

PROMPT CORNER

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PULSATING PIRATES!

Wow! Yet another smash hit from the Fellows-Bennett/O'Malley/Howell production team. Thanks Alec, Ev and Roger for giving us another super show. Thanks too to all the stage crew, set builders, front of house, lighting and sound, coffee makers and every body who helped. Yet again it was a team effort and that is what we seem to do so well. It was box office hit with over 96% of the tickets sold. Roger Simmonds was very complimentary too.



What next? - Yes! It's

My Fair Lady.

The first rehearsal is on Wednesday October 28th at St Peters Hall, Sidford at 7.30 pm. Do come to this meeting when Alec Fellows-Bennett, our Director, John Amery, our Musical Director and Vicky Salter, our choreographer for this show will explain all about it and what they are expecting of us. For those of you who don't know the show the hit songs are "All I Want is a Room Somewhere", "Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man", "With a Little Bit of Luck", "The Ascot Gavotte", "Get Me to the Church on Time", "On The Street Where You Live" and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face". There are five major principal roles for men, Professor Higgins, Colonel Pickering, Alfred Doolittle and Freddy Eynsford-Hill. The female parts are Eliza Doolittle, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Higgins. The servants

play very important supporting roles with four part harmony singing and the full company numbers are "With a Little Bit of Luck", "The Embassy Ball", "The Ascot Gavotte" and "Get Me to the Church". Principal auditions will take place on Sunday November 15th and company auditions on Monday November 16th. This is a change from our usual practice for everybody will have to audition to take part in the show. Members who wish to audition for the company will be seen in groups to make it as painless as possible. The show will be presented at Easter next year. The first night will probably be Good Friday, April 2nd 2010 and it will run through to Saturday April 10th.



The Christmas Party

will take place at Littlecourt, by the kind hospitality of Geoff and Selwyn, on Saturday December 18th. Tickets will be £5 per person to cover the cost of drinks and everyone will be asked to bring an item of food. Do ask Selwyn before you decide what to bring otherwise we might end up with 20 quiches and no salad!

When the Lights Go On Again

Next autumn's show will be something entirely different. As 2010 will be the 65th anniversary of the ending of WW2 and probably the last occasion when there will be a significant number of veterans still alive your committee have decided to do a show called "When the Lights Go On Again". Written by Roy Sault it is a nostalgic look at the war years through the eyes of a fictional family as they are involved and affected by events. The show includes over 35 songs from that era and there are lots of opportunities for cameo parts as well as the main principals. More will be revealed later. Brian Rees will direct the show and Roger Howell will be the MD. The production dates will be October 4th - 9th.

