



Os Algarvios
Teatro Experimental



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Experimental Theatre

SEPTEMBER 2010 SPOTLIGHT

Algarvean's elect Chairman

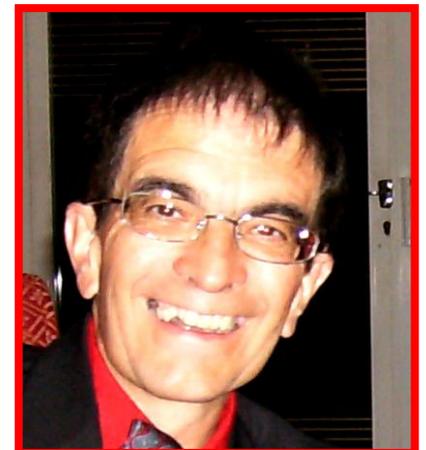


As you can see, Algarvean's turned up in their droves to elect a new chairman and committee member at Silves Cine Club on Friday 3 September. Aply organised and guided through the procedure by Sian Hughes-Roberts, the President of the Assembly Committee, the whole thing was speedy and like clockwork. We only missed the first ten minutes of the England match! Lloyd Delderfield was seen as the right man for the job of Chairman and was the only nomination from the group. Lloyd accepted the position and after a short speech; stepped up from direction committee ordinary member to the chair. In view of this election an opening for the election of a new committee member was required from the floor. Jenny Dackombe raised her hand to sneeze and was duly elected onto the committee as an ordinary member.

Lloyd is a founder member of the Algarvean Group and was a member of the very first committee in 1991. Appearing in just about every production since, he has a wealth of experience in the day to day running of the Algarvean group and in all other areas of amateur dramatic theatre.



Jenny is a relatively new but hugely talented and enthusiastic member of the group. She has appeared on stage in the recent Algarvean productions as Annie in the Panto, "A Boy and Some Beans" and also the highly acclaimed role of Michelle in "Allo, Allo!" However, I fear that she may have to say things more than once at the committee meetings! Good to have Lloyd at the helm and equally good to have Jenny on the direction team.



Lloyd has written an open letter to the membership, posted below. [Ed](#)

Autumn 2010 Production 'Life's Like That'



August is over, the beaches are thinning out and September starts the busy season for the more pleasurable pursuits followed by many of us over the winter months. With auditions done in July the three directors for our next production 'Life's Like That' have started rehearsals for our October date at the Lagoa Auditorium from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th October.

The first act opens with '**The Skip**' directed by Jenny Grainer and tells the funny, sad and sometimes poignant tale of 5 women's varying interests and general dependency on other people's rejects. From the two antique shop owners, through the bag ladies and the tramp the chain of snobbery is cleverly demonstrated.

The second act starts with '**Bus Stop**' a comedy directed by Siân Hughes-Roberts and a cast of 9, passing the time catching up on the latest gossip whilst waiting for a bus. The dialogue with its hilarious misunderstandings and misuse of the English language manages to show the British class system is alive, well and still to be found in a queue near you. Each act will end with a short comedy sketch directed by Lloyd Delderfield. The first '**Driving Test**' on board ship will close the first half and the hilarious '**Laughing Gas**' will make sure the audience leaves after the second with a smile on their faces.

The Bus Stop ladies (L-R Pam Harley, Gloria Costa, Barbara Briggs, Sian the Director, Susie Elton and Debbie Gaines) got together for their first rehearsal under the direction of Sian Hughes-Roberts on Monday 6 September at Silves Cine Club. Unfortunately, Lara Costa was unable to attend for the first reading, she missed the bus!!

Altogether some 26 parts will be taken by some known, some not so known actors and even one taking to the stage for the very first time and as costs for this production will be lower than usual - tickets will also be at a budget price of only 5 euros each – so let's fill each of the 3 performances for a night of sheer entertainment with something for everybody. Book now on algarveantickets@hotmail.com or phone Sue on 282 789 608



Jenny Grainer

Grand Night of Variety

For the fourth year in a row November will see 'Grand Night of Variety' once again take to the stage of Lagoa Auditorium. This annual favourite will be raising funds this year for the 'Soldiers of Peace' the volunteer men and women of the fire and ambulance services.

I am hunting for the talent of people ready and happy to perform voluntarily in this 'One Night Only' show and if you know of any likely candidate who can make this the biggest and best night of variety theatre ever, please get in touch with a name and a contact on either my email jennygrainer@sapo.pt or ring me on 282 381 201 or 963 518 184.

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Members,

At our EGM last Friday, I was voted in as Chairman of the Administrative Committee which I gladly accepted. We as a committee intend to be more open and informative about our meetings and be more accessible to the membership. I would like to welcome Jenny Dackcombe who was voted onto the committee to take my place as an Ordinary Member.

At the moment we have a small but dedicated backstage crew and are constantly looking for new people. If you fancy a bit of set design and construction, painting, sewing, props making, creating sound effects, etc. but don't know what is involved or who to contact, e-mail me at lloyd.trish@sapo.pt or ring me at 282 358 126 for details.

Finding Directors is another problem area, so if you see yourself as a budding Alfred Hitchcock (who?) but are a little overawed at the prospect, don't worry, an experienced assistant will be there to help and give advice from auditions thru to curtain calls. E-mail me for more info. To those of you who have been to a few auditions but haven't been given a part, don't give up, keep trying. Finally, a big thank you to all of you who come to watch our shows. Although there is often a critique in the local press, what do you think? Are we giving value for money? Would you like to see something different? Let me know.

Lloyd Delderfield

Spring 2011 Production “Honk the Musical”

Chris Winstanley and Nikki Weidjom will start rehearsing the lucky cast of “Honk the Musical” at 2pm on Saturday 11 September at Silves Cine Club. The selected cast should by now have collected from Chris their scripts, music scores and CD. He will be emailing a full rehearsal schedule to the cast in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this production or you would like to offer your services, then please contact Chris on 282 798 101 or mobile 919198840.

Email: winnies@btopenworld.com



Book Festival Algarve

From Thursday September 16th until Sunday 19th an international literary event will be taking place throughout the Algarve the like of which has never been seen before.

In various locations authors of many nationalities will be giving talks, lectures and book signings from Tavira to Messines, Armação de Pêra to Lagoa and Portimão to Lagos. There will dinners and lunches with story telling - street and concert musicians blending with actors who are also invited to participate in a day of mixed culture in the square surrounding Lagoa Auditorium. For more information and a full list of all the participants, languages and locations go to www.alfacultura.com

Silves Cine Club

For your entertainment the New Orleans Jazz Band will be performing in aid of “Castello de Sonhos” on Friday 10 September at Silves Cine Club. Bar opens at 7.30pm entrance fee of just €8.



FUN QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER. Come along to Suzie’s Bar in Silves 8pm Friday 17 September and every other Friday from there on. Quiz night and excellent supper for just €3 per person. Contact Susie Elton 960 221 131 for more information.

FOR SALE

SONY DAV-S300 Compact AV System. DVD & CD player combined with radio tuner and 6 speaker TV digital Surround sound system. Full remote control and instructions for fitting and use. Cost new €847, selling for just €100 ono. 918 534 699.

“Stag” Dark wood dining room suite. Dining table W90cm x L160cm extending to 215cm, 2 carvers and 4 dining chairs, 2 matching sideboards and matching nest of 3 coffee tables. Good condition €300 ono buyer collects. 917 667 378.

AND FINALLY Some of you may recall my recommendation in April Spotlight, to see the show “Warhorse” currently showing in London, if you were passing that way. Well, a certain Mr Steven Spielberg popped into see it after reading Spotlight and was blown away by the show. He has now decided to turn it into a film! I hope it isn’t totally americanised.

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