The Newsletter of the Detling Players March 2014



# Stoppard's The Real Inspector Hound & 15 Minute Hamlet; a unique double bill!

Rehearsals are going well for the Detling Players' next prodiction, with the steady hand of Darren O'Conor as our new Director. So, please put Thursdaqy 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th May in your diary for our Tom Stoppard Double Bill of "Hamlet, Hound and Heavenly Puddings"

"Fifteen Minute Hamlet" kicks off the evening, followed by sumptuous home-made puddings in the interval. Then see if you can guess who dunnit in "The Real Inspector Hound", a murder mystery with a twist. There will be some new faces as well as the old ones (and as one of the old faces I welcome the new).

The performance will start at 7.45 on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May in Detling Village Hall. Tickets are available from the web site at £12 each and £10 for concessions. The puddings are included in the ticket price. Beam up <a href="https://www.detlingplayers.co.uk">www.detlingplayers.co.uk</a> or phone our dedicated booking line on 07842 169725



Lady Cynthia Muldoon and Inspector Hound

#### **Detling Players' Annual General Meeting**

All are welcome to the Players AGM on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The business of the evening will be despatched as quickly as possible so that you and the Players can entertain each other with an "Open Mike" session. Anyone can come with a reading or song which they wish to share with the company. Last year, under the banner "Detling's Got Talent", this was most successful, and there was a variety of contributions.

The AGM will be held in the Old School Hall, The Street, starting at 7.30. Refreshments will be available for a small charge. Just come along. So much better than watching TV....

#### A change from the usual Dramas!

Thanks to the organisational skills of Alison and Pete Smart, and the usual generous hospitality of Tikki and Blair Gulland, a Poetry Evening was held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at The Croft.

The first half was dedicated to Seamus Heaney, and included music on the Ullian pipes and accordion. After an interval and plenty of wine and nibbles, we were treated to readings by other members of the Detling Players. All in all, a very entertaining - and thought-provoking - event. Many thanks to the performers!



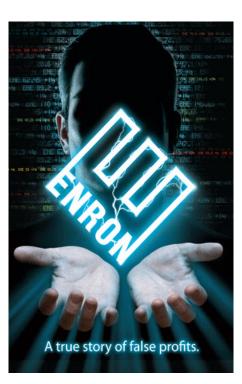
### SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP

Following the huge success of the first Shakespeare Workshop, Gavin McLaggan has very kindly offered to lead another one. As he very ably demonstrated at the Poetry Evening, Gavin brings Shakespeare to life and is truly in tune with the Bard!

The next Workshop will be at 7.30 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Glenfield. He will be studying more Shakespeare texts; this time from Richard II, A Winter's Tale and Much Ado About Nothing. If you wish to attend, or would like to know more, please contact Gavin on 01622 738109

## **ENRON PLAY READING**

Richard and Carol Finn very kindly hosted a play reading of Enron, by Lucy Prebble. A very interesting dramatic piece, those who attended got the opportunity to try out their trans-Atlantic accents, helped out by generous lubricants of the red and white variety, and plenty of nibbles. It was quite a challenge but we rose to it, and all who attended enjoyed the experience. If anyone else would like to propose a play to be read in a similar fashion, please get in touch with the committee.



#### **NEW BLOOD FOR THE COMMITTEE!**

Another successful year has passed for the Detling Players, but we would really appreciate help with the organisational side. If you feel you can offer assistance, please don't be shy, put your name forward at the forthcoming AGM. No disrespect to the present incumbents, but we could do with more young people on the Committee.

Please think about whether you could spare some time to get involved.