

Explanation

Hi everyone!

Just by way of a brief explanation of what the "OLD TYME MUSIC HALL" is all about, just in case you think you can escape by ignoring us!!!

The idea is to put on two evening concerts in the style of the old time Music Halls when a Chairman introduces a variety of acts in very flamboyant language trying to get a response from the audience. The "acts" were almost anything, from a man who could whistle a tune to jugglers, trapeze artistes, illusionists, singers, speech makers and in one case a man called "La Petamian" who could "sing" the French National Anthem by breaking wind. Not that I am expecting anybody to emulate him! If you ever saw "The Vicar of Dibley" episode where Owen and the "farting ducks" were presented as an "act" in the village concert, you will have some idea of the level of entertainment required!

Much more likely would be for people to sing a song, tell a few jokes, possibly act out a very short sketch, recite a poem, recite some saucy limericks, perform a monologue (there are lots of them out there, Albert and the Lion is a famous one), do a couple of magic tricks, even better if they always go wrong, get together as a small choir, play a musical instrument, (I heard someone play a woodwork saw the other day), do a comedy routine, mime something, do a "strongman" act, rip up telephone directories or indeed anything that might amuse people, this is "party piece" time and anything goes!

There would be NO rehearsals as such, just 4 evenings at the Hut in Forder where people can turn up and try out their acts and be given a running order. Any rehearsal would be done at home and then on the night you bring your "act" and your talent to Burraton Community Centre where you will be introduced by a Chairperson, you will perform your "act" and at the end of the show take part in some community singing where all the "acts" from that evening come on stage and encourage the audience to join in. Everyone taking part would be expected to make some attempt to dress in Victorian costume as will the audience. There will be one evening at the hall in the week before the first performance when we will "try out" the show. You don't of course have to take part in both shows, you could just do one if you have another "gig" lined up!!!

If you have any questions give me a ring on 01752 845912 and I'll do my best to answer them.

If you know anyone who you think could take part, either give me a contact number or email address, or better still persuade them to come along to any of the "rehearsals" on the schedule and they can be fitted in. Age is no barrier, from one to a hundred very welcome, so if you have a niece or nephew, grandson/daughter, neighbour or friend who does an "act", rope them in and join us in raising money for the RNLI and having a really good laugh ourselves.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Nigel