

# TADLOP NEWSLETTER



## EVER SO NEAR...

The show is now coming together and it is starting to show at the rehearsals. The effort that everyone, principals, chorus, the production team, is all starting to show in their efforts. The sound and the energy coming from people is proof that we all enjoy what we are doing and that "The Pirates of Penzance" will become another show that will be remembered.

The director had a Production Meeting recently and the set was a high priority in the topics discussed. Although I have pictures to hand, there are some up on the TADLOP Notice Board at rehearsals, and various people have commented on how magnificent it is going look. Costumes have also been measured and the fittings will be shortly.

Everyone is working so hard... Let's keep it up!

## "SCARLET PIMPERNEL" UP FOR TOP

In 2007 TADLOP had the honor of performing the Shropshire Premier of "Titanic: The Musical" which won the NODA Best Production Award in Musical Region 2. The following year TADLOP gave Shropshire another premier, "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and we are pleased to announce that we have again been nominated for the same award!

Kay Ikin, our Regional Rep from NODA, nominated us and the awards ceremony will be held on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Congratulations to all that worked hard on that production, both on stage and off!



### March, 2009

- March 21<sup>st</sup>, "Pirates of Penzance" promotion
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup> "Pirates of Penzance" show
- May 30<sup>th</sup>, TADLOP Spring Ball

*"Come friends,  
who plough the  
sea"*



Back from left to right, Lynne, Roger the Parrot, Steph P, Carol, Tony.  
Front, Leanne, Roy and Alistair.

## PIRATES AND THE LAND LOVERS!

On Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> we had an opportunity for some publicity at ASDA, Donnington and we would like to thank the following people for helping out:

Steph P, Holly, Roy, Leanne, Jane, Carol, Tony, Lynne and Alistair.

Thank you guys, your help was very much appreciated. The Shropshire Star came along too and some photographs were taken. There was also another promotional day at the Town Centre on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Tony, Carol, John, Sue, Andy and Sarah.

There will be another promotional day, weather depending, Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> in Wellington Market Square. If you are able to give some of your time please speak to Carol or Tony at rehearsals or call them on 01952 243629.

As you can see in the picture, everybody certainly looked the part and everyone has said that they had a good day.

Thanks once again guys!

## TADLOP'S SPRING BALL

It has confirmed that TADLOP will be holding a Spring Ball on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place at:

**Grays Hotel**

**Forge Gate**

**Telford Town Centre**

**Tel: 01952 425000**

**Start: 7 - 7.30**

This will be a **Black Tie & Diamonds** night so if gentlemen could be dressed in dinner jackets, or lounge suits if they don't own one, and if ladies could be dressed in an elegant dress please. The cost of tickets are £32.50 per person. Included in the cost is a three course meal, a professional photographer, live entertainment and a disco, which will be held in another room. There will also be an auction to raise money for the Myeloma Cancer Charity. If you wish to stay the night at the hotel the cost would be £45.00 for a double room and breakfast the following morning. If you want a room you will have to organize it yourselves and will need to quote "TADLOP" when booking so that you get the right price.

There will also be an awards ceremony of our own, The Eve Cooper Awards, dedicated to the memory of one of TADLOP's long serving members. This awards ceremony is open to all paid members and is a chance for those unsung heroes in TADLOP, in various fields, to be noticed. To nominate someone please contact either Tony or Carol Sharp on 01952 243629 or collect a form at rehearsals.





## “GET YA TICKETS HERE!”

We obviously want to make sure “The Pirates of Penzance” is hit and the only way for that to happen is to get tickets sold. Liz Law is now our Ticket Secretary and she will be at rehearsals willing to orders for tickets up until Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. After that you will have to order tickets through the theatre direct. The reason we have a cut-off date is because Liz is in the show and by having this date will give her a chance to focus in the last few rehearsals. Liz has said that cash is ok, but cheques would be better and safer for everyone.

It would be great to see as many people as we can. This is going to be a very good show and as we have been nominated for Best Performance for the past 2 shows, you will not be disappointed in this one. Some high representatives from NODA will be there on the final night and some of these people are very hard to get hold of. We also have some local VIP’s coming on Tuesday night so we need to fill as many seats as possible.

Please spread the word and hope to see many of you there.

## CAROL’S AT SUNNYCROFT

Just before Christmas a few of us visited Sunnycroft, a National Trust property in Wellington, to sing carols at their special opening with the house dressed ready for an Edwardian Christmas.

Twelve of us went all duly dressed as Edwardians! Everyone looked splendid, having made a great effort to look as authentic as possible, all helping each other out here & there and with help from Margaret Jones, who is a volunteer at Sunnycroft and the widow of one of our late members Brian Jones.

We started to sing the Carols outside but soon went inside - it was a bit chilly!, In the end we performed the carols on the Gallery in the Hall and then on the Stairs by an enormous Christmas tree - reputed to be 20 feet tall!

Half way through the afternoon we went and had some refreshments and we didn't need much encouragement to tuck into tea, mince pies and Christmas cake. We were also able to have a look round the beautifully dressed house also.

We had a great afternoon, being very much appreciated! I'm still receiving compliments and request for tickets to see 'Pirates' and as a surprise to us all, £20 in donations! So a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone that participated



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There is also some sad news to report. David Jones, who joining TADLOP for “Titanic” passed away recently. David was a wonderful man who was liked by all and he will be missed. Our thoughts go out to David’s family.