

ALGSS for the Festival of Arts

"The Girl Next Door"

The international award winning company, ALGSS are doing a very special musical called "The Girl Next Door" in July. As part of the Abbots Langley Festival of the Arts, it was written by their resident pianist, Alan Vening (who is also organist and choir master at St. Lawrence Church) and Peter Vincent. Peter Vincent wrote for The Two Ronnies and The Brittias Empire to name but a few, so you can imagine how good the script is! Peter lives in Radlett and will come to see the piece which has not been performed fully since it was done at the Cambridge Corn Exchange back in 1956 (when he and Alan were students at Cambridge University).

This musical comedy set in the semi-fictional village of 'Abbots-in-the-Langley' and concerns events leading up to and including the presentation of a 'lost' G&S opera at the village carnival. A delightful comedy which is certain to have a strong local flavour! It is not often that something like this is unearthed and it is even more special having Alan at the piano and knowing that Peter will be in the audience to see their work come to life.

ALGSS will be performing the show at the Henderson Hall (2-5 July 2008 7.45pm and 2.30pm Saturday matinee) and tickets are already on sale (box office 0845 644 0635 or go to www.algss.org.uk). They are offering "Early Bird Bookers" the opportunity to be entered into a very special prize draw for anyone who buys tickets before 1st June, so don't delay.

The company has started floor rehearsals and is being directed by Alan's good friend (and Abbots Langley resident and award winning director), Andrew Taylor with musical direction from Brenda Southorn, another long standing Abbots Langley resident and, again, good friend of Alan. So, it really is a very local affair which will be a treat for ALGSS fans and music lovers alike.



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