



Chatterbox

1973-2008

the Group Newsletter that keeps you in the picture



Sinbad the Sailor's repeat performance Wednesday 10th ~ Saturday 13th December

The pantomime has now been chosen and cast for 2008. After much deliberation it was decided to repeat our 1996 version, written by Paul Reakes. Some of the faces are familiar, (some even playing the same role as before to make it easier to learn the words!) whilst we welcome some new faces into the TTG world of pantomime. Natalie and Paige enjoyed playing the horse so much in Cinderella last year that they almost begged to be the camel this year! The longer standing members of the Group will recognize Roger in the same foolish part as

CAST of SINBAD the SAILOR

Dame	John Ford
Sinbad	Phillipa Larcombe
Princess Yasmin	Sarah Abrahams
Grand Vizier	Joan Hopper
Sultana	Ann Colborne
Vazar	Patrick Bridges
Hassan	Tom Field
Captain	Neil Moon
Mister Mate	Roger Bird
Monty (Monkey)	Rhys Vickery
Barracuda	Beverly von Hollstein
Black Hook	Peter Buchanan
The Genie	Emily Abrahams
Yellow Jacki	Chloe Veale
Blue Peter	Jodie Carter
Camel }	Natalie Smart
}	Paige Randall

The wardrobe department this year will be led by Lydia Brimble and together with her 'team' look likely to provide some colourful and innovative costumes. The hard work has only just begun and rest assured that we still need help from all members to ensure another successful production. Whether the help is provided backstage, reading in for absent cast members during rehearsals or providing the refreshments any support is both welcomed and appreciated by the cast. The biggest contribution that all members can make is to **SELL TICKETS** (more later)

TICKETS! TICKETS! TICKETS!

Tickets are now on sale from the Box Office, Myra Hayward on 01761 490719 and via the website THETTG.ORG as of the end of this week.

Once again ticket prices have not been increased and are the same as the past few years

TICKET PRICES 2008

Adults	£5.00
Child & Concessions	£3.00
Family (2+2)	£14.00

Wednesday night -buy one get one free!

Paid up Group Members—special (see later)

This year it has been agreed that tickets **MUST** be paid for in advance of the show. Tickets may be reserved in advance but must be paid for in full as soon as possible, or at least by 2 weeks before the opening night.

Promotional flyers are enclosed with this newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Panto tickets now on sale
- New Membership benefits
- Young man wanted for Spring Production
- Publicity ideas welcomed

RAFFLE

As usual we will be holding a raffle at each of the performances in aid of a nominated charity. Historically the charities chosen have been local and have involved children.

If anyone has any nominations for this year's charity please let one of the Committee members know. One suggestion already received is the RNLI as this continues the nautical theme of the panto. Any other nominations should be made by the end of November in time for publicity and



Does anyone know where we can get hold of some soft toys at a reasonable price (approx £10) which reflects the panto theme in any way. One suggestion is to have a monkey after Monty in the script.



Monty

TTG Membership ~ New benefits agreed

- TTG Newsletter
- 1 FREE full price ticket# for EVERY production on ANY night (*you must present membership card to the Box Office to qualify for free tickets*)
- £5 off the cost of the TTG Annual Meal#
- Entitles you to audition and participate in any production

applies to full adult membership ONLY

**New Membership cards now available from Peter Buchanan
Membership runs from May to April**

This year the Committee had reviewed the benefits available to fully paid up TTG Group members. The Free ticket and money off the Annual meal is only available to currently paid up members this year. Hopefully this will be an incentive to join next year before the deadline date 31 May 2009.

These benefits are intended to be enjoyed by active members of the group who regularly participate or help in any way to make our productions a success. The free ticket and money off annual meal option will be discussed and proposed formally at the next AGM

Annual Meal

Has anyone any ideas where to go for the Group Annual meal in January or February 2009? If you have can you let one of the Committee members know and if possible provide a sample menu for consideration. The venue would have to accommodate about 30–40 people.



We still have some Social events planned so if you are interested please contact one of the Committee Members as we will need to know numbers. We have already enjoyed the annual Treasure Hunt this summer which was won by Carol Ali's team, and several people went to see Caba-

ret recently at the Bristol Hippodrome. Thanks to Sharon for arranging this.

Forthcoming events:

- **Skittles**—The Crown, Clapton Friday 24 October @ 1930h.
- 10 Pin bowling—TBA. Sharon to arrange

Spring Production

Dates: 1–3 April 2009

No decisions have been made yet on what to do for the Spring production. One idea is to do 'Old Dogs', the very funny play set in a residential home for the elderly, suggested by Dennis Jones and read by several of us during the Summer.

The main problem we have with this play is that it requires a young 18–14 year old male which are currently in short supply in the group. If anyone knows of anyone who may be interested in this

part then please let one of the committee members know.

Alternatively if you have any suggestions for an alternative play then let someone on the committee know and we can arrange to get the scripts and organise a read through.

WANTED!
Young men
For our
Spring Pro-
duction
'Old Dogs'

Report on the TTG Open Evening

This year we held another open evening at the Conygre Hall on the 26th August. We had all the usual exhibits, photos, posters, videos, props and costumes. And a vast array of refreshments.

In an attempt to attract more potential new members Patrick kindly organized an entertainment quiz as part of the evening. Unfortunately most of the people who attended

were already group members but this not stop us all from having a very enjoyable evening balanced nicely with home made cakes! Thanks to all who supported the evening and a special thanks to Patrick for setting the quiz which was won by Jeff's team.

Diary dates

Skittles Evening, The Crown at Clapton	24 October 2008 : 1730h
10 Pin Bowling / meal	TBA (Sharon Wilkins)
Panto—Sinbad the Sailor	10–13 December 2008
Annual Meal	Jan / Feb 2009 (TBA)
Spring Production	2–4 April 2009
Summer Revue/Entertainment	10 & 11 June 2009
Panto 2009	9–12 December 2009

News in Brief

Sharon and Stan, our fellow thespians and friends from 'Down Under' have unfortunately had to cut short this visit to the UK and will be returning home sometime in November instead of March as planned.

No doubt there will be a gathering at a local hostelry just before then to wish them well. They have certainly made their mark on the group and will be missed.

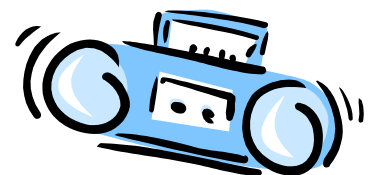
Ian unfortunately snapped his Achilles tendon during the Summer and has been in plaster ever since. He is progressing slowly but surely and all wish him a speedy rehabilitation

QUIZ

What were the stage names of the following celebrities?

Reginal Dwight
 Declan McManus
 Demetria Gene Guynes
 Maurice Cole
 John Charles Carter

Answers on back page





Current Committee Members

2008—9

Chairman: Ian Clark

Secretary: Sue Maggs

Treasurer: Peter Buchanan

Members: Jeff Sluggett

Jacki Watts

Peter Crook

Patrick Bridges

Roger Bird

Sharon Wilkins

SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK

This has been the first of the New style Newsletters. These will be issued approximately every quarter in October, January, April, July. but will probably only be 2 sides long

If you have any suggestions for content or other changes you would like to see please make these known to any committee member, or alternatively me on

jacki@lpwcs.com or 01761 490719

PROFILE

This could be a short biography of an individual Group member and could include a picture if necessary

Views please!

1. PHOTO

Quiz answers:

1. Elton John
2. Elvis Costello
3. Demi Moore
4. Kenny Everett
5. Charlton Heston