

WOTTON UNDER EDGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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2012! Who'd have thought it! Where has the time gone? What an exciting year ahead: Olympics, Diamond Jubilee, Euro 2012 and the continuing 80th anniversary of the Wotton-under-Edge Dramatic Society. There are those, however, who say the world will end on Dec 21st, so, to get over this problem we have decided to put on our Pantomime in November just in case!! There's a lot of news and things happening, so here goes:

SPRING PRODUCTION: FAREWELL, FAREWELL EUGENE by RODNEY ACKLAND from a story by JOHN VARI. The Society is delighted to welcome Graham Bill as guest director for our Spring Production. A little known local thespian, director, adjudicator and dog trainer! All these things will no doubt come in handy!!

The rehearsals are well underway, lines have been learnt (that's what it says here) and all is heading smoothly towards first night.

The play performs Wed March 28th – Sat March 31st

The move to the Town Hall is on Fri March 23rd (meeting at the Green Room 7.00pm) and the move back on Sun April 1st (I'm not fooling) so please come along and give a hand.

Tickets go on sale from Mon Feb 20th in the Book Room. Tickets still a very reasonable £5

CAST and CREW:

Florence:	Mary Downs	Minerva:	Lesley French
Peony:	Karen Dover	Mick:	Tristan Holland
Mr Bosworth:	Bill Fleming	Mrs Bosworth:	Jane Parker
Queenie:	Sarah Powell	Willie:	Zack Thomson
Mrs Flack:	Sue Hewitt		

Director:	Graham Bill	Designer:	Graham Smith
Assts to Director:	Jane Parker & Jane Wallace	FOH:	Ann Falcon-Uff
Stage Manager:	Brian Gornall	ASM:	Andy French
Prompt:	Jill Stubbs	Props:	Pamela Smith, Joan Derham
Costumes:	Anne Parry, assisted by Barbara Willetts & Sara Wright		
Sound Effects:	Tony Parry	Lighting:	Ray Harris
Lighting Rigging:	Ray Harris & Bill Fleming	Scenic Artist:	Jill Stubbs
Set Construction:	Graham Smith, John Downs and Ray Harris		

Ann Falcon-Uff is looking for volunteers for FOH please call her (01453 843789)

DIAMOND JUBILEE PRODUCTION: I'm pleased to say Her Majesty has made it to her Diamond Anniversary (I'm sure she's pleased too!) As part of Wotton's celebrations, the Society is performing a one off show on the evening of bank holiday Tuesday June 5th. The show has been coordinated by Maureen Rowley our Diamond Jubilee representative (There could be a Dame hood heading her way for this!) Jane Wallace has agreed to direct the production. The show will be called *Hit The Spot- a double celebration*, and will take the form of a narration of the Queen's reign interspersed with short sketches and songs from Society shows from the past sixty years (Should have been called *John Downs – my life on the stage!*). Everything will be read, but well rehearsed, so no line learning involved. There will be a meeting in the Green Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 13th for anyone interested in being a part or helping with the production. There will be three narrators, a group of actors (numbers to be decided), as well as FOH, SM and Lighting. Please come along. It's a once in a lifetime show.

PANTOMIME: "It can't be" I hear you cry. Oh yes it is! Jane Parker and Anthony Young have been dragged out of hibernation and are busy revising one of their early pantomimes *Babes In Toyland*, for production this November. The pantomime has been updated and characters changed, but the story of power struggles, deceit, young love, kidnaps and a Christmas drama still remains (sounds more like an episode of Downton Abbey) The audition for the pantomime takes place on Monday June 11th in the Green Room at 7.30pm. Jane Parker (director) would like to hold junior workshops prior to casting in the Green Room 7.00pm every Wednesday from April 18th. If anyone knows of any youngsters 11 or over who might be interested please encourage them to come along.

80th CELEBRATIONS: Please do not forget to put in your diary the date Sun June 24th, our afternoon garden party on the lawns of Wotton Manor House, by kind permission of Brian and Pauline Jones. Further details to follow. (I hear Her Majesty is cutting back on the number of Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace, so there may be an opening in the market for Brian and Pauline if this goes well!)

GDA: Plans are afoot for changes to the GDA with a proposal to rename it the Gloucester Theatre Association (GTA). There will be an EGM to ask member societies to vote on this and other constitutional changes.

The GDA are producing a production of the Mystery Plays in Gloucester and Worcester Cathedral in November and early December. More details to follow.

AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will take place in the Morley Green Room on Monday May 14th at 7.30pm. We will definitely be looking for a new Chairman, Secretary and Lighting Officer, so if you are interested in these or any other positions in the Society, please let yourself be known! We need you!!

That's All Folks!

P.S I did a terrible thing. I forgot Margaret Clegg's Birthday on Jan 11th!! Will she ever forgive me? Are we finished? Is this it? I am beside myself with anxiety.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARET X