

NEWSLETTER - SHOW SPECIAL



BUT BEFORE ALL THAT...

Well done everyone for putting on some fine (and fun!) performances at Mincing Pies. Our annual Christmas Shindig is getting bigger every year, and so are those Christmas decorations Kate!

The raffle raised £56.30 which will be donated to the Woking Hospice Charity – so many thanks to those of you who donated prizes.

OK – IT'S HERE

Yep – we are approaching that all encompassing, panic inducing, oh-my-goodness-is-it-in-only-12-weeks interval known as the pre-show period.

In the words of a well known novel

DON'T PANIC

We are here to help.

Firstly you need to decide if you want to be in the show – it is great fun, and everyone tells us they get a great buzz out of doing it, plus everybody's family and friends usually love watching it – but it will mean putting in a few extra hours and dates.

We can encompass all standards, but we do need commitment, and

it's only fair to all your classmates! The dates of rehearsals and performances are on the side of this leaflet and up in the studio. More details will follow closer to the time.

Secondly even if you do not want to dance, there are plenty of chances to get involved – from making costumes, to helping out with front of house or quick changes back stage, or simply by supporting your friends by buying a ticket on the night.

Finally let your teacher know! She will be ordering costumes, and working out her choreography based on the numbers of dancers who are performing, and she's not a mind reader (honest – even Gretchen).

IMPORTANT SHOW DATES

Studio Dress Rehearsals

Sunday 29th April and 13th May

Theatre Dress Rehearsals

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th May

Performances

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May

TICKETS

Application forms for ticket will be available after half-term in the studio. Tickets will be allocated in a first-come, first-served basis. We normally sell-out, so don't leave it too late and risk disappointment.

MORE ON THOSE COSTUMES..

Although we are reusing some costumes from previous years we are introducing lots of new and exciting ones this year. However they don't materialize without help – and we do need yours.

We will be holding costume making sessions in the studio on the 4th and 25th February from 10am to 2pm. There will be people who can sew directing operations, and they desperately need helpers even if all you can contribute is a bit of cutting out or (in Pauline's case) tea-making.

If you are more capable, or even have your own sewing machine, please please volunteer some of your time! Even a couple of hours can help take the burden off of the few hardy souls that often end up doing most of the work (Gretchen, Gill, Delva, Gen, Carol...).

Remember if you are having a costume made, someone will need your measurements. So don't be shy, and get out that tape measure or you'll ending up looking like Pavarotti in a kaftan, rather than Darcy Bussell in a tutu.

A NOTE ON REHEARSALS

Due to popular demand we have changed the date of the first Sunday rehearsal to avoid the bank-holiday weekend.

The first rehearsal will now be on **Sunday April 29th**. Please make a note of this in your diary.

ADDITIONAL REHEARSALS

Remember teachers – and dancers – additional show rehearsals can be booked in the studio for free, no charge will be made for the studio hire.

Contact Pauline to arrange times and dates.

AND NOW FOR THE FINALE

If you haven't been in one of our finales before, here's how we do it:

- It is optional – you do not have to be in it of course
- Everyone has a short dance all together at the beginning
- Each class then gets to perform a small segment, usually only a minute or so in length
- We have a common musical theme for each segment
- Then we all get together again for the big finish

This year's theme is 'The Beatles' (think Sgt Pepper's). We will get the music out to your teacher next week. Meanwhile Emma Harris has agreed to choreograph the two "end bits".

By common consent the finale won't be taught at the Sunday dress rehearsals - instead it will be taught in normal class time.

HAVE WE GOT YOUR NUMBER?

If you haven't already given it, can you let us have your telephone number and email address please? Drop it along to Pauline/ Kate or Tina. Or email us.

And finally, have you had a look at our website recently? It contains a lot of information and is regularly updated with news and timetable changes. You can find us at

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