

The Rep

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Pantomime News

Rehearsals are now in full swing with everyone trying to keep track of what they are all supposed to do and, in some cases, which part they are currently playing. We hope the dances will be polished up in good time as well as the songs and costumes. As you can imagine, I am working very hard at directing as well as doing the costumes. If anyone feels they could help with hemming or buttons and bows etc, please let one of us know. As for the show, there will be lots of old, clean, corny jokes and slapstick scenes and songs old and new. Most of the children are new so there will be a new, fresh spirit in the chorus. Something for all the family. So book your tickets now for Aladdin. Ring Jean on 01903 820019, Julie on 01903 537985 or any member of cast or crew. Or go on line at: www.lancingrep.co.uk

Membership Renewals Due

Membership subscriptions are due from 1st January 2009. Please would members send their subscriptions to me before 1st April to save The Rep postage for reminders. The prices are as follows:

Full Member—£20 Associate Member—£10
Junior Member—£7 Patron—£20 for which you get two tickets for each performance at the reduced price of £4 per ticket.

Cheques should be made payable to Lancing Repertory Players and sent to:
Mrs Rosalind Dickinson, 32 Burnside Crescent, Sompting, Lancing, West Sussex. BN15 9TJ. Thank you for your support.

Rosalind Dickinson, Membership Secretary

Diary Dates

Pantomime: Aladdin—8th, 9th January 7.30pm and 10th Jan 4pm & 7.30pm
Tickets £7 adult £6 child
Committee Meeting: 14th or 21st January 2009 to be finalised
Post Production Meeting: 26th January 2009 7.30 at Rep HQ.

Treasurer's Report

2007 has not been a good year financially for The Players. Whilst our expenses have been rising, our income has not. However, we are still solvent and we are now being extra vigilant in our budgeting.

It is almost ten years since I took over as Treasurer and I have seen our Society fluctuate, but we are still in the black and I am sure that everyone will work hard to enable us to keep going. Our plays this year have made good profits overall, with a total of £1,337.83. This was from January's pantomime, 'The Day After the Fair' and our three One Act plays in October. Fortunately, we were insured for cancellation so the loss on 'Murder Deferred' was kept to a minimum. It is our Ways and Means of making extra income that has to be improved. We cannot expect Julie and e-bay to do it all for us.

I have come to the conclusion that the time has come for me to retire as Treasurer, although I hope to have many more happy years within the Players. As of 31st

December 2008, I am resigning as Treasurer and Karen Howell will be taking over in my place. It is better for her to start at the beginning of our financial year rather than wait for the AGM in April. Therefore, would all members please note that from 1st January 2009, all financial matters should be addressed to Karen.

Now that we are a registered charity, we cannot make donations to other charities. However, I have sent £25 to St Barnabas Hospice on behalf of individual members who have made donations at each of our meetings during the year. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Mary Macpherson, Treasurer

Report from Play Selection

Currently the Play selection committee is reading a play which Charlie Owen has put forward as her choice for her directorial debut next year. It's called Shakers Restirred, by John Godber. I shall not say too much more at this stage, as we haven't yet had a decision meeting. We will know by the time of the Panto, so please buy a programme to find out.

Please could I ask for some feedback on the sort of plays you would all like to see the Rep put on. I am struggling to get ideas at the moment. We need to move forward with our choice of plays, get a bit more up to date. This might also help to attract more members and help the Rep to keep going for a few more years. It's not all about modern however, there are new authors writing rip roaring comedies and dramas which I shall be exploring soon in readiness for next year.

Now then, where have all the Directors gone? Currently we have two spots available for next year, a play and a Panto. Does anyone want to have a go? Charlie is probably our youngest ever Director and is really keen, so I hope she gets all the support she needs. We are happy to help anyone who is willing to try. Please let me know if you might be interested.

Meanwhile, do support Julie and the cast and crew of the pantomime, Aladdin that will be presented on 8th, 9th 10th January at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday 10th at 4pm. (See Page 1 for ways to book) Thank you.

Marlene Tincknell, Play Selection

Chairman's Report

We have good news: the Parish Council has agreed to install a new lighting system to replace the old one that failed just before our October production. They have also agreed to provide a temporary system, if necessary, for the pantomime, so all seems to be on the up. The Council has said that they all value The Rep, so let us feel proud to be part of the community and go forward to 2009 with renewed confidence. (A few new members wouldn't go amiss, too!).

Aladdin hits Lancing Parish Hall in January so I hope to see you all there. Until then, we wish you all a Happy Peaceful Christmas and as prosperous New Year as possible!

Philip Norton, Chairman

100 Club

There are still about 15 numbers looking for support so if you would like to 'buy' a number please contact Wendy Norton on 01903 241392. The last two draws were as follows:

October: £5 each to Mrs D. Gray, Mrs J. Sarfas and Mrs R. Dickinson. One unsupported number was drawn so, no prize. £10 went to M. Champion.

November: £5 each to J. Dowse, Mrs S. Kirk, R. Craney and Miss M. Macpherson. £10 went to Miss M. Macpherson.

Wendy Norton

Ways & Means

The recent Beetle Drive evening was great fun and we made £70 profit. It was nice to see some new faces and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I raised £44.66 from books and other items that I sold on e-bay and Amazon. Thanks to Karen for obtaining the books to raise funds.

By the time you read this, our Christmas Dinner will be over and I have not had time to arrange social events for 2009 being very busy with the Pantomime. However, I will ensure that you have details in good time as soon as something has been planned. We need the support of all our members and look forward to seeing you in 2009.

Julie Petrie, Social Secretary/Ways & Means

Backstage News

Thanks to everyone who helped with the set building for the October production and to those who came to help take it all down at the end of the week. We are currently busy building the set for Aladdin and would welcome anyone who would like to come and help us paint etc. The pantomime sets are always more involved than most and extra help is always welcome.

Karen Howell, Backstage Rep

Publicity Report

We would like to thank Sylvia Tombs who contacted us recently offering her expertise as a graphic artist. She has designed the poster for our pantomime and, you will agree, it is very eye-catching. In addition to distributing the posters around Lancing, we are planning to ask some of the cast to dress in costume and hand out flyers to shoppers in the village centre one Saturday morning close to the week of the show. If you can help by distributing posters or flyers among your family, friends and/or work colleagues, please contact

Peter & Marian Taylor, Publicity

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