



Pirate Productions

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2009

Dear Pirates,

Qui s'excuse, s'accuse. Nevertheless, your humble editor apologises profusely for his tardiness in the matter of this newsletter. Circumstances have, as usual, conspired against him, starting in July. He has only just caught up.

Many of you will remember Pauline Saunders, a stalwart of Pirates during her time in Luxembourg, whose sudden death from pneumonia in July, a couple of weeks before her golden wedding, came as a great shock. Ken and Pauline came to Luxembourg in 1987 and immediately became involved with things Piratical. Check the website to see just how involved they were. After their return to England, nearly ten years ago, they remained in contact with their many friends on the Continent; your humble editor and 'er indoors were offered great hospitality whenever their meanderings took them within a day's march of Tenterden, where Ken and Pauline had set up home. A standing joke on these occasions was for her say "Now, Alan, don't forget that you are going to play for my funeral", a jocular prediction which came cruelly true on 9th July 2009. Your humble editor was fortunate in that he didn't have to attempt to sing with locked-up vocal muscles; and the concentration required to play a late Victorian tracker-action organ, with few registration aids, meant that his mind was taken off the reason for the service, for at least some of the time.

Now to happier matters. After many vicissitudes, a venue was found for "Thoroughly Modern Millie". It is the Maison Syndicale in Dudelange, which has all the advantages, and more, that the Casino Syndicale in Bonnevoie had (for those of you who remember it!). The website (<http://www.pirates.lu>) contains details of performances and how to get there; it is close to the station where there is a large car park, which is more than you can say about many a venue. Rehearsals are proceeding apace, and even 'er indoors has been persuaded to come out of retirement to play a cameo part as... but I mustn't reveal the plot. VHE has been taking pictures of rehearsals (and will continue to do so); you can see the results at <http://pirates.sarumlux.net>. Bookings are jogging along nicely, but we need more; to book your seats, call 35 63 39 or email millie@sarumlux.net.

Don't forget that the Annual General Meeting, that celebrated evening of fun and jollity, will take place on Monday 26th October. Details on page 4.

Looking beyond Millie, we see a large blank space. If you have an idea for a show, please tell the (new) committee; there is a great deal of expertise in the Club, which can be brought to bear on your pet project. This stuff doesn't grow on trees!

Yours piratically,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan".

REHEARSAL PICTURES



The cast warms up

Millie arrives in New York



**Mrs Meers shows
her true colours**

REHEARSAL PICTURES



Muzzy gets carried away at her party!

Miss Flannery (head of typists' pool) takes a dive.



Ching Ho rescues Miss Dorothy from durance vile.

More pictures at <http://pirates.sarumlux.net>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Pirate Productions a.s.b.l. will take place on Monday 26th October 2009 at 20:00 in the Parish Hall in Gasperich. The draft agenda is the same as usual:

1. Adoption of Draft Agenda
2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2008
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Adoption of Accounts 2008/2009
6. Election of Auditor
7. Discharge of Committee
8. Election of new Committee
9. Any other business (to be notified, if possible, to the Secretary before the start of the meeting).

Please make every effort to attend; with membership numbers as they stand, we need a minimum of twenty members present to be quorate. In a blatant attempt to persuade you to attend, the Club will offer a vin d'honneur after the meeting.

Several members of the present committee do not propose to stand for re-election; if there is to be life after Millie, it will be necessary to replace them. Please consider doing your bit to keep the Pirates on the road by standing for election to the Committee.

You are reminded that subscriptions for 2009/2010 are now due — see back page for details.

COMMITTEE 2009/10
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)

PROXY FORM

I,

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 AGM to be held on 26th October 2009 at the Parish 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(s) should be forwarded to Pirate Productions asbl c/o David Mittel, or handed to any member of the present Committee either prior to, or at the start of the AGM.

IS THERE LIFE AFTER MILLIE?

As was intimated in the editorial, the Pirates have at present nothing in the pipeline. The camaraderie generated by Millie will fade, and we need new horizons to explore. Even though it seems to be the case that we can make money just by presenting table quizzes, music halls and the like (and, of course, running a bar), the fact remains that it is the (big) shows that keep us on the road. Perhaps you have a show that is special to you, that you would like to bring to an audience; if you have, there is a large infrastructure ready and willing to support you. You have only to ask. But the blunt fact remains: no shows = no Pirates.

PIRATICAL GET-TOGETHER

Pam'n'Alan (a.k.a. "er indoors" and "your humble editor", respectively) are pleased to announce to that they will be at home to all Pirates, especially the ones involved in "Millie", on the afternoon/evening of Sunday 22nd November (St Cecilia's day, and Benjamin Britten's birthday, very appropriate for a musical society). If it's cold enough — and with all this climate change we keep hearing about, it may well be! — glühwein will be served. Or schampes, if the climate changes the other way. This will be an opportunity to renew the friendships formed during the show, and maybe even address the issue referred to above (although there will be no formal discussion). Singing may even be perpetrated.

Please call 35 63 39 or email pamela@sarumlux.net if you intend to come, so that we may have some idea of numbers. Feel free to bring provender and/or booze; some degree of coordination here may be desirable. Don't worry if you forget to let us know; come along anyway — very few people are turned away from our door. Just don't turn up unannounced in pairs, wearing suits and carrying briefcases.

A word of warning: if you are allergic to cats, take your anti-histamines in advance. Most of our cats will scarp when the first people arrive, but two of them are human-lovers, and may well hang around.

There isn't room to include the "how to find us" map, but the link below will give you all the information you need.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=117393716043637300172.000448ed982e17b69cc2a&z=19>

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) :

GSM (Handy) :

Email address :

Nationality :

Would you like to receive the Newsletter in electronic form 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

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on an annual basis, payable in August. Subscriptions for 2009/2010 have therefore been due for some time! Fees due for the different categories of membership are as follows:

Individual:	25 Euro
Family:	40 Euro
Junior/Student:	10 Euro

The appropriate amount should be paid by virement to Pirates' account with Dexia/BIL – account number LU51 0022 1561 0680 0000 – Pirate Productions asbl, mentioning “Subscription 2009/10”, your name and the category of subscription required, clearly indicating your address so we can verify it on our Membership database.

Please ensure that the Membership Secretary is notified of any change of address or other details (a membership form is to be found in the Newsletter).

Only members who have paid their subscription will receive a Newsletter.

Please note that the cast and crew of all Pirates' shows must be fully paid-up members, otherwise they will not be covered under Pirates' personal accident insurance and will therefore not be able to be involved in shows.

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