

February 2005 NEWSLETTER



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Love Begins at 50!

David and Golly have cast the show. Many congratulations go to:

Anita Debanks	Jill Smith	Annabel Wickson	Shelley Rose
Clive Debanks	Alan Garland	Emily Roberts	Tina Blunden
Jack Reynolds	Jim Wheatley	Henry Clarke	Elliot Gilbery
Claire Murphy	Jean Wheatley	Mavis Leggett	Lesley Peters
Tracy Barton	Jenna Clark		

and not forgetting Suzie...



The show has an opening for a very important member of the cast – a Props Co-ordinator. If you are able to take this on or would like more details on the role please call Golly (771815). Rehearsals start Tuesday 2nd February, ORC Pavilion.

...WINTER SHOW WANTED...

It has been decided that the Peter Pan proposal for our winter show is not practical this year; therefore, we need your help as we are desperately seeking a show and directors/producers. This show will be the first one in the refurbished St Mary's Hall (wow!). Please let Maggs know if you're interested or know of anyone who would be by the end of February – many thanks. Tel 771457.

ODS 2005 CELEBRATION CALENDARS

We have a few calendars left, so we are having a Winter Sale! Just £3 each! Please remember they are one off commemorative specials, so without delay, call Jim on 771073 or catch him at rehearsals, alternatively call into see Ellen at Executive Dry Cleaners and get one (more)!



Social update and dates for your 2005 diary

The Festive Christmas Games Party. What a fantastic night it was. With over 90 people we raised £166.81, this together with the collection from our Carol Singing will amount to a £200.00 donation to our local ambulance support group. Many thanks to all who joined in the festive fun; special thanks to people who helped in the afternoon/evening and EXTRA special thanks to Ray and Richard for their **SANTA RACING**, it was ingenious and I'm sure we'll have more fun at the races soon!

12th Night Bash. Although not an ODS social evening, it was great to see so many from ODS there. This was a sell out event and hopefully a great night had by all. £200 was raised on the raffle alone! Well done to Paul and Becci Larkham for organising.

Battle of the Sexes – Saturday 19th February. We have hired the Bush Room in the OMI with a bar extension until 11.30pm. This will be an adult's evening, so if you haven't already booked your babysitters, do so now! Tickets will be £2.50 – this will not be a quiet evening out. Watch people battle out some explosive questions, or maybe even be part of the battle – plenty of laughs, lots of competition and well, we already know who will win, don't we girls! Tickets are available from Freda – Tel 770004.

Theatre Trips:

Wednesday 16th March at the Haymarket Theatre, *Wake Up Little Suzie!* It's the glam 70s, and Suzie's battle is to win the Tilton Talent Contest. The trouble is, her boyfriend has also entered. This foot-tapping rock 'n' roll musical is seriously suitable for everyone from teens to grannies. Prices £15.00 (group discounts are available so this is the maximum price you will pay) – call Lesley on 771025 or catch her at rehearsals for more information to reserve your tickets.

Saturday 12th March at the New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth. *Orpheus In The Underworld*, a comic operetta – an outrageously funny send up of Greek Mythology, includes the Can-Can music/dance spectacular. Prices £8.00 – call or email Maggs (771457) before 12th Feb to book your tickets.

We have some exciting events planned for celebrating 25 years of ODS! More details will follow.

St Mary's Hall – Refurbishment Fund Raising – contribution from Mark Winter, Chairman of St Mary's Hall Management Committee

"The refurbishment work on the hall should start in mid April and is expected to take 5 months, although the builder is confident that the hall will only have to close for a week or two, when they will be knocking through walls. Although this means the hall may be able to stay open for much of the time, there are still the issues of reduced toilet facilities and whether the capacity will be affected by the closure of the rear fire exit.

The current extent of the project is to replace the toilets with a new extension, install a new fire exit, remove the chimney/fireplace behind the stage, redo the flat roof and guttering and complete the fireproofing under the stage. If any money becomes available via grants, then we will obviously be able to move onto more of the cosmetic work - the frontage, redecoration, and alterations to the area behind the stage to make it more usable. To promote fundraising within the village's halls, the Parish Council has pledged to match £ for £ any funds raised during 2005, up to a maximum of £10,000 per hall. This makes every opportunity to raise funds for future work even more valuable! Please feel free to contact me should you have any comments or would like to be actively involved in the fund raising for this wonderful facility, Mark (771457)."

Next Newsletter will be early March, contributions always welcome - Maggs