

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER May 2017

Hello and welcome to the nearly-summer newsletter. It's been a busy few weeks at All & Sundry, with resources being well and truly stretched. First of all was the schools' production of *Dr Jeckyl and Mr Hyde* at the Crescent, which was both well attended and well received. Many congratulations to John and his team on what was a complicated production to stage and also to the many new members in the cast, particularly those making their stage debuts.

Hot on its heels was *A Darker Shade Of Beige*, which was staged over weekends either side of Easter at the Palace and the Artrix. Audiences were disappointing at the Palace (in part due to problems with their booking system) but excellent at the Artrix. The show was very well received at both venues and congratulations again and a hearty thanks to all the team for making it a success.

Things aren't letting up, as rehearsals are well underway for our June Artrix production of "One Man, Two Guvnors". This is another complex production, including live music, so rehearsals are now moving up a gear. It's shaping up to be a great show, but as you will have seen from Vanessa's recent e-mail, we need a big push to sell tickets. Please forward the attachment with details of the show to anyone you think could be interested.

Also next month, Vanessa will be holding auditions for "The Man Who Liked Order", our studio production for September. You should have received an e-mail from her with details but just to re-iterate, they will be between 7.00 and 8.00 pm in the Social Room at Rowney Green Peace Hall on Tuesday 16th May and between 6.00 and 7.00 pm on Sunday 21st May. There is a cast of 4 - two main parts for a man (aged 40 to 60) and a woman in her late 20s and a small part for a man (no jokes please, I do those) and similar for a woman.

Our Youth Section is growing in strength and now has 23 members. They are currently working with puppets and at the end of next week's meeting (Thursday 18th) they will be performing a short puppet show for parents. If anyone would like to call in to watch they would be most welcome. It is held at the Baptist Church Hall in Bromsgrove and the show should be at about 8.15 pm for 5 minutes or so.

Voted best news of the month (by me) was the burglar in the Ohio who made himself at home in properties he broke into by cooking and showering. The 33 year old homeless man used to take his own food to cook during break-ins but was finally caught when a woman returned home from work to find him showering upstairs. He failed to make a clean getaway!

I heard on the radio this week that the French are claiming that English mustard was invented by a Frenchman called Antoine Anglais. Whatever next? They'll be telling us that beach sandals were invented by Phillipe Phaloppe ! (Don't make me explain it).

And finally, one wind-turbine to another "Do you like music?" and the other replied "Yeah, I'm a big metal fan."

That's all folks - Rog