



January 2011

SPOTLIGHT



After finishing 2010 in rather depressing fashion with the loss of Jenny Dackombe, let me kick off the New Year with some good news. Sandra Inca, Yvette in "Allo, Allo", produced on 20th December 2010 their second child, Marco Mateo, a beautiful brother for Luca. This good news was tinged with some rather sad news for the rest of us in that Sandra and Mathieu and their two boys are off to the

Seychelles to live and work on Sunday 23 January. Mathieu has a new job in the Seychelles. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future. Sandra specifically asked that she still receive copies of Spotlight to keep tabs on what the group are up to. In the meantime she sent me this photograph of Marco and Luca for Spotlight.

I trust that we all had a fantastic Christmas and hope you have a fantastic New Year and also hope that we are all raring to go. We have three shows lined up for you this year, local Camara permitting. We now kick off in April with Honk the Musical, which is cast and has now been rehearsing since last September. We then hope to bring you a comedy about a home for Senior Citizens called "Quartet" around about the end of June beginning of July. We are actively looking for a director for this production. Finally, the autumn production sees the return of David Butler-Cole directing another comedy, "Poor Old Uncle George". The summer and autumn productions will be auditioned in the weeks and months ahead so watch this space if you want to be involved. Please remember that to get a part in any of our productions; you MUST come along to auditions. We are always looking for suitable new talent. Please do not be deterred if unsuccessful at the first attempt.

A BIT OF A DO!!

Next month we are holding a 'Valentine' theme lunch!!

SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY. 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

CAFE A FABRICA

on the beachfront at PRAIA DA LUZ.

2 course Menu

Homemade fish cakes, homemade chips & salad

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Beef or Chicken pie, potatoes and vegetables

Dessert - from a selection of homemade sweets

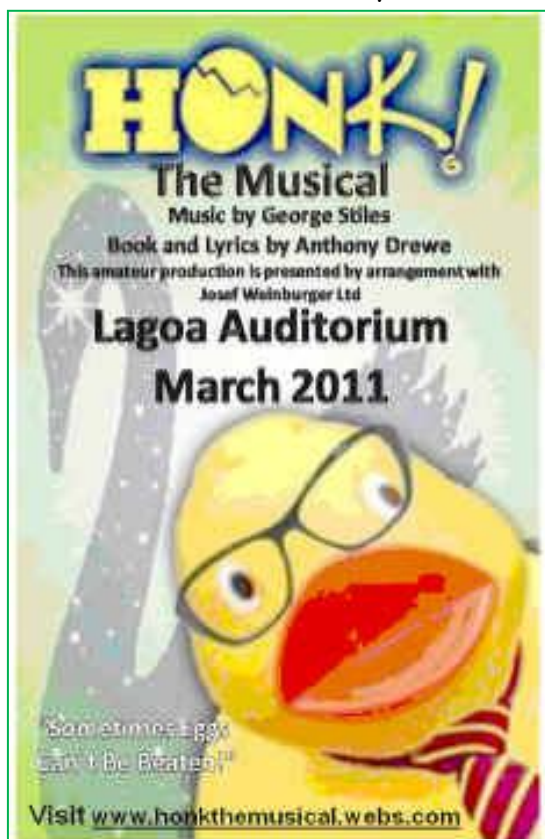
with wine and coffee 15 Euros

Please advise Pat Sandford of your numbers and your choice of main course by Sunday 6th February Membership@thealgarveans.com or telephone 96 2438688.

Looking forward to seeing you there

HONK the Musical

Due to circumstances beyond our control the production of Honk planned for March



will now **open at 8pm on Thursday 21 April 2011 with a performance at 8pm on 22 April 2011 (Good Friday) and a matinee and evening performance on Saturday 23 April 2011.** Jenny Grainer finalised the dates with Lagoa Camara President yesterday after some very delicate negotiating in an effort to secure these dates. Well done Jenny. In the meantime, rehearsals for Honk continue in full swing at Silves Cine Club and at Karen Borroso's dance studio in Alvor. Chris Winstanley ably assisted by Nikki Weidjom as Assistant Director, Trevor Herrington as Musical Director and Choreography by Karen Barroso, has now recruited to his talented team an equally talented and experienced musician, Sra Vera Batista. Watch this space for further details.

Visit www.honkthemusical.webs.com for all the news and more information.

THE ALGARVEAN COMMITTEE

This photograph identifies your elected Algarvean Committee. This willing group of volunteers make every effort to try to keep control on your behalf. We try our best to get it right but we are always ready to hear of any suggestions that you might have to improve the Algarvean Group. You can contact any of the committee via the website at www.thealgarveans.com we would be happy to hear from you.



Picture by Trish Delderfield

L to R Back Row: Sue Bickerdyke (Secretary); Des Briggs (Spotlight); Mel Winstanley; Margaret Brito (Treasurer). L to R Front Row: Pat Sandford (Membership Secretary); Lloyd Delderfield (Chairman).

It is also that time of year again and subscriptions are now due. . To apply for or renew Membership, please visit the Algarvean website where you can download the necessary forms at and full instructions at the CONTACTS section. Alternatively, speak to a member of the committee.

Chairman's Report

Happy New Year to you all. Well, at last we have received our production dates for Honk. Many thanks to Jenny Grainer for her perseverance and time in this matter. Also, thank you to the directors (Chris, Nikki, Trevor and Karen) and all the cast for waiting. It couldn't have been easy learning all those lines, songs and dances without having a date to look forward to. I hope you all can support our lunch-time social event in February. We are looking for a Director for our next production in early summer, if you would like to have a go, speak to any committee member. Lloyd Delderfield

AND FINALLY 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. Do you want to advertise another group or organisation then send input to me, at the above address?