



Riverside Players News

March 2010



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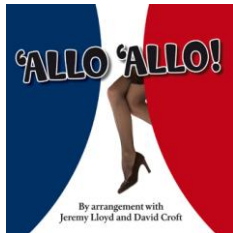
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SHOW NEWS AND REVIEWS



'ALLO 'ALLO – Now listen carefully I shall say this only once... more... but this really is the last time !! After having to abandon the first audition date because of snow we managed to finalise everything a week later. Even though a large cast was called for it still was not possible to place everyone that auditioned into the show. I would like to say thanks once again to everyone that put themselves forward with special regards to those that did not get cast on this occasion.

We are now into the final month of rehearsals, lines are all learnt and the show is coming together nicely and both cast and production team will be ready for the live performances on **THURSDAY 25TH, FRIDAY 26TH AND SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2010.**

Susan is being assisted by Sam Somerville who also appears in some scenes as an extra, and recently Susan and Sam have been joined by Chris who is helping at rehearsals as prompt although the cast hardly need her!! Jonathon and Ben [from panto backstage fame] are “acting” - in every sense of the word - as stage crew as well as appearing as French peasants, Airmen, Germans – thanks to both of you. However, due to a change in circumstances, one of our new members sadly had to drop out – so Susan does need another person to be an extra on stage. Male or Female – any age but over 18 please. If you want to be that person let Susan know as soon as you can.

Tickets have been on sale since February 1st and it has to be said they are “flying” out of the door – so if you want to see this show then phone or email the BOX OFFICE quickly - we have already sold out our initial 300 ticket target – the best seats are available on Thursday, Friday is 100 seats sold and Saturday is nearing the 140 seat maximum. **BOX OFFICE 07717 671765 (ALWAYS THE SAME NUMBER)** and **EMAIL BOXOFFICE@RIVERSIDE.COM**.



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Finally – once again NODA are unable to review ‘Allo ‘Allo which is very annoying – is there anyone out there who would like the **CHANCE TO SEE AND REVIEW THE SHOW AND PROVIDE A CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW AFTERWARDS??** Let Susan, Vicki or Box Office know if you are interested.

SUMMER SHOW 2010 – we think we are very close to finalising our Summer Show – the Director will be **ALAN PAYN** and the show is likely to be **SING ON**. A brilliant comedy with a varied cast of 4 x Male and 7 x Female characters. In a nutshell the plot is – *“Have you ever wondered just exactly what does go on behind the scenes at a theatre? Here’s your chance to find out – and be royally entertained at the same time. A hapless, yet enthusiastic band of actors are in financial trouble and need to save their beloved theatre. Up steps Monte Montague, a songwriter, with an ambitious plan to win a £10,000 prize. Unfortunately, Monte is not a very good songwriter and the cast are not very good singers! Only dire necessity is able to persuade a doubtful cast and crew to stage his dreadful show”*. Whatever the weather might be in June!! Come along to the Memorial Hall and enjoy this fun show and leave with a smile and a warm feeling inside. Much more information via newsletter, email and the website very soon. If you interest then do get in touch with Alan or any committee member. The **READ THROUGH IS ON THURSDAY 8TH APRIL** with **AUDITIONS ON MONDAY 12TH APRIL** both at 8pm. The show will be performed at the Memorial Hall, Old Windsor, SL4 2RN from 24th through 26th June 2010.



PANTO 2010 – Thwarted by Theatre Royal Windsor putting on **ALADDIN** in 2009, our longest serving Riversider “Jock” Cooper (assisted by Jill Dady) is determined that Riverside can do it better in 2010! So dust off your harem pants and coolie hats and get ready for this year’s panto. There will be a **READ THROUGH ON THURSDAY 1ST JULY**, with **AUDITIONS ON MONDAY 5TH JULY 2010**. Both will be held at the Memorial Hall, Old Windsor, at 8pm. The show will be performed from 2nd to 4th and 9th to 11th December 2010 plus the normal matinees and Sunday performances.

If anyone wants to put themselves forward as a Director, MD or Choreographer for any future production then please do let us know – we are striving to formalise a 2 year rolling programme to ensure that we keep our existing membership interested and attract new members for future events – **WE ARE HOPING TO FINALISE THE PROGRAMME SOON SO DO NOT DELAY IF YOU WANT YOUR IDEAS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR 2012 OR INDEED 2011**. We are always interested to hear about shows that you want to see or participate in, especially shows that are modern or less well known. We look forward to hearing your ideas.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Most of you will already have had notification of the **RIVERSIDE PLAYERS AGM** which will be held on **THURSDAY 1ST APRIL AT 2010** in the Memorial Hall. As usual we are looking for enthusiastic members to serve on the Committee – we need 6 people as well as the 3 officers. All positions are open to all members but we can confirm that some current committee members are standing again. It would be great to receive nomination forms in advance but you can put yourself forward on the night. Anyone wishing to stand on committee or to vote on the various issues needs to be a paid up member [full or associate] again you can pay on the night. Please do attend as we will be voting on, and discussing, some interesting issues such as future shows, membership fees, charitable donations plus of course your new committee.

If you have not received the notification package then do contact Vicki as soon as possible.

2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due so please make every effort to pay them directly to Jill or have your cash / cheques ready at the AGM – a snip at £30 (Full); £10 (Student); £6 (Associate).

OTHER EVENTS

At the end of 2009 Riverside Players put on a show for the OWLS which went down a storm – we think this will become an annual event as it is enjoyed not just by the “Ladies” themselves but also by all those that take part. Well done to Vicki for getting it all together and congratulations to everyone that played a part on the night. What this now means is that we are “in demand” and Riverside Players will put together a 60 minute programme for a group in **WINDSOR** on **FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER** and potentially for the **OWLS** at the **MEMORIAL HALL** on **MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER**.

The October show will include songs from Panto 2009 and 2010 plus an Old Tyme Medley, and the December show will include the normal festive songs. The main point being that everyone can participate including our younger members – so kids get your thinking caps on for a suitable song, playlet, sketch, running joke.... as usual everyone will rehearse their bits on their own and Vicki will co-ordinate the event/running order. Please put the dates in your diary.

The **OLD WINDSOR CARNIVAL** will be held on **SATURDAY 5TH JUNE** and the theme is “**50 YEARS**” see below!! Riverside would like to participate and so we want your ideas for a walking party or perhaps a lorry/float in the procession if enough people want to take part. We try to think of an amusing take on the theme and I can confirm that we have already done **50 Glorious ‘EARS** – you get the idea ... I think we won most amusing that year. Ideas to Jill or any committee member – this event is open to all members, dogs, friends and family.



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CELEBRATIONS

Now for the **BIG NEWS** did you know that 2010 is **RIVERSIDE PLAYERS 50TH YEAR** with the 1st ever play called "A Change of Mood" going on towards the end of 1960 – **IN TOTAL 142 SHOWS HAVE BEEN STAGED** with another 3 this year. We are all so proud that we can keep this precious village organization going and we feel lucky that we have a great group of supporters who come time after time to see our shows plus we have a great venue to perform in.

1960 was indeed a good year it seems - the Old Windsor Carnival was first formed and our current Riverside Chairman was born! To finalise this year of celebration, our panto **ALADDIN** will be directed by one of the **FOUNDING MEMBERS JOCK COOPER**. More amazingly - Aladdin was the very first Panto ever staged by Riverside Players; the 2010 version will be the fifth time it has been performed; and already famous for our Pantomimes - **OUR 2010 ALADDIN WILL BE OUR 50TH PANTOMIME**.

Let us hope for great things throughout 2010 for Riverside Players, our productions and all our members – thank you for your continued support and interest – and perhaps a few of Riverside Players previous members will come to see a show and tell us your memories. Better still - write them down and email them to us - we might put some of your stories and photos of older productions on the website for prosperity and to acknowledge our collective achievement

SEE YOU ALL AT CAFÉ RENÉ VERY SOON

PS - We are managing to get to the pub after most rehearsals so come and join us at a rehearsal at the Memorial hall and then for a drink – we are more likely than not going over the road to the Toby so see you there.

PPS – Don't forget stageworks on Sunday 7th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st – contact us if you need more information on times etc.

PPPS – Does ANYONE know where our glitterball(s) are – we had two and now they are gone gone ...

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