

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

August 2016

Welcome to this (delayed) summer edition of The Boards. I hope you are enjoying this rather un-British weather.

As I'm sure you know, our next production is "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in September. It is shaping up to be a very dramatic piece, so please pass the word around and come and support the show. The performance dates are 17th and 18th at the Artrix and 22nd to 24th at the Palace.

After that it's the panto, rehearsals for which will start on 30th August. The show is now fully cast as follows:-

Robin Hood - Emma Stevens	Maid Marion - Anja Parkes
Nursie - Mark Clayton	Hayrick - Max Ponsonby
Sheriff of Nottingham - Graham Forbes	Pokem - Barbara Treen
Prince John - David Mann	Queen Arachnid - Rianne Hawkins
Thumpem - Dave Healing	Bashem - James Ralley
Little Joan - Vanessa Morgan	Friar Tuck - Ken Messenger
Alana Dale - Victoria Vollans	Will Scarlet - George Address
Fairy Fern - Catrin Charmley	Sally - Sarah Preedy
Jill - Janine Parkes	King Richard - Kitt Lefervre

The Babes - Amy Wickes, Daisy Green and Harry Longley, Archie Marks

Tyson (Nurse Nora's dog) - Cerys Gillard

Another date for your diary is 15th September for the AGM at Rowney Green. As advised in Victoria's emails, she will be standing down as Chairperson and Graham will also be standing down as Treasurer. Obviously these are vital positions and they will need to be filled at the AGM, so please consider whether these are roles which you could perform. There are also other vacancies on the Committee, so the more people who can attend the meeting to make these decisions the better, so please do try and come along. It is open to all ages, though only 18s can vote and there will be wine (for the over 18s) and nibbles to help the evening along.

Looking ahead to next year, it has been decided that Andrew Corcoran is to direct the schools' play in March (Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde) and John Edwards-Bick will direct One Man, Two Gov'nors in June.

Our youth section, run by Alison, is planning its own production in February at Rowney Green. Further details to follow in due course.

There is happy news of ex-All & Sundry member Laura Beth Morgan; she has won Miss Charity 2016 and now works as a film production assistant.

There was a production of "Much Ado about Nothing" at the Artrix earlier this month, by our friends at Madcaps, which was greatly received and I enclose below a review.

Review - Much Ado About Nothing, Artrix Theatre, August 6th.

Another fantastic production from Madcaps, directed by Artistic Directors Emma Leigh and Patricia Hobday, there were superb performances across the board with humour, loveable characters and a wonderful physicality that the audience has come to expect from Madcaps.

For me the stand-out performances of the evening were those of Jefferson Bond and Matilda Bott as Benedick and Beatrice whose faultless performances had the audience in the palm of their hands, truly mesmerising! They were however, supported by a wonderfully talented cast. Congratulations Madcaps!! Can't wait for the next one!!

OSCARS NIGHT

As you should all know by now, this will be held at the Holiday Inn on 12th November. The cost is £20 for adults and £18 for children and will include a two-course meal, non alcoholic cocktail on arrival, and tea or coffee. There will be the infamous awards, plus entertainment and dancing afterwards. There will even be selfie facilities (whatever that means), so do remember to book your tickets.

Did you read about the unlucky father-to-be in America, who was waiting outside the delivery room when they took him into the operating theatre by mistake? They performed a haemorrhoid operation on him for ones he didn't even know he had! Talk about piling on the agony. There's no truth in the rumour he's naming his new twins Nip and Tuck.

I hear the latest on Brexit is that Roy Hodgson is to lead the negotiations. After all, he's proved to be first rate at getting us out of Europe!

And finally, did you know that Adele is making an album of music from Only Fools And Horses? It's going to be called Adele Boy.

That's all,

Rog.