

BACK TO THE 80'S

Coming straight off the success of *Copacabana*, OOS have started rehearsals for *Back To The 80's*, which is being performed by the newly formed junior section (OJOS).

Back To The 80's is about a 30 something year old man reminiscing about his teenage years. The man is named Corey Snr. Corey Snr is the narrator of the show explaining to the audience about what life was like when he was 17. The story begins in the year 2000, where a radio station announcer is talking about the 80's. Then there is a flashback seen an Corey Snr comes on and shows the audience his class mates. The story revolves around Corey Jnr trying to fit in at school with his two best friends, Alf Bueller and Kirk Keaton. Towards the middle of the musical, Corey tries to get together with his next door neighbour, Tiffany Houston, but he has a little competition considering the coolest guy in school, Michael Feldman, wants her too. Eventually Corey Jnr runs for School Captain, but Michael steals his proposal. Eileen, a new girl, arrives at school and Michael and his gang, Billy Arnold, Lionel Astley and Huey Jackson, put fake love letters into her locker making her and her new friends Laura Wilde and Debbie Fox think that she has a secret admirer. At the end of the play, Tiffany and her friends, Cindy Gibson, Mel Easton and her twin Kim Easton, find out about Michael's evil plan and Tiffany dumps him in favour of Corey Jnr to take her to the School Prom.

We have an extremely talented group of youngsters in the cast who are getting to grips with singing some of the most popular tunes from the 80's and we hope that you will come along and support them for an evening of great fun and reminiscence. Ticket details can be found on the flyer enclosed with the newsletter.

CHARITY BALL

A Charity Barn Dance is being held at St. Peter's Hall on Saturday 7 June 2008 from 7.30pm until 11.00pm. Tickets (for 18 years and over only) are priced at £10 each to include a sandwich buffet and all monies raised will be going to The Melanoma Foundation at St. George's Hospital. If you are interested in attending please contact Ann Lovell on 01223 720205

CARNIVAL CAPERS

July will soon be here again and with it the Oxted Carnival on Saturday 5th July. The theatre always puts on a good show at Master Park with the main and best tea and cakes stall on the park. We shall be there again this year and Caro will soon be on the phone to you asking for cakes and goodies that we can sell on the day for 50p or more. Caro makes in excess of 300 phone calls but if you don't get one please don't despair just carry on cooking. Always a great occasion, we are delighted to support this community event again this year, which we cannot do successfully without your help.

As usual, cakes etc should be brought to the Little Barn from 10am until noon on the Saturday please and those who enjoy erecting marquees etc should come along to the theatre at 9am or park from 9.30am. The float procession leaves the park at 1pm and a good afternoon is enjoyed by all – why not come and join us for a Barn Cream Tea or just a cuppa.

FOBS

Sincere thanks to those 55 members who turned out for the AGM at the end of March and the 22 who sent in apologies. It is very encouraging to know that we have so many really active members. We thank the Oxted Operatic Society for allowing us to use the Theatre during their period of hire for *Copacabana*. Those who came will know that the heating in the main Theatre had broken so that we held our meeting in the bar area, which meant that it was 'standing room only' for a few stalwart souls at the back – or was it that they chose to be closest to the bar when it opened?! Your committee remains the same but with Don Mear taking over from Brian White as Treasurer. Thank you, Brian, for your careful management of the accounts for five years – we are glad that

you enjoy our committee meetings sufficiently to stay with us for another year.

As I write, many of us are happy to be supporting the Operatic Society with *Copacabana* – what a fantastic show it is proving. Members who see the show will quickly realise how much thought and sheer hard work have gone into it and it is great to see audiences really enjoying the production. I wonder if it is a 'first' to have sold out of seats before the opening night?

We'll have the opportunity to support the Players too as the Youth play is closely followed by the Spring production - good luck with both.

It gave us all great pleasure to welcome Graham Wright as an Honorary FOB during the Foxtrot Serenaders' concert in March. Our President, Terry Rolph, was delighted to have the task of handing Graham his badge and thanking him for all the years of support which he has given to our Theatre.

Your committee is planning a simple BBQ – i.e. burgers and hot dogs - to accompany the August Sunday Club so do keep the date free.

I am sad to report the sudden death, at home, of Barbara Cieslewicz. Barbara was representative of so many of our members in that, whilst choosing not to take an active part in productions, she showed her affection and faithful support for the theatre by buying tickets for the majority of shows. It is good to remember her enjoying the 'drinks and nibbles' at the AGM only a few weeks ago – she will be missed.

Sheila Bennett