

Stargazers Drama Group ... help needed for panto. "Ooooooh yes it is!"

"We all do it because we love it! Sending an audience home with a smile on their faces at the end of an evening of old-fashioned family fun!"

That's how Ray Rippingale (pictured), the Chair of Stargazers Drama Group describes the extraordinary group of enthusiasts who run the local drama group.

Ray explains: "We only do one production a year, and it's always a traditional pantomime. We reckon that panto brings people together like no other stage show, that's why we open our doors to actors, dancers, singers and helpers of all ages and all abilities."

"We have cast our latest show, which will be Mother Goose, and we are well into the rehearsals. What we need now are helpers behind the scenes to do things like sewing costumes, serving refreshments, applying make-up and that all important role – prompting during the show!"

Anyone willing to lend a hand should ring Ray on 882200. Tickets for the show are on sale now from Glen on 01332 781676 priced at £4 and £2. Mother Goose plays at John Flamsteed Community School, Denby from February 21 to 23.

Ray Rippingale



Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir – New Members Required

Originally formed back in 1956 the Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir continues to represent the Chief Constable of Derbyshire in its work amongst the communities of the county and elsewhere. It also enables many local and national charities to raise funds and through its work the choir also gives money to local charities.

Rod Moore (pictured) from Horsley Woodhouse is responsible for the choir's recruitment and publicity. Rod explains: "You don't have to be a member of the police force to join – anyone who supports the force in their work is welcome to come along to a rehearsal."

Rod, who is also quiz-master at the Coach & Horses in Horsley explains: "Whilst the choir has changed considerably over the last 52 years, what has remained constant is the mix of traditional and modern male voice singing alongside comedy items and an emphasis on entertainment and fun. This leads to around 25 concerts a year." He adds, "We are very much a family choir with wives, friends and children all welcome to come along and give their support."

If you are interested in joining or going along to see a rehearsal on a Monday night at St Mary's Wharf Police Station, Chester Green please give Rod Moore a call on 01332 880185



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