

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

January/February 2017

Hello everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of the new year. Christmas is long gone and the panto seems ages ago now. I'm sure you will agree it was a great production and brilliant fun for both cast and audiences. Additionally, it made lots of money for us, so many congratulations to Alison and the whole team. There will be a film evening to show the dvd of the panto on Saturday 4th February at Stoke Prior Village Hall. The meeting time is 6.45 pm, with the film being shown from 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

While mentioning the panto, this year's production will be *Cinderella*, so for all you budding thespians out there, you can go to the ball!

As you know, our youth section *smAll and Sundry* are showcasing their recent efforts with performances of Little Miss Wormwood. Performances are 7.00 pm on Saturday 18th February and 2.30 pm on Sunday 19th February. It's great to say that performances are nearly sold out but if you would like tickets we are trying to squeeze a few more seats in, so please contact either Anja or myself on roger@goddard45.orangehome.co.uk.

On the subject of *smAll & Sundry*, we will be needing 2 new youth leaders to help run the group in the fairly near future. They meet at the Baptist Hall in Bromsgrove on Thursday evenings between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. If you are interested in helping out or want more information, please contact Alison.

The schools production of Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde is fully cast and rehearsals are well and truly underway. Advanced bookings from schools are looking good, with some performances sold out (subject to confirmation), so if you'd like to go and see the show you'd better arrange your tickets sooner rather than later. There are six new members to *All & Sundry* appearing in this production, which is terrific news and we wish them all well.

A Darker Shade Of Beige, our studio production for April, is also fully cast and rehearsals have begun for that too. Although the publicity for this production has not really started yet, the interest level is already high, so again, planning ahead for tickets would be strongly advisable.

As you will be aware, auditions for One Man, Two Guvnors, our June production at the Artrix, are being held next month at Rowney Green at 7.00 pm on both Sunday 5th and Tuesday 7th February. If you are interested in a part in this play but unable to attend on either of these dates, please contact Mike Jeffrey on m.jeffrey2@sky.com

Other News

We are thinking about holding some workshops this year. These will probably be about an hour long. Alison will run one on self-defence, both for youngsters and adults and Martina will run a dance one. At this stage we would like to gauge what interest there would be before details are decided, so if you would be interested or like to know more, please contact Alison on alisonberrisford@live.co.uk.

An aquarium in Blackpool has a new star attraction. It's a bright orange frogfish that can expand its mouth to 12 times its normal size. Of course, they've named it Donald Trump and in fact, it does look remarkably like him. If you Google it, you'll see what I mean.

Good news for coffee drinkers! Regular cups of coffee could help fight inflammation and cardiovascular diseases associated with ageing and even make you live longer, according to recent research. A US study has discovered that an inflammatory mechanism associated with ageing and other chronic diseases that come with it, may be counteracted by caffeine. Now that's what I call useful research!

And finally, Dr Watson "Why are we walking through this yellow door, Holmes?"
Sherlock Holmes "Lemon entry, my dear Watson".

That's all folks,

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