

# February 2008 NEWSLETTER



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## *'The Beggar's Opera'* 15th to 18th July 2008

*Now it's not an opera* – it is more like a sort of 18<sup>th</sup> century pantomime with a mixture of comedy, melodrama and popular songs of the day – some with well known tunes such as “Over the Hills and Far Away” and “Greensleeves”.

*It is the story of the dashing highwayman Captain MacHeath and his latest conquest, pretty Polly Peachum. Polly's father, who is the local crime boss and his wife plot to have him hanged and to claim the reward money. Polly warns MacHeath about her parents' plan and that's where the plot really comes alive. The character of the Beggar, the author of the play, steps in at the last moment and offers the audience the chance to reprieve him – what will they decide? As well as the main characters* there are several minor/chorus parts as highwaymen, thieves, beggars and prostitutes ~ there are limited parts for some younger teenagers ~ all welcome to the readings

A fun, dynamic, interactive production, which will provide a nicely seedy contrast to the respectable “Jane Austen” themed, *Overton Regency Sheep Fair!* If you want to be a part of it, on stage or off, please contact Gabrielle or Graham or come along to one of the *readings & casting, 7:30 Tuesday & Thursdays 26<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March at the ORC, Bridge Street.*

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### **The Battle of the Sexes**

and this time it's serious ~ well not too serious ~  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
Tickets @ £3.50 available from Social Committee  
members or call Maggs on 771457.  
The Battle of the Sexes is an over 18 event so don't be  
disappointed book your baby sitter now!!

A St Mary's Hall Management Committee Event

Hog The Limelight's  
Murder Mystery Evening

15<sup>th</sup> March @ St Mary's Hall

Tickets £12 (includes supper) from  
Lesley Peters at readings/casting or  
Overton Fireplaces

### *~: The Return of the Costumes ~:*

If you haven't already returned your costumes to Freda then bring them down to *The Beggar's Opera*  
reading on 26<sup>th</sup> February – all costumes welcome!

### **HOT OFF THE PRESS.....**

The committee is delighted to announce that this year's panto is.

## **CINDERELLA INTERSTELLAR**

Yes, we will be going cosmic for our 2008 Panto ~ 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Nov., ~ Directed by Alice Ellingham and Assisted  
by Lesley Sims, this will be a spectacular production with the script skilfully combining the much loved Cinderella  
story within a parallel universe to the equally fated original Star Wars trilogy.

More news to follow.....*May The Sauce Be With You*

### **ODS Calendar**

#### February

16<sup>th</sup> Battle of the  
Sexes

26<sup>th</sup>

*The Beggar's  
Opera*' Readings  
start

#### March

11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

*The Beggar's  
Opera*' Casting

15<sup>th</sup> Murder  
Mystery Evening

#### May

14<sup>th</sup> AGM

#### July

15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>  
Show Week  
*The Beggar's  
Opera*'

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
Overton  
Regency Sheep  
Fair

22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>  
**CINDERELLA  
INTERSTELLAR**  
Readings and  
Casting

October  
18<sup>th</sup> Bazaar

November  
25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>  
Show Week  
**CINDERELLA  
INTERSTELLAR**

December  
31<sup>st</sup> New Years  
Party