

DP's production of Aladdin hailed as a great success (oh no it isn't!)

Trudy Caplen's recent production of that well-loved Pantomime, Aladdin, was a big hit with our audiences, resulting in healthy ticket sales and - best news of all - an even healthier profit! This was a stunning achievement, given that the production was put together in just 8 weeks, and the resultant performance was a resounding success. We may not pick up prestigious awards for this type of entertainment, but the cast had terrific fun under Trudy's expert direction, and the army of back-stage supporters kept everything on track. The catering aspect also contributed to the positive result, selling food and drink to hungry punters.



Alad in tights! Family fun and great costumes too!

As chairman of this great Drama company, and coincidentally Widow Twankey, I would like to thank everyone involved in making this one of our truly memorable productions! If anyone would like photos of the dress rehearsal, please contact Jenny Cosgrove and she will happily supply you with a disc for a modest £5.00, worth it for the happy memories.

Email her: jenny.cosgrove@hotmail.co.uk or call 01622 630462



Did you know? The East Malling Players enjoyed our production so much that they borrowed some of the beautifully made costumes for their own production of Aladdin! Although to be fair they didn't want anything worn by Widow Twankey!

Our next event is led by Gavin McLaggan: Bringing Shakespeare into the 21st. Century Thursday 23rd January 2014 at 7.30pm

Those of us who have been lucky enough to work with Gavin in one of his many Shakespeare productions, or have attended his workshops ranging from appreciating the Sonnets to understanding the craftsmanship that went into his writing will be salivating at the prospect of another educational but more importantly, enjoyable event. This will be held at Glenfield, The Street, Detling. It's actually a little off The Street, but if anyone needs help in finding Glenfield, give me a call. Please let me know if you are coming by sending me an email: Johnpgwatson@talktalk.net

Our next production will be a double header!

We are very fortunate that Darren O'Connor has agreed to direct our next production, due to be performed on 7th, 8th and 9th May 2014. Working together with the Committee, he has chosen to direct a double header - two one act plays in one performance: **The Real Inspector Hound** by Tom Stoppard, and **Black Comedy** by Peter Shaffer. With fourteen substantial parts to cast, we're keen to have a strong turnout on the audition days - so please advertise to anyone you know with an interest in acting.

Casting will take place at Wealden Hall, Pilgrims Way, Detling on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th January, starting at 7.30pm. Anyone who doesn't know the location should visit the website, www.wealdenhall.co.uk, which has detailed directions.

Please let me know if you are coming by sending me an email:



Forthcoming "Thursday Thesp" Events

ENRON: By Lucy Prebbles - A Play Reading

Lucy Prebbles' play about irresponsible capitalism premiered at the Chichester festival in 2009 just as the full extent of the financial crisis was becoming clear, and went on to be a West End hit. This tragi-comedy in the style of Oh What a Lovely War, is about one of the most infamous scandals in business history played out for real in 1992, and only now are some of the leading players being released from prison.

There are 23 parts, with 5 main roles and a number of chorus interventions, so it's an ideal play for a reading as we will all have a chance to have a go.

The reading will be at West Court, The Street, Detling on February 12th starting at 7.30. The script will be available when you arrive.

POETRY READING AT THE CROFT, Saturday 15th March

Yes, I know, it's not being held on a Thursday but the reason that the Poetry evening is on a Saturday is because we will be treated to a couple of sets of music with the haunting aeolian pipes and accompaniment. This is to enhance the first half of the evening, which will be dedicated to Seamus Heaney, who died this year. Following a short break, during which refreshments will be served, members are encouraged to choose something to read in the second half. Please let Tikki know what you will be reading so that she can arrange the programme. A charge of £5 will be made to cover costs. Contact Tikki on 07903 745 721

QUIZ NIGHT, Saturday 1st. March starting at 7.30 pm

This event is being run by the Friends of Detling Church, at Detling Village Hall. We need some clever members to help form a team - regrettably your chairman is going to be away on holiday which means that we need an injection of brains and experience to ensure we come as high up the rankings as possible. Yes, we are deeply competitive! Please contact Tikki on Tikkigulland@hotmail.co.uk for more details

