

# ***THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER***

## ***October 2015***

Hello everyone. My, this last month's gone quickly, hasn't it? Since last month's newsletter, of course, we've had our production of 39 Steps at the Palace's Room Upstairs and what an amazing production it was! There were decent audiences on all three nights and the feedback was brilliant. Congratulations to Andrew and the whole team, who worked incredibly hard. It was tiring just watching. One of the highlights was the use of the Jaws theme music – genius.

We've also had Of Mice And Men, the schools' production, also at the Palace. It really was a schools' production on the Wednesday, as we did a special performance at St Augustine's school in Redditch. They have a proper theatre-style auditorium there but with no stage and we did our performance with props only and the cast sitting to each side. It was good experience for us and went very well indeed. Audiences at the Palace were a bit disappointing but nonetheless it was a good production for us and congratulations should go to Vanessa and all the cast and crew involved for making this a successful show.

**Oscars Night on 7<sup>th</sup> November.** For those of you who haven't been before, this is a fun and exciting night, just like the real Oscars, with awards being given out to the deserving and embarrassing acceptance speeches. All in all this is a night not to be missed and this year the venue is The Ark in Alvechurch. Ticket prices will be £17.50 for adults and £14.00 for children, which will include your meal and a disco afterwards. It's not too late to book your ticket but you need to contact Joy by Saturday, October 31st. Don't miss out!

Also next week are the auditions for Fifty Shades Of Beige on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, both at Rowney Green hall, so if you are interested don't forget to come!

The Panto rehearsals for Dick Whittington are now picking up speed and the cast are even off script! Tickets are going pretty well, with roughly the same number sold as last year. However, we are of course doing 3 more shows this year, so a further push is in order. Please spread the word round your family and friends. More flyers are available, if required. Some of the cast will be attending the Children's Hospital next month, which is always delightful and good publicity too.

As a fund-raising event, we are doing a **Bag Pack** at Morrisons in Bromsgrove on 21st November. It will run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, so if you can spare any time between those hours please do come along. On the same day some Panto cast will also be appearing on stage with Santa in Bromsgrove High St. This will be between 4.30 and 5.45 pm and again will be great publicity for the Panto.

As you will be aware, a new 5p charge has come in this month for plastic bags. I was amused to see the Sun's great idea for avoiding it was to take your own bag in! Brilliant, I think they can't have realised this was the whole point. It's like saying a clever way of avoiding being caught by speed cameras is to slow down. Top marks for stating the obvious.

You may also have seen Brian Blessed's story of how he once delivered a baby for a woman in the park. He supposedly bit through the umbilical cord with his teeth, then licked the child's face clean to clear its airways. Quite startling and a blessed act indeed!

In other news this month, researchers have managed to establish that how many sugars you have in your tea is an indication of your class. Apparently, the more you take, the lower (on average) your class. I know, it's incredible, isn't it? Note to self, must cut sugar out of my diet!

I went to my allotment the other day and I discovered there was twice as much soil as before. The plot thickens.

Quiz question of the month. Which animal has the most teeth? Crocodile? No, only a measly 80 teeth. A shark? Better, they can have up to 50,000 in a lifetime. But the answer is ..... a slug! An umbrella slug has up to 750,000 teeth.

And finally, what's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter!

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