularly for the Wednesday and Thursday evenings. To mix metaphors, “bums on seats are our bread and butter.” Good to see so many PPS hoodies and polos on display. Thanks Nikki.

### **Christmas Dinner.**

Christmas Dinner at St Olave’s was a great success. An excellent meal and fun games. The ladies all dressed in beautiful sparkle, with pride of place going to Faye’s shoes. Many thanks to all the organisers.

### **News of members**

It was good to see June Mayne at rehearsal on Wednesday. She is making good progress following her operation and chemotherapy.

Brenda Champion has also started her chemotherapy. She is feeling very tired, but is determined to make 2011 a better year, and is aiming to take part in the Summer Show if at all possible.

We send them both good wishes for the New Year.

### **Christmas Greetings Board.**

Many thanks to all who used the board – donations amounted to £42 and will be sent to Shelterbox

### **Setting up for Show Week**

Help is going to be required on the weekend before the pantomime – there will be jobs putting final touches to the painting, fetching and carrying gear from the store in our shed, getting out rostra blocks and chairs, and a myriad of other jobs. Please as much help as possible! Further details will be given in notices at rehearsal.

### **Removing and replacing seating**

As America Hall is used by other organisations it may be necessary to put away the chairs after some performances and get them out again before the next. It is only a twenty minute job if there are enough helpers.

### **Parking during Show Week**

Can everyone involved in the show please park as tightly as possible at the Sunnylands end of the car park, so as to leave room for the audience cars.

### **Meeting your Friends**

Many cast members are anxious to meet their friends immediately after a performance. To do this please leave the dressing rooms by Sunnylands door, and re-enter the hall by the main entrance. Do not try to cross the stage, or re-enter by the fire doors.

### **Clearing up after Show.**

After the curtain comes down there is much work necessary to clear out the hall. A lot is done on the Saturday evening, but much remains to be finished on the Sunday morning. Again if we get enough helpers we can be finished by lunchtime, in good time for the wrap party (see below).

### **Costumes**

Unless you are told to the contrary in respect of certain borrowed costumes, please take all your costumes home with you. A date will be fixed for their return to wardrobe in the new year

### **Social events**

After Show wind down will be as usual in America Hall immediately after the show. But this year it will be a smaller affair. Instead of asking everyone to bring plates of food to share, you are asked to bring your own food and drink. Keep your food in your car until needed, rather than putting it into the kitchen. And please take your empties and rubbish away with you. This will make life a lot easier for the front of house team who have worked hard all week. Enjoy the party, but remember the stage end of the hall is a working area as the “techies” are dismantling the stage and electrics. For safety reasons please confine celebrations to the other end of the Hall.

### **After Show lunch**

The so-called “wrap party” will take place at the Red House, Whipton Village Road, from 4.00pm on the Sunday after the final performance. A list to book a place will be available during Show Week. Open to members and families.

### **Skittles**

Skittles evening for adults only at the Jubilee Club from 7.30 on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please use the list on display in the dressing room corridor to book your place and choice of jacket potato fillings. A similar list will be pinned up front of house.

### **And finally**

Birthdays are good for you. Research has proved that the more you have the longer you live.