



Holt Dramatic Society



Newsletter, February 2012

FROM THE CHAIR!

A very belated happy New Year to you all, and apologies for the delay in providing you with our latest Newsletter. Christmas and other events rather got in the way but at last here it is, so read on, enjoy and make a note of all the up and coming events and dates.

First of all can I say how lovely it was to see so many of you at our Christmas events in the Ham Tree. 'Go Christmas Crackers' and 'The Chill-in at the Inn' were both well attended and enjoyed by all. My thanks to Dominic for organising both and to all those who took part and helped to make them so successful. We intend to hold both events every year, so watch out for the dates once they are finalised.

Rehearsals for our Spring Production are now well underway and there is a busy production team already working hard behind the scenes to ensure it all goes

smoothly on the nights. Note the dates of the performances of 'The Birthday Party' below. You may be interested to hear that this production will be 'in the round' so when you buy your tickets, make sure you look carefully at the seating plan.

Something else I feel sure will be of interest to many of you is that 'Three in a Bard' has been nominated for best drama in the South West Region which of course is very exciting. A group from the Society who were involved in the Production are going to Torquay for the award ceremony. Fingers crossed! There is also an excellent review of the Production in the monthly magazine 'Amateur Stage' written by the NODA rep (*National Operatic and Dramatic Association*) who was invited to see it.

Our Autumn Production is a musical which is a first for Holt and we hope will

appeal to lots of people - actors, singers and dancers (adults and children). Auditions are split between adults and children, the dates of which are listed below. If you cannot make the auditions, but want to be involved, please contact Tim Mason on 783546, email timattjs@aol.com, or Jackie Drake on 783097, email jackie.r.drake@googlemail.com

Please note the date of our annual summer BBQ (it may be a Hog Roast this year) to be held at the Old Vicarage again. As usual there will be fun and games for all ages so let's hope for a repeat of the weather we had last year.

The Society has recently purchased a new A-Frame on which to advertise our productions and events. This was long overdue so watch out for a bright, new, shiny board advertising details of our next production outside the shop! See you there! Best Wishes! Kate

The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter

Directed by Lizzy Ward



The Birthday Party is about an erstwhile piano player in his 30s, who lives in a rundown boarding house in an English seaside town. Two sinister strangers, who arrive supposedly on his birthday and who appear to have come looking for him, turn Stanley's apparently innocuous birthday party into a nightmare. More details on www.holt-drama.org.uk

Performances on 19th - 21st April 2012
Holt Village Hall - 7.30pm

Think of Warmer Days! Think of Summer BBQ!

All welcome at The Old Vicarage on Sunday 27th May 2012, so please put that in your diary now!



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013:

- * There will be a Panto in February
- * There will be an outdoor production in the summer
- * There will be an autumn production

AND FINALLY. . . !

Please Note

PATRONS' SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS
are now due

Please send to Marian Moyes at
The Old Manse, The Street, Holt
by the end of February

AUDITION DATES FOR THE MUSICAL IN THE AUTUMN:

At Holt Primary School

Wed 28th March:

6 to 7.30pm Children (Acting)
7.30 to 9pm Adult (Acting)

Mon 2nd April:

6 to 7.30pm Children (Singing/Dance)
7.30 to 9pm Adult (Singing/Dance)

CONGRATULATIONS to the HDS Skittles Team for reaching the Finals in the prestigious Skittles Tournament at the Holt Village Hall and... they were the runners-up!