



Holt Dramatic Society

Newsletter - September 2011

From The Chair!

After a relatively quiet summer it is time to tell you what the drama society has planned for the coming months. But before I do that, can I just say a big thank you to all the Committee for helping to make the BBQ in August a resounding success. We were very lucky with the weather and that of course helped the afternoon to go with a swing. Starting at 1.00pm proved to be a good idea as everyone was ready to eat when they arrived and it meant people could sit and enjoy the food and chat to each other. Following the food there was a rather competitive cricket match, and boules for the less energetic. John Fletcher had organised a plant quiz and Jackie Drake had planned a scavenger hunt for the children.

All in all it was a lovely afternoon. We hope to set a date as early as possible for next year in the hope that even more people will be able to come along.

Meanwhile, 'Swonk Dog' rehearsals are well underway and it is all looking very exciting. I think it is going to be excellent and with the support of the Nuffield Theatre in Southampton and possibly the RSC, it could really take off and be a huge success.

John plans to produce as well as direct and is busy getting together a production team who will be taking on the task of getting the show on the road!

In April, Lizzy Ward was planning to direct '12 Angry Men' but we were unable to obtain performing rights, so Lizzy will be directing another play, details of

which will hopefully appear in the next newsletter. **Auditions are planned for 29 November** so please make a note of this in your diaries.

We are now considering ideas for our 2012 outdoor summer production. One suggestion is a version of 'Wind in the Willows'. This, I believe, was the first outdoor production in Holt some 50 years ago! We are currently looking for a director so let us know if you might be interested.

Next autumn we are hoping to put on our first full scale musical which will be a huge but exciting challenge for the society! Look out for more details.

We also have some exciting social events planned but we'll let you know about these as details are finalised.

Best Wishes

Kate

HDS MEMBERSHIP

Our membership list contains a substantial number of names, all of whom receive news from us whenever there's anything to send!

As we haven't seen many of you for rather a long time now, we would like you to tell us if you are no longer interested please. We appreciate that not everyone wants to work with us on or off-stage and that most of you support us by coming to see our

Productions. But how about becoming a Patron instead? Patrons are entitled to a ticket each for two productions in one year. A Double subscription costs £25 and a Single £15. You can get more details by contacting Marion Moyes, the Patrons' Secretary on 01225 782444 or email marian@moyes.org

Re membership contact Thérèse on 782001 or therese.underwood@virgin.net

Fish n' Chips Skittles Night

Come and enjoy a relaxed evening of skittles with HDS, with freshly cooked fish and chips from the Chippy Van too. Guaranteed to be a good laugh, and a lovely way to spend a dark autumn evening. Members, patrons, friends and family!

Cost £5.50 each for the food and hire of the Hall • Bring your own drink • Friday October 7th at the village hall starting at 7.30pm • Food at 9pm.

Please email Dominic O'Connor on dominicinholt@gmail.com or ring him on 07828 690597

Go Christmas Crackers with Holt Dramatic Society

As demand to attend "Carols at the Prices" has grown so much, we have reluctantly decided to change the event to be able to include many more people. A huge thanks to Pauline and John for hosting the event over the years of course.

With more than a little help from 'Holt Sings', we promise a Christmas sing-along to remember and to really get everyone in the mood for Christmas. No tickets, no cost, no food provided, (well, maybe a mince pie or two!) but expect a packed Old Ham Tree on Thursday 8 December. Singing starts at around 8.30pm, but you may want to arrive earlier - the pub won't be exclusively for us - all welcome!!

SOCIAL EVENTS



FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER
VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30



THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER
THE OLD HAM TREE
AT 8.00

LOOK OUT FOR!

*Audition Date for
Spring Production
Tues 29 November*

*Summer Outdoor
Production*

*Autumn Musical
2012!*