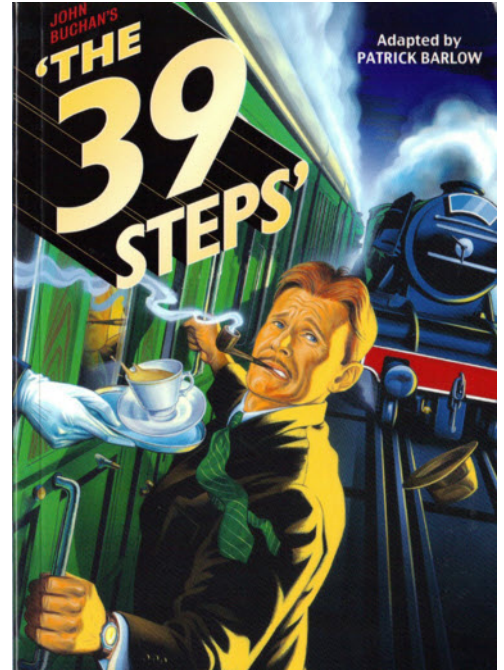


NEW PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCED

Two new productions have been decided on and they are both certain to be box office winners. The first is 'The 39 Steps', a spoof version of the original Hitchcock film (based on the novel by John Buchan) as adapted by Patrick Barlow. It will be directed by Juliet Miles-Lea, who has delivered impressive results before, notably with "Oh What A Lovely War" and "Grimm Tales", and will feature actors both from within and outside the Detling Players.

So make a note in your diary - there will be four performances in November at the Village Hall; Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th. There will be a matinee performance on 10th November.

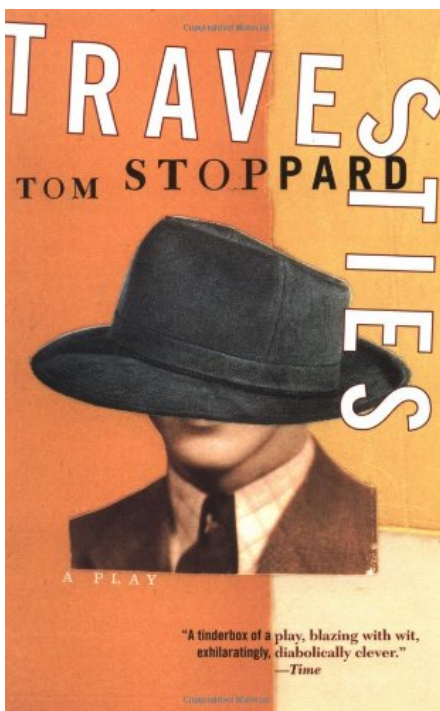
The play is set in the 1930s so we will be looking for period clothing especially men's suits which feature very wide trousers and rather high waist-bands. If anyone can help with costumes and other backstage support, please come forward and let us know - all contributions very welcome!



The second production is one that I personally have been looking forward to for some time. It is the excellent "Travesties" by Tom Stoppard. I am not going to reveal too much about the play at this stage, other than it will be directed by Gavin McLaggan, but if you know Stoppard then you can expect lots of wordplay, parodies and a degree of mischief.

The performances will be on 25th, 26th and 27th April 2013 in the Village Hall. Play reading and casting will take place at Glenfield, The Street, Detling on 27th September at 7.30 pm. For this play to go ahead, potential actors must attend the casting meeting. If you fancy a part but are busy that night, please let Gavin know- 01622 738109

Once again we will need help with costumes, props and general backstage support for what can be a very complex affair. It does mean that we will have a very strong production to start 2013, but in order to achieve success for both plays, we are going to be relying heavily on our members and supporters to promote them amongst their own friends and relatives. And now that we have access to online booking, the process of buying tickets has become so much easier. Nevertheless we cannot take anything for granted



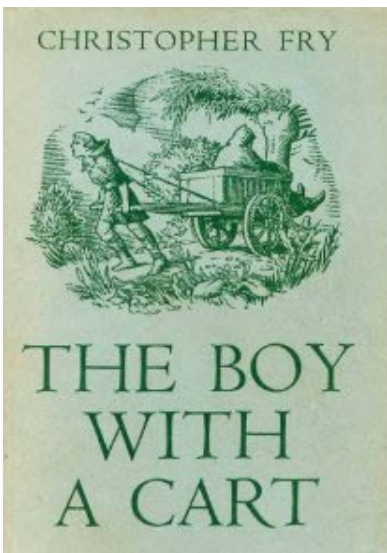
MEMBERSHIP OF THE DETLING PLAYERS - AN IMPORTANT NOTE!!

Have you renewed your membership - which is a diplomatic way of asking you to pay your annual fees! Individual membership fee is £13.00, and family membership costs £15.00 (Student rate £9.00) Irrespective of what the government might say, we do accept cash, otherwise could you please send your remittance to The Treasurer at West Court, The Street, Detling, ME14 3JU. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Detling Players'.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP ON SOUND BY CHRIS HALL

Since January, the Detling Players have met every month on the fourth Thursday. The July event was the exception and was moved to a Saturday afternoon, as it was an event for children.

Chris Hall did a sound presentation and then the children were allowed to 'play' with the various different sound makers that Chris had brought along. The result was, as you would expect, an almighty din. Everyone enjoyed this tremendously and then went on to 'enhance' a story with sound effects, some of which were conjured from Chris's computer.



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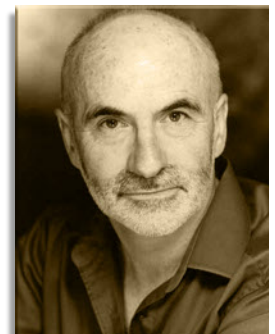
We were promised a review of the recent rehearsed play reading of *The Boy With A Cart*, but it hasn't materialised, so I am relying on Gavin McLaggan's report of this production which took place on Saturday 12th May in Boxley Church. Although the audience was not as large as we had perhaps hoped, they gave the cast an enthusiastic reception and some were visibly moved. They were also very generous financially, and as a result both Boxley Church and the Detling Players will receive £96.75

Gavin said "I am extremely grateful to all those who took part in, gave technical support to and otherwise gave their support."

ACTORS' WORKSHOP

David Vale kindly facilitated a workshop on acting techniques at Wealden Hall on 24th May, which was both entertaining and thought-provoking for those fortunate enough to attend.

One of our resolutions is to provide more of this type of event, so that we can improve and refine whatever technique we do have, much of which is derived from experience (no bad thing in itself) but may lack a degree of sophistication. We emerged from the workshop inspired and feeling more confident, so a big 'Thank you' to David for tackling this so effectively



DETLING PLAYERS' BARBECUE - SEPTEMBER 2nd. At 12.30 pm

Please make a note in your diary for the above date - the Barbecue will be in the garden of Wealden Hall, Pilgrims Way, Detling. If you can bring a dessert, that would be wonderful. Let Tikki Gulland know you are coming (tikkigulland@hotmail.co.uk) and start praying to your choice of deity for fine weather. It's about time we had some!

More information on this event in the next newsletter.