

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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Hello everybody and welcome to this new-look newsletter from *All & Sundry*. The idea is for this to come to you on a monthly basis, shortly after each committee meeting, in order to keep you informed about what's going on. So even if you are not currently involved with a production, you will still be in the loop and not in the dark.

Firstly, for those who weren't at the AGM (like me), shame on you. Here is the new Committee:

Chairwoman:	Victoria
Secretary:	Zena
Treasurer:	Graham
Youth Rep and Deputy Chairwoman:	Alison
Publicity and Marketing:	Andrew
Sponsorship:	Brian
Child Safeguarding:	Martina
The Boards (Newsletter):	Roger
Website:	Jannet
Membership:	Vanessa
Social:	Joy

The other big decision made at the AGM was to keep subs at the existing level – hooray – in other words £20.00, with concessions at £10.00, so if yours is due, please let Graham have it at your earliest convenience.

Most people will know that Panto rehearsals are well under way (because they're in it, innit) but also coming up in the next few weeks are two other productions. Firstly, there is *The 39 Steps* and here's a note from Andrew.

- *The 39 Steps* opens on Thursday 24th September and runs until Saturday 26th September at Room Upstairs, Palace Theatre Redditch. This comedy adaptation of Hitchcock's classic movie features Ed Butler (Hugo Horton in *The Vicar of Dibley*), Damien Dickens (Cliff Lewis in *Look Back in Anger*), Matt Fearnley (Captain Darling in *Blackadder Goes Forth*) and Emma Hay (Alice Tinker in *The Vicar of Dibley*). Join the cast as they play 30 parts in this 90-minute comedy adventure featuring chases on the side of a train and along the Forth Bridge, aerial dogfights, a devilishly dishy hero, a delicious femme fatale, disturbed Scotsmen and a fiendish villain. Tickets: 01527 65203.
- We want to showcase the people of *All & Sundry* and what being a member of the group has meant for them. It might be as simple as confidence building and developing new skills or it might have acted as a stepping stone for drama school and going

professional. If you would like to be part of this project please contact Andrew Corcoran (07795 360294 or andrew.corcoran@blueberrytraining.com). We'll be making a series of short films to tell our members' stories. This will be made available to potential sponsors, members and audience to see how we can make a difference.

Then next month there is Vanessa's schools' production of "Of Mice And Men". This looks like being another good production, with 4 daytime performances and two evening ones on 14th and 15th October, so again, please come along and support it. Full details are on our website.

The other big date coming up is Oscars Night on 7th 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. You will be receiving an official invite but please put the date in your diary in the meantime.

In other news this month, researchers at Cambridge have carried out a survey which clearly shows that if you put more food or bigger plates in front of people, they will eat more! Well, that was money well spent, I would never have worked that one out.

I dropped my phone down the loo this week. Yeuch! Someone told me that if you put it in the fridge for a while it would dry out and still work, so reluctantly I tried it. Well, now it does actually work, but it only takes cold calls!

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