



Following the Coffee morning in early December, things were rather quiet, maybe because members of the committee were busy rehearsing for the pantomime, which took place in early January. The original intention was to only have one performance of the pantomime, but such was the demand for tickets that there were finally three performances with a full house on each occasion. From the comments received and the overwhelming response from the audiences, it would

appear to have been a considerable success and was just reward to the members of the cast for all their hard work.

Such was the enthusiasm of the cast, it would be unfair to highlight any particular member, but special praise goes to the performance of Jack and to Suzanne Dobney for her gusto performance of Rose.

One must also congratulate the members of the orchestra, Joan Stevenson and Charlotte Robinson and the other back stage members, Sophia Sadler for sound effects, plus also the front of house administrator Jackie Watson. One person in particular deserves an Oscar, the Producer, Director and Script Writer, Michael Fahie-Wilson, who had spent so much time in writing a superb script with so many connotations relating to the village.

Now with a successful performance behind us where to we go from here?

Our answer - ***The Village Hall Players***

A number of people have expressed an interest in becoming involved in any future productions, so it has been agreed to introduce to the Village a group called The Village Hall Players. This will be open to anybody in the village who is interested in taking part, either acting, musical, singing or behind the scenes/front of house administration. So if this appeals to you and you would like to join in the fun, please contact:-

Michael Fahie-Wilson on 01284 827243 or E-mail mike@leigh.ndo.co.uk

New Programme

The snow has gone (we hope) and spring is in the air, so now it is the busy season as you will see from the list of events due to take place.

On Saturday March 28th we are repeating our

Fun Casino/Race Night which proved to be very successful last year. This evening is a combination of Horse Racing plus Roulette and Black Jack. Don't worry



you don't need any gambling skills and we do not use real money, it is just an evening of fun.

Tickets are available from Charles Pugh 01284 828524 priced at £5 and includes a ploughman's – bring your own drink.

Saturday April the 4th we are holding a **coffee morning**, with an Easter Theme, hot cross buns, Easter Eggs etc starting at 1030 until 1230 or thereabouts.

A **Beetle Drive** will take place on Saturday 18th April, being organised by the Old Rectory Lane Team, with the proceeds going to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, a very worthy cause.

A new event is introduced this year with an **Old Tyme Music Hall**, where we will be entertained by a group of artistes with years of experience in this sphere. So why not come along – sing along and be entertained, you may even wish to dress in suitable attire for this evening, the chose is yours. Tickets £6 per person are limited, so please order early to avoid disappointment from Jackie Watson 01284 828405. Please bring your own drinks. (Note, food will not be provided).



In addition to the special items there will be the usual monthly whist drives, table tennis most Tuesdays and the monthly meeting of the Hand bell performers, so there is always something happening.

Over the past five weeks, the younger members of the village have been enjoying the **Samba football** training sessions, sponsored by Babergh Council. The initial eight weeks, which have proved to be very successful, have been provided free and we are currently awaiting confirmation from the organisers on their future programme.

Village Hall AGM

The AGM for the Village Hall Management Committee will take place again this year on Monday 25th May and everybody is welcome to come along to join us for a glass of wine, with an opportunity to air your views and put forward suggestions for future events. As last year the current committee will all stand down at the AGM, but may put their names forward for re-election. We are always looking for new people to come forward for election, so why not contact Ken Durant on 01284 828524 to discuss what is involved and you can be rest assured of a warm welcome.

Please also note that **The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Monday 18th May starting at 7.30. This will be your opportunity to be updated on Village matters and air your views. The meeting will be followed by the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**.