

Take a trip down memory lane with Music Hall

Pirates Productions are putting on a Music Hall at Gasperich Parish Hall this week with nightly performances at 8pm (doors open at 7:30 pm) from THIS EVENING, Thursday 24 April until Saturday 26 April.

The Music Hall is directed by Pamela Carlisle with Graham Fairfax-Jones as Master of ceremonies and Liz Turner on piano. The first act includes a dozen items in true Music Hall fashion, involving song - both accompanied and barber-shop unaccompanied -, dance, recitation ... and puppets, yes puppets!

At yesterday evening's dress rehearsal it was difficult to pick out specific highlights as the show was full of energy, great performances and lots of laughs from the off. Alison Kingsbury gives an exuberant performance as Burlington Bertie, Fiona Turner wants to, and does, sing opera, Steve Preston's powerful tenor in Excelsior (with a supporting role by the puppets), the barbershop quartet and Anglea Milne's take on the Snow White fairytale and "If I were a Lady" - are all worth the ticket price alone.

After the interval, the show takes on a different flavour with a Sing-Song - a great way to warm up after the break - and Sing-a-Long either side of the Cox and Box operetta. First performed in 1867, it involves three on-stage characters played by Brian Parker, Alan Carlisle and Stuart Alexander. The storyline involves a landlord and two tenants who find out that they share the same room (one works at night) and the same woman...