



THE WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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EIGHTY YEARS OF THEATRICAL SUCCESS

Wotton-under-Edge Dramatic Society has an outstanding reputation for presenting the best of theatre; it's one that's been growing steadily since 1931. Now, as its eightieth season gets under way with a commemorative exhibition, members have even more reason to celebrate. The Society has triumphed at the recent Gloucestershire Drama Association (GDA) Awards.

Jane Parker and Anthony Young's 'Sleeping Beauty' was named 'Best Panto', with Karen Dover's starring role as Billy Goat earning her the 'Best Actress' title. Tristan Holland was nominated as best supporting actor.



The nineteen-forties style costumes by Eddie Meager and Anne Parry for 'All My Sons' won the 'Best Costumes' accolade. Graham Smith's much-praised production was runner-up 'Best Play' and also received a design nomination. Paul Barber and David Ashbee both gained acting nominations.

'Blue Remembered Hills', performed in the Town Hall last October, was not forgotten, with acting nominations for Tristan Holland, Jane Parker and Anthony Young as well another nod for best costumes.

Overall, Wotton Dramatic Society received 15 nominations for awards.

“This is a tremendous start for our anniversary celebrations” said Chairman Anthony Young. “It’s also pleasing that the acting talents of our younger members have been recognised. Izzy Penaliggan and Amy Morgan, principal boy and girl in the panto, achieved ‘Best Young Performer’ nominations, as did Sam Dover, debuting in ‘All My Sons’. Young actors represent the future, and we’re always happy to welcome newcomers. Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up.”

Wotton Dramatic Society’s eightieth anniversary exhibition is at the Morley Green Room, Clarence Road, Wotton, on Saturday 15th October (10am to 4pm) and Sunday 16th October (11am to 4pm). Members will be on hand to talk about the displays of costumes, props and photos from past productions. It’s not all about history. 80 years of archives have been digitised and may be purchased on a souvenir disc to view at home. More information is available from the Society’s new website, wottondrama.co.uk or by phone from 01453 547233.

Picture shows: (L-R) Karen Dover (Best Actress) Eddie Meager and Anne Parry (Best Costumes) and Jane Parker (Director and Co-author, Best Pantomime)

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