

SILVER JUBILEE

PTA The PTA Variety Show



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Now that's what we call Variety!

From Lorca to Leontine, from Schubert to the Salsettes, the silver jubilee PTA Variety Show brought the house down with a marvellous eclectic mix of entertainment.

Having wowed last year's panto audiences, the lovely Leontine belted out the opening numbers and set the high standard for the rest of the show. We weren't disappointed. Dr Mike Sutcliffe's haunting Spanish guitar was joined by Dave Cale, and later by the inimitable Dr Clare Morris whose rendering of Lorca's "La Guitarra" combined culture with showmanship. We gasped! And gasped again when Terry Nicholas sang "Desperado" and when Avril Fitchett, the dark horse, gave a poignant performance of "Ave Maria". The evergreen Salsettes closed the first half; long may they shimmer!

Elvis and Roy, aka David Lonsdale, set our feet tapping again. I always thought he was so straight-laced! More lace adorned the stunning gown of Dame Edna. David Von N, you certainly made your mark with this cheeky performance; loved the banter between you and PET... aka John Birch, the quick-witted compere! (Don't forget to ask him about the acronym!) Show-stopper Adam Burrows not only sang some more pop this time but also tried his hand at stand-up comedy - his harem shrieked in delight, and we all laughed and sang along. Such a professional! Our versatile Clare returned with her very special performance of "Frankie and Johnny," and Alastair and Dithers, by popular demand, told tales of Rinderella to close the show. The evening was still young, though, so the ICE Blues band got us all up on the dance floor. This band goes from strength to strength.

A big thank you to Preeya and the PTA, and also to Terry Morris' team of sixth-form bar-tenders and waitresses. If you missed this event, you missed a real treat.

Yvonne Stevenson

