



Os Algarvios
Teatro Experimental



The Algarveans
Experimental Theatre

JULY 2010 SPOTLIGHT

IT'S BEHIND YOU!!

Algarvean Direction Committee

Let me first of all apologise to the membership for the delay in the issue of July Spotlight, we had to dwell a pause of two marching paces prior to issue. Mel Winstanley and Pat Sandford were welcomed as the newly elected members to the Algarvean Committee at the committee meeting 9 June. In the weeks since that meeting the committee had been going through a state of flux due to various issues. When the status quo was thought to have returned at the meeting on 14 July, we were hit with the surprising and sad news that our chairlady, Alison Greening, was being forced to stand down due to health issues. This news came as a complete shock for all of the committee but obviously we accept and understand her decision.

On behalf of the committee and the membership, I would like to thank Alison for all the hard work and effort she has put in for the benefit of the group. There is no doubt that we have significantly moved forward and her successor now has the foundations in place to take the organisation to the next level. A big thank you from all of us Ali, we hope to soon see you involved in one of our productions and we wish you well for the future.



As a result of Alison's decision there is now a requirement to hold an Emergency General Meeting (EGM). Sian Hughes-Roberts, as president of the "Assembly Committee" is working hard to achieve this at the earliest opportunity. Electoral papers and further details are being sent out to the membership and we hope to hold an EGM sometime in September at the earliest and October at the latest. [Ed.](#)

Autumn 2010 Production

The next Algarvean's production entitled "Life's like that" will be held at the Lagoa Auditorium on Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th October 2010 consisting of 4 one-act comedy plays. Information was sent out to the membership at the beginning of June advising of the auditions being held at the Silves Cine Club for this production.



"The Skip" directed by Jenny Grainer, is based around 5 women who demonstrate the different levels of people's perspective to others discarded items. "Bus Stop" directed by Sian Hughes-Roberts, shows the regular down-to-earth users of public transport at different levels, including the unwilling and the unexpected. "Laughing Gas" directed by Lloyd Delderfield, shows the effect Laughing Gas can have on the solemnity of a will reading. "Nelson's Driving Test" also directed by Lloyd Delderfield, depicts a young Nelson having to take his Naval Captaincy Proficiency Test live in front of a major news channel's cameras. As you can see, the stage manager got so excited at the prospect of this production; he started to eat his script.

Spring 2011 Production



“This is unbelievable!” were the words uttered by Chris Winstanley, the director of the Algarvean’s Spring 2011 production “Honk the Musical” when he worked out that almost 50 people auditioned for a part in the show. The whole production team, were blown away by the standard of ability by all who auditioned, which made casting the show an extremely difficult task. The auditions happened on two Sundays in June and were in the form of workshops which gave the people auditioning lots of opportunities to show Chris and his artistic team what they could do in terms of acting, improvisation, dancing and singing. “Feedback has been fantastic” said Nikki Wejdom when describing the reaction of

the people who came along. The other great news for the Algarvean’s is that the cast has a number of new members taking lead roles as well as parts in the Chorus. The cast of over 30 people is one of the largest ever for an Algarvean show. The cast will be sent scripts in the next few weeks along with a CD containing music from the show so all involved can get familiar with the show. Hard work begins in the first week in September with rehearsals commencing and will continue until curtain up in mid March 2010. Cast list as follows; * Denotes new member

MALE

Ugly	Joao Prata*	Turkey	Ian Mccullagh*
Cat	Ian Carfrae*	Barnacles	Charlie Bedingham
Drake	David Oxley*	Bullfrog	Trevor Herrington
Greylag	Des Briggs	Father Swan	Ian Mccullagh*
Farmer	Steve Smith*		

FEMALE

Ida	Karen Carfrae*	Old Woman	Jan Sheppherd
Grace	Jan Sheppherd	Mother Swan	Turea Spencer*
Dot	Angie Davies*	Henrietta	Lara Costa
Lowbutt	Melanie Winstanley	Pinkfoot	Mia Justino
Maureen	Turea Spencer*	Penny	Jessica Martin
Snowy	Sue Whittle	Maggie Pie	Jenny Dackcombe
Queenie	Janey Mccullagh*		

CHILDREN

Billy	Charlie Montgomery*	Fluff	Charlie Minards*
Beaky	Jordan Wejdom	Downey	Emily Price

CHORUS / DANCERS

Maxine Costa	Bella Watson *	Sophie Leroy	Orla Ferrie*
Joana Good*	Liana Viera *	Jake Barroso	

Cast members will be part of the chorus additionally



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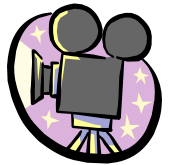


The Algarvean Group helping the local community.

Our treasurer Margaret Brito presents a cheque for €1000 to Margarida of the Bom Samaritano Children's Home in Alvor. The home was nominated by the committee to receive a charitable gift. The money was used by the home to purchase many items including new swimming towels, bikinis and swim trunks for all the children for the summer.

How does Margarida get that bird to stay on her head? [Ed](#)

The Silves Cine Club is currently in Summer Recess but watch out for forthcoming events in the next issue of Spotlight.



In the meantime



FUN QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER. Come along to Suzie's Bar in Silves 8pm Friday 6 August and every other Friday from there on. Quiz night and excellent supper for just €3 per person. Contact Susie Elton 960 221 131 for more information.

Visiting Script Writer and Author gives talk in Monchique



If you have ever longed to learn more about writing for the movies then why not take this unique opportunity to listen to visiting, author, playwright and lecturer in screen writing, Marc Gee. Marc is holidaying in the Algarve and will be giving this one-off lecture about the technique of script writing for films and talking about his new book 'Autumn Kill'. This interesting peek at another all-important side of the film and writing industry will take place on Sunday 1st August from 4–6pm in the hotel of the new Longevity Health Spa Resort on the road to Monchique near Caldas.

To book your place email Barbara Fellgiebel at alfacult@gmail.com

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AND FINALLY All the new members who recently joined at the show "Allo, Allo!" or since then will soon be receiving the long awaited Algarvean member information and welcome pack. Mel Winstanley is working hard to produce this for you as soon as possible. Are you involved with another group that would benefit in receiving this Spotlight newsletter? If so, feel free to post it at your website or circulate via your email list. The more people we can get the message to and bring to our live shows the better. Forward it to your friends and neighbours. Just send any input you have via email to Spotlight@thealgarveans.com alternatively, you could write to me; Des Briggs BEM, Apt 1123 Carvoeiro, Lagoa 8401-910. If it is easier, ring me at 282 084438. Do you want to advertise another group or organisation then send input to me, at the above address? Maybe you have something for sale, a joke or cartoon, an article, a photograph or information on forthcoming shows or just information of a general interest. "Ta-ra" everybody, There will be no issue of Spotlight in August, we are taking a holiday. Stay cool, see you September. **Des the Ed.**

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