

# ***THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER***

## ***Summer 2017***

Welcome to the summer newsletter. The strange thing is, it actually feels like summer. It got off to a bang last month with some scorching temperatures, during which we performed “One Man Two Guvnors” at the Artrix. Getting an audience proved to be a real challenge but eventually we managed to get a very appreciative one for each show – even for the matinee where it looked for a time like there might be more on stage than off it. Seriously, it was a real feel-good show (see the review in the Standard) that went better than we dared hope and huge congratulations to Kim and Mike and everyone involved for a first class production.

During the production we also learned a few things. We learned that Kitt can come up with a cup of tea in any given situation. We learned that there is a lot more than one f-word. We learned that sound effects for breaking wind are only occasionally required. We learned that backstage crew are secret dad-dancers. We learned that anyone can play air guitar. We learned that there is a lot more to the Crabbes than meets the eye and we learned that some people have a thing about camels.

Our next show is a studio production of our own Mike Richardson’s play “The Man Who Liked Order. This gripping thriller has now been cast and rehearsals are underway, with Vanessa directing. The show is to be staged in mid-September at the Artrix, followed by the Palace.

After that, of course, it’s the Panto Cinderella. This show is now mostly cast and rehearsals are due to start at the end of August.

**NEWS FLASH !** There is to be a social evening on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August . This is to be held in the Committee Room at Rowney Green at 7.30 pm. It will be a chance for us to get together and we will also be having a reading of my new play “Last Tango In Redditch”, which we hope to do next year. It is not intended as an audition but just a bit of fun and an opportunity for me to see if the play works or needs any alteration. Everyone is welcome, whether or not they will be interested in being involved in the production when the time comes. As luck has it, Friday is a club night in the Social Room at Rowney and we should be able to obtain drinks from next door! However, do bring your own nibbles to keep you going.

To bring you up to date our Youth section has finished for the summer. Alison has done a great job running the group and has built the membership up to 23, which is fantastic.

However, once they start up again on 7<sup>th</sup> September help will definitely be required, particularly as panto rehearsals will have started. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Baptist Hall in Bromsgrove between 6.30 and 8.30. The aim ultimately is for it to be run by young people but in the meantime help can be given on a rota basis. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Alison to discuss ([alisonberrisford@live.co.uk](mailto:alisonberrisford@live.co.uk)).

### Other News

At last some good news from the world of health. A European-wide survey has found that drinking up to three cups of coffee per day is actually good for you! The survey showed that men were 18% less likely to die from any causes and women 8% less likely. A chemical found in coffee had beneficial effects on circulatory and digestive diseases and this was not caffeine, as the effect was the same with decaf coffee. This is great news, all I have to do now is cut down to only three cups a day!

I heard on the radio the other day that English mustard was actually invented by a Frenchman called Antoine Anglais. I ask you, I mean whatever next? They'll be claiming that beach sandals were invented by a Frenchman called Phillippe Phallope.

Have you ever bought something and then when you got home, realised it was a Buy-one-get-one-free offer? It's really annoying, isn't it? It happened to me the other day, I got home and realised I could have had two shoes!

And finally, did you hear about the snail that went out without its shell for the day? Apparently, it felt a bit sluggish.

That's all folks

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