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SPOTLIGHT

"Quartet" cancellation. As reported in the July edition of Spotlight, Trevor Herrington kindly offered his services to direct "Quartet", for our autumn production. Quartet is the story of four senior citizens in a retirement home and therefore one would have thought that this would have been easy to cast. A calling notice was issued to all for auditions at Silves Cine Club 22 June. However, this was not to be and although well advertised and despite his best efforts, Trevor could not find the acting support he required to stage this play. Sadly, our autumn production has had to be cancelled. Thank you to Trevor and those who did come forward for the time and effort trying to stage this play.

I'm sure you would all like to join the Algarvean Committee in sending our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to our dear member Wendy Nazar and all her family on the recent passing of her Mum 'Tommy' who sadly passed away on Monday 5th September at the great age of 92 years.



Tommy (Edith May) Fry made many of the beautiful costumes for the Lagos Musical Society over the years, and many of the members went on to become Algarvean's. Some of her costumes are still in the warehouse at Nossa Senhora de Verde and one or two safe in the cupboard at her house, including the Mikado's robe, which we hope could grace the stage again soon.

There will be a memorial service at her house, date and time yet to be arranged. No flowers please - Contributions to Lagos Bombeiros accepted in her name.

Pantomime "Aladdin"

To be directed by Jan Sheppard. Auditions will take place 7.30pm Tuesday 20 September at Silves Cine Club.

We revert back to traditional Pantomime for the 2011-12 winter production and hope to secure a date in February at Lagoa Auditorium. Please come along and support Jan (Your Grace) and your group at auditions for this annual audience favourite. Character details below;



Aladdin (Female)

The hero. A youngish naïve lad with his heart in the right place.

Jasmine (Female)

Aladdin's love interest! Princess and daughter of the Emperor of China.

Widow Twankey (Male)

Mother to Aladdin and Wishee Washee. The traditional Pantomime Dame and washer woman.

The Emperor of China (Male)

A puffed up buffoon but full of good intentions.

Wishee Washee (Male)

The traditional link man character. A cheeky, lovable fellow. Aladdin's brother.

Genie of the Lamp (Male)

The all powerful genie who lives in the lamp.

Abanazer (Male)

The evil baddie. Plotting grand plans of megalomania!

Slave of the Ring (Female)

A less powerful spirit who lives in a magic ring.

So-Shi (Female)

Companion and confidant of Princess Jasmine.

Pep-Si (Male / Female)

One half of the comedy double act. An inept member of the Imperial police force.

Ko-La (Male / Female)

Other half of the comedy double act. An inept member of the Imperial police force.

Chorus (Adults and Children)

Townfolk, guards, suitors, servants, etc. The script includes a number of small speaking parts and chorus lines that can be shared out.

Come on down and do it in the Garden?

Well a lot of us did and we all had a great time doing it, "in the garden". Congratulations to Mel & Chris who successfully hosted a great summer Algarvean



get-together in mid July. Many thanks to all those who entertained us with their individual talents and terrific sketches.



The food was pretty good too, all expertly prepared and cooked by Chris, apparently!?

Chairman's Report I have good news and bad news. Let's start with the bad. Unfortunately Trevor couldn't cast Quartet due to a very poor turnout for auditions, and in spite of many phone calls to members and past members, he decided to put the project on hold. Also we received a letter from the Lagoa Camara cancelling our original dates but offering others later in October. Good news all the way from here. The summer BBQ at Chris and Mel's villa was a great success with many participants trying their hardest to remember lines in spite of the windy weather and the absence of our regular prompt. Our chef for the day, Chris, is a big guy as you know, but even he was dwarfed by the huge BBQ grill which kept us supplied with copious amounts of burgers, chicken, sausages etc, all cooked to perfection. Undoubtedly his best performance to date. Mel's organising skills were in evidence with the entertainment program and the varied range of salads and sweets provided by various members. Thanks to all who contributed. Jan Sheppard has volunteered to direct our panto Aladdin which we hope to put on late January or early February next year. Do come along to the auditions even if you don't want to be on stage as there are many other jobs such as set painting, props, sound, backstage crew, front of house and bar staff we need to fill. Most importantly we need to find people who can assist with costume making. If you have a sewing machine and can spare a few hours, or know of a friend who would help, please let us know. See you at the auditions.

Lloyd Delderfield, Chairman.

AND FINALLY Are you involved with another group that would benefit in receiving this Spotlight newsletter? If so, feel free to post it at your website or circulate via your email list. The more people we can get the message to and bring to our live shows the better. Forward it to your friends and neighbours. Just send any input you have via email to Spotlight@thealgarveans.com.

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