



Staging Post

The Newsletter of Pinhoe Pantomime Society

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Aladdin

It's all over and dusted – from the reports we have been receiving it was an excellent show. Congratulations to everyone involved in the production. And to all those whose first pantomime it was, we hope you enjoyed it enough to come back for more. All the audiences seemed to be having fun, and it was great to see the Lord Mayor on stage helping to conjure up a wind spell

As always the clear up next morning was hard work, but with the aid of many willing helpers we were finished in good time for the wrap party on Sunday Thanks to all who turned up to help, and in particular to the stage crew whose hard work on the Saturday evening meant that they missed much of the “wind-down” and also made our Sunday morning job much easier.

The “low key” bring your own food wind-down was an experiment, in place of the previous “bring a plate” to contribute to a grand buffet. How do members feel it went? Let me have your views. Already the front of house team are saying how much easier it was for them, enabling them to join in the festivities. Also the “take your waste away” rule was a great help.

The wrap party at the Red House was also an innovation. Thanks to the two Emmas , Faye and Nikki for the organisation. The “Dafta Awards” ceremony was a hoot –a full list of the categories and winners comes later. But this type of celebration may not have suited everyone. Let me know what you think, so that next year's committee can bear your wishes in mind.

Thanks to those who helped put away the costumes at the URC. A few of the cast did not return their costumes as requested. To avoid having to book and pay for another evening at the URC, please can all outstanding costumes be returned on the evening of the AGM.

Annual General Meeting

Whilst on the subject of the AGM, a reminder that it is on 30th March, 7.30 at the URC. Please all attend. Junior members are welcome as well as potential new members, but please remember that only paid up adult members are entitled to vote. If you feel like helping on the Committee put

your name forward. There is plenty of work to be done, not only on the production side, but in organising social activities, admin work and generally keeping members happy. Don't be afraid to volunteer – we are a friendly lot. If you want to see what the Committee gets up to, visit our website – www.pinhoepantomime.co.uk - where the minutes are displayed.

DVD evening

A showing of the DVD of Aladdin will take place in Sunnylands room on 11th February at 7.30. All members are welcome. We are grateful to Ivan Andrews for filming the show, and the DVDs will be on sale shortly afterwards.

Skittles evening

An added choice for those who have booked for the skittles evening on 12th March. Trudi will put on a special version of the chilli known as “weight watchers chilli”. Anyone who has ordered chilli and wishes to change please let Peter know (679768)

Chess

Not the game, the musical – Angela is organising a block booking for the show at Torquay on 16th March. Tickets would be £30.50, but a discounted price of £24.50 is available. Angela must confirm and pay by 10th February – so if you want to go, and have not already booked, please ring her on 469179 without delay.

Summer Show

As promised there is to be a Summer Show again this year from 23rd to 25th June. First rehearsal will be Wednesday 2nd March. Sadly for various reasons only adult members can take part – However the Committee is looking to see if something can be arranged for junior members.

Letters to the Head Hitter

From June Mayne:

Many thanks to all friends in the Society for all the cards and messages of support and good wishes sent to Brian and me over the last few months. They were a great morale booster. Thanks also for the lovely album of photographs. I was really gutted not to be in the show, but did enjoy watching it. Great stuff, folks!

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And Finally

I have often wondered why over-acting is called “hamming”. The answer came on “*Countdown*”. Apparently second class actors who were very poorly paid used to remove their make-up with ham fat which was very cheap. They became known as “Hammers”. Just thought you might be having sleepless nights worrying about this.