

Winton

"Almost Spring"



Words

2012

Welcome

Happy New year to you! Although there can be very few of us who have not seen each other in the last few weeks after the veritable army of Winton members, relations and friends who all came together to make Panto go with a swing.

Sadly the last few months has also brought us sad news in the loss of four members and friends of WP in Roger Steel, Kathy Patten, Irene Huggett and Joan Scotcher. Our thoughts remain with their families and friends.

Cinderella

What a fantastic show – colourful, musical, magical! Don't just take my word for it though, here are some actual comments we received:

"It was a joy to be in the audience"

"The children seemed to be totally engrossed and responsive - and so were the rest of us!"

"we saw the professional show at the Mayflower, this was much better!"

And from the NODA regional Councillor: *"It was, as printed on the programme, a 'proper Panto' and one which I thoroughly enjoyed as did the audience judging by their reactions. My congratulations to all those involved with the scenery, sets and costumes, all of which were of a high standard."*



It was a huge relief that we got in and there was no snow but simple relief was soon eclipsed by the superb production standards in set design, construction, lighting, sound, painting (lunches!) and of course in performance.

Sadly the show was not without incident and we wish Steph's father and daughter speedy recoveries.

We are still waiting for the final figures but we had a great result from front of house and what must be at least near record breaking ticket sales. It looks like we are definitely in the black but the costs are at a level now that if there were a couple more empty rows per performance and it would be a very different story.

Angie has said this is her last Panto and if that is the case it is fitting that it should be with such a spectacular show, and the best legacy of all a huge team of people who loved the experience! Bravo.

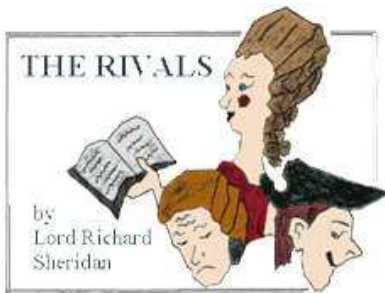
Barn Dance

Come one come all – your post panto perker upper – Saturday 3rd March – Tickets from Paula

It's all for Charity Folks

After the unanimous consent of members at the EGM and several hours wrestling with the charity commission web site and collecting umpteen signatures from committee members our application is in! The application is now being processed and we should hear something by 7th Feb.





The Rivals -19th to 21st April

The Rivals has been cast and rehearsals start 26th Jan – it can be a hectic whirl in Wintons! If you are thinking “Golly that sounds old fashioned” think again it is a very funny play – at risk of a smack from Penny I might even call it a romp. Anne and I are doing front of house so will be highly grateful for all offers of assistance.

Calendar Girls - 10th to 12th October

We are having a read through at the hut on 8th Feb, arrival of scripts permitting:-/ Auditions will be in March. If you cannot make the reading but would like to check out the script please give me a call. Apart from the obvious, er, *attributes* this is a witty, funny, deeply moving play which still makes me cry just reading it.



We have also made a start on the WP calendar with at least two months in the can, but plenty of opportunities left. If you would like to participate please drop Phill a line.

Fund Raising - Save Our Barn

Two big events to report from our lively fundraising group.

- First the Grand Draw will be, well drawn on 31st January. If you have not got your stubs back to John and Sarah please do so ASAP for your chance at some fantastic prizes.
- On 1st April “The West End Comes to Petersfield – and A to Z of Musicals” when Craig Hiller brings a battalion of professionals from the current West End shows to the Festival Hall for one incredible performance. Tickets are £15 with no concessions and are going fast – See Lesley Redstone.

In Other News

We are planning to run the very popular **One Acts** again in July with a selection of pieces for younger members and adults. Directors and venues are being approached as I type...

There is a Shakespeare festival being mounted by Bedales and they are looking for people to audition for two plays. For details please contact Georgina Harrison gharrison@bedales.org.uk.

For the Queens Jubilee on 4th June we have been invited to take a stand on the Heath dressed in Fifties style to promote WP and join in the festivities. Can you spare a couple of hours to help out? It is likely we will run a bookstall in the style of our very successful ventures on Lloyds forecourt.

Committee Corner

The next **General Meeting** is on 6th February 7:30pm at the hut. Although it is still January can I ask you all to start thinking about the AGM and whether YOU could serve on the committee as there are several of us who will be stepping down this year.

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