

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the latest edition of The Boards.

News from Rowney Green

Blackadder rehearsals are now coming on apace. We are all off script. No, we haven't learnt our lines, we're just off the script. Costumes too are coming along. Some are better than others but Andrew says we have to take the ruff with the smooth (boom, boom). Seriously, the show is looking really good, so if you haven't already done so, please tell all your friends and family about it.

Theatre News

Dame Judi Dench has picked up her 8th Olivier award for her role in The Winter's Tale. This is a record number of wins and at the age of 81 it gives us all hope.

Committee News

The studio production for September production is Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? and is on Sept 17th and 18th at Artrix and Sept 22-24th at the Palace. Auditions are at Rowney Green from 6.0 pm on Sunday 15th May and from 7.0 to 9.0 pm on Sunday 22nd May.

Our growing hoard of furniture and props has been moved from the Hobdays to our lock-up in Alvechurch, so a big thank you to everyone who came along to help. An even bigger thank you must also be given to the Hobdays for looking after it for so long.

It's only May but the Panto tickets are now on sale! Book early to avoid disappointment.

Martina's husband Mike is running a Health and Safety course for us this month, which will be attended by most of our directors and stage management team. We now have a safety policy and a first-aid kit has been purchased along with warning signs for the stage areas. So, not only are we compliant with current legislation, your safety is being looked after at get-in and get-outs!

The Oscars ceremony this year is on Saturday 12th November at the Holiday Inn. The theme is Dress to Thrill and it will be red carpet treatment. There will be professional entertainment and the cost, which will include a two-course meal (with three choices for each) and a welcome drink, will be £20 for adults and £18 for children.

The directors' course to have been run run by Mike Richardson and Andrew Corcoran on 18th and 25th June has had to be postponed to a later date. These will be all day affairs, with the second session leading to a dramatic performance. So, if there are any budding directors out there who wish to learn the art, please look out for new dates to be announced.

I am intending to hold occasional social evenings, where we can get together for a night out. The idea is to just read plays for the fun of it and as a trial I have arranged for us to have a room at the Lickey End Social Club on Friday 27th May from 7.30 pm. On this first evening we can read my sequel to Fifty Shades of Beige, which is called "A Darker Shade Of Beige". Anyone who fancies reading can come along, it is not intended as an audition, even people who don't want to act. If time permits, we may even have a friendly darts competition as well. If you would like to join us or want directions, please let me know on roger@goddard45.orangehome.co.uk.

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We have the go ahead to do "One Man, Two Guv'nors", the James Corden version, and this will be our June production at the Artrix next year.

Other News

George Mason University in America decided to change its name to honour the late Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia who has just died. The new name was to be the Antonin Scalia School Of Law (ASSOL for short) until someone thought this was a bum idea, so it will now be the Antonin Scalia Law School (ASLS).

A giant foot on wheels was given a parking ticket in London the other day. No one knew what it was doing on the street but it was later learnt that it was waiting for a tow (toe?).

And finally, I bought a book last month on how to grow lettuce. It wasn't so difficult, it was just rocket science.

That's all,

Rog.