



Pirate Productions asbl

Summer 2007

Yes, it does still count as Summer (just!) Apologies for the scarcity of Newsletters over the last months - I can only put this down to lack of available time (which is why I'll be stepping down and letting someone else have a go next year!)

Lots of stuff coming up in the next few months, including some social events, confirmed dates for next Spring's Old-Time Music Hall and, of course, the Pirates Annual General Meeting.

See inside for lots more info about these and other exciting forthcoming events.

Many thanks to Claire Wilkie who has sent in more tales from the dark side of theatre school.

Steve

Dates for your Diary

<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
September 28 th	Pirates	Table Quiz	Gasperich Parish Hall
September 29 th	Pirates	Autumn Barbecue	Chateau Parker, Oetrange
October 15 th	Pirates	Annual General Meeting	Gasperich Parish Hall
November 14 th to 19 th	NWTC	Tissue	Theatre du Centaure
December 15 th	Pirates	Christmas Singalong	Choralehaus, Schuttrange
April 23 rd to 26 th , 2008	Pirates	Old-Time Music Hall	Gasperich Parish Hall



Homes needed for White Elephants

A whole herd of White Elephants, including bags and cases, kitchen miscellany, good quality clothing, toys, books and general bric-à-brac, came to the Anglican Church Fair in Useldange last June. Some of them found new homes, but many of them didn't, and currently they're squatting in a garage in Haller. They would very much like to find new homes before the winter, so that the rightful occupants of the garage can take up residence again.

To help achieve this ambition, a **Garage Sale** will be held at 2 Henerecht, L-6370 Haller on **Saturday 22nd September** from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

Please help a homeless White Elephant!

For further information, contact Pam Carlisle on 356339 or email pamela@sarumlux.net.

Need to get your brain back into gear after the summer break?

Nothing dusts down the mind quite like a Table Quiz. This year's event is happening on **Friday 28th September** at the Parish Hall in Gasperich.

Doors open at 7.30 pm and the Quiz will begin at 8.00 pm sharp. Reservations, at 6 Euros each, or 30 Euros per table of 6, can be made by phoning Pam Carlisle on 358778 or emailing tablequiz@sarumlux.net. There will be a bar available (phew!), a tombola and many fabulous prizes to be won.

So come along and pit your wits against Luxembourg's finest (or, alternatively, see if you can prevent Valerie Scott from adding to her world-famous collection of wooden spoons!!)

It's Barbecue Time!!



Yes, due to the almost complete lack of Summer, this year we are having an Autumn Barbecue.

Your hosts this year are Brian and Rachel Parker and the barbecue will be held at their house at 20 rue de Moutfort, Oetrange on **Saturday 29th September**, starting at 3pm.

As usual, salads'n'stuff will be provided by the Committee and there will be drinks available for purchase. So just bring along yourselves, a general willingness to have fun and something to slap on the barbie.

Readers of the Pirates newsletter may be interested to know that Wednesday is International Talk-Like-a-Pirate Day - yes really!

<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.html>



Christmas Singalong and Party

Pirates' 2007 Christmas Singalong will take place on Saturday, 15th December from 7.30 pm at the home of the Chorale Ste Cécile Schuttrange, 165 rue Principale, Münsbach (exit 11 off the Trier motorway, turn left towards Münsbach, straight ahead at the roundabout, and the Choralehaus is on the right a couple of hundred metres or so further on, just beyond a very useful car park in front of the Cultural Centre and next door to Restaurant Grec Mythos.



There'll be carols and other Christmas music available for all to join in – and, of course, no Piratical event would be complete without a bar, with drinks at very modest prices!



For further information contact Pam Carlisle (356339 or pamela@sarumlux.net) or any member of the committee.

From our Foreign Correspondent.....

Ahem well after extolling the virtues and fun-ness of combat, it isn't all swish and ting with the swords. Not long after my last letter my then fight partner decided that the punch didn't look realistic enough from her point of view (rather than the audiences) so compromised by smacking me right on the nose. Luckily she didn't break it but ow! I never realized a little nose could hurt that badly. Luckily though we managed to get through our exam without a hitch and this term I'll be playing with quarterstaves and broadswords, both are fun though I prefer the big stick, it makes a lovely thwack sound! We're doing archery too but we can't really use that in stage combat, too dangerous for our partner and the audience, but it's a fun skill to play with.

I've also got my orange belt in aikido (which I'm thrilled about) and the other day I managed to do a forwards-rolling breakfall. I was so excited I bounced around the room after that, luckily it was at the end of the lesson and we were putting mats away, so I didn't damage anyone.

We've just started doing animal work – we had to watch a documentary on different predators and choreograph a short unarmed fight using their movements and then humanize it, really fun to do! Me and my partner Chris did an octopus versus an aye-aye, which turned into a really dysfunctional relationship between a mother and her grown-up disabled son, it was nasty but in a good way. Anyway there was a move in there where he stamps on my stomach and normally Chris is very good at the safety thing, but he got a bit excited and actually did it, luckily he missed anything really painful.

Films

Bridge To Terebithia – Yes, it's a kid's film and it's very pretty and sweet but different to what I expected. I sort-of expected a modern Lion, Witch and Wardrobe but this film is more real-life based, all the fantasy creatures being part of a made-up game. It's a really beautiful film but (I can't say too much because I don't want to spoil it) bring tissues and be prepared to hold the hand of the youngest squelcher...eh, child.

This Is England – Ah, got to love my context teacher and his limitless supply of pirate DVDs (yes I know they're illegal and fund lots of horrible stuff, but I didn't buy it so I feel no guilt ☺) but this is one of those films that makes you think. It was also quite informative to me, having been unborn then and not knowing much about skins, Maggie Thatcher or the BNP but this film informed me in quite a non-judgmental way – you understand why everyone does what they do and it's all seen through the eyes of a 12 year old boy which is really quite funny at times.

Venus – Loved it. The relationship between the main characters, an ageing actor and the slightly wayward niece of one of his actor friends, is really touching and emotional. Umm I don't know what else to say about this but I loved it, it was really nice and bittersweet. I ended up really feeling for the Peter O'Toole character.

Plays

Haven't seen much but I'd say go to Little Shop of Horrors! It's so funny and really clever too. It's been about 5 years since I saw the original film and 5 since I saw the musical film so I couldn't remember much about it but it was so funny...and oddly really touching. You wouldn't think it could nearly make you cry but does get quite emotional, even in the silly bits. I don't want to say too much because I don't want to spoil it but if you can try and see it whilst Alistair McGowan is still the dentist and whilst Sheridan Smith's in it. I was pleasantly surprised by her, I've only seen her in 2 Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps so I didn't think she'd be all that good but she was amazing – she can sing really well and she's really funny.

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Over the next pages are details of the Pirates Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Parish Hall in Gasperich on Monday, 15th October 2007 at 8:00 pm.

Also enclosed is a proxy form (in case you are unable to attend the AGM) and a nomination form for new committee members.

We urge members to consider standing for election to the committee for the coming year, as we consider it vital to have new faces and new ideas. No particular skills or experience are required, so if you would like to do your bit in the running of the club, then now is your chance.

Completed proxy forms and committee nominations can be given to any member of the committee before the start of the AGM.

The Piratical year currently runs from 1 August – 31 July (please note that there will be a special motion placed before the membership at the AGM to change this). We would therefore like to inform the membership that subscriptions for 2007/2008 are now due. Fees due for the different categories of membership are as follows:

Individual :	25 Euro	Family :	40 Euro
Overseas (5 year) :	75 Euro	Junior/Student :	10 Euro

Please pay the appropriate amount to Dexia account LU51-0022-1561-0680-0000 - Pirate Productions asbl, mentioning “Subscription 2007/8”, your name and the category of subscription required – please clearly indicate your address so we can verify it on our Membership database. Please ensure the Membership Secretary is notified of any change of address or other details using the amendment form, which you will find in the Newsletter.

Only fully paid-up members will be eligible to vote at the A.G.M.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th of October!

*Jane, Pam, Athena, Hilary, Isabel,
Steve W., Steve P., Philip*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 15 October 2007

8.00 pm

Parish Hall, Gasperich

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda
2. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2006
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5.
 - a) Adoption of Accounts of 2006/2007
 - b) Election of Auditor
6. Discharge of Committee
7. Election of New Committee
8. Special Motion to Change the Accounting Year
9. Any Other Business

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COMMITTEE 2007/2008

NOMINATION FORM

(Name).....

is hereby nominated to stand for the Committee by

.....

and seconded by

.....

all of the above being fully paid-up members of Pirate Productions asbl.

.....(Date)

The completed form should be forwarded to any member of the present Committee either prior to, or at the start of the A.G.M.

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PROXY FORM

I, (name).....

of (address)

.....

being a fully paid-up member of Pirate Productions asbl, hereby appoint

..... (or failing him/her)

.....

each of whom is a fully paid-up member of Pirate Productions asbl, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 15 October 2007 at the Church Hall in Gasperich, and at any adjournment thereof.

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote as he/she thinks fit.

..... (signed)

.....(date)

The completed form should be forwarded to any member of the present Committee either prior to, or at the start of the A.G.M.

Membership Form

This form should be completed in the case of new members or in order to amend the details for existing members.

Name :

Address :

Telephone Number (home) :

Telephone Number (work) :

Email Address :

Nationality :

Would you like to receive the Newsletter in electronic format via email?

YES / NO

Do you agree that the above contact details may be included on a contact list, circulated to members on a regular basis?

YES / NO

Date and Method of payment for first annual subscription :

Subscriptions are due on an annual basis, payable in September each year. Please see the back page of the Pirates' Newsletter or the Pirates' web site (www.pirates.lu) for current rates and payment details.

Please return this form in electronic format to the Membership Secretary.

Pirates Committee - 2006/7

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