



From the Chair!

HDS Committee 2011/12

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It was great to see so many people at the AGM on Friday. Thank you for coming along to support the society and staying on to enjoy the quiz, brilliantly organised by Dominic and which was a great success and very lively!

With 3 vacancies on the committee and 5 nominations, a secret ballot took place at the AGM to elect the members. You can see the names of the new committee on the left. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tim Mason, who stepped down from the

committee, for all his hard work and support over many years. He has done an amazing job and obviously we hope very much that he will continue to support the society in the future.

It was with sadness and great disappointment that we had to cancel Holt's Got More Talent last week but as we had only received 6 applications the committee felt they had no option. I would like to thank all those who offered to help with the evening, not least Jon Monie who was to be our compere.

Also the panel of judges who willingly offered to give their comments on each act, an unenviable task! Perhaps the whole concept of a talent show has run its course - who knows; but a big thank you to those brave people who were willing to have a go. Thank you also to Gill Norman & Jilly Siddall for all their hard work in organising the event.

Now please read on and don't forget to make a note in your diaries of all the exciting forthcoming events.

Best Wishes **Kate**

THE SUMMER BARBEQUE

Once again this very popular social event will take place in Tom and Elizabeth Bennett's beautiful garden on Friday 15 July from 6.30pm. You are requested to bring your own choice of meat/fish/veg to BBQ, and your own

plates, cutlery and glasses, plus of course your own choice of drink. Salad accompaniments and desserts will be provided. There will be boules and other games to suit all ages. Everybody is welcome - members, patrons, children!

For catering purposes we must have numbers by Friday 1st July

Please email me at therese.underwood@virgin.net or call me on 782001 as soon as you know if you're coming

SWONK DOG!

Rehearsals have been going very well and John Palmer has successfully applied to the R.S.C. to include us in their Open Stages Project. Six lucky people won the chance of going to workshops to be held in June. They are: Sue Clements, Emily Rutter, Claire Phoenix for the Backstage Workshop, and Christine Flannery, Joy Osborne and Fiona Young for the Actors' Workshop. We look forward to their feedback after the event. John is, as we speak, writing a script in Australia and rehearsals will start again on his return. Watch this space for more information!

Date of Performances: 17 - 19 November 2011 - more details will be available at a future date

Check out our website:

www.holtdrama.org.uk

PATRONS

Please note that, unless you have already paid, subscriptions are way overdue now! We would be grateful if you could let Marion have them as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Theatre Trip - Fri 2 September
The Madness of George III
Dominic has now got hold of some tickets for the Dress Circle for £23.50 which he will hold on to until end of May. Please call him - 07828 690597 - not later than 30 May.