



With Inspector Drake's Last Case officially wrapped up, and another Duston Player's season officially begun after our AGM in July, it is time to share our latest news and exciting Christmas Pantomime updates.

AGM: Thursday 16th July 2015

Firstly, Chairman Paul Enright King gave his last Chairman's report before the election of the new committee and highlighted some of our many achievements this year;

1. Developed and launched the new website
2. Added PayPal options to the new website
3. Held a bowling evening
4. Adopted 'Niamh's Next Step' as our new charity
5. Ran a Christmas card competition
6. Members went to see 'Blythe Spirit' at West Haddon
7. Obtained branded DP t-shirts
8. Attended the Christmas market at St Luke's
9. Attended the annual carol service at St Francis church
10. Held a successful new year party
11. We had a walk through Harlestone Firs
12. Maintained Facebook profile continuity for our productions of Old King Cole and Inspector Drake
13. Attended a quiz night and supper hosted by our friends at Hardingstone Players
14. Attended a quiz night hosted by our friends at The Masque
15. Attended 'Our Town' directed by John Myhill with the Masque
16. Attended 'Amadeus' starring John Myhill with the Masque
17. Attended 'Shakespeare Review' with White Cobra
18. Attended 'Talking Heads' with Moulton Players
19. Held a DVD evening for Old King Cole
20. Amended the Constitution, subject to final approval by the membership

As you can see, we are a very sociable club and would therefore encourage anyone who fancies having a go on stage or behind the scenes to join us!

Our subscription and prices were also confirmed for the forthcoming year;

- Membership Subscriptions to remain at Adults £22, Seniors £15, Children £5.
- Tickets to remain at £8 each, 4 for £30, 5th onwards £7 each.
- Refreshments to remain at tea/coffee £1, squash/cakes 50p
- Programmes to remain at £1 for a multi-page, 50p for a single sheet.
- Raffle tickets to remain at £1 per strip of 5.

The new committee for the upcoming year was then elected;

Chairman- Paul Enright-King

Vice Chair- Tim Dwelly

Secretary- Sam Leith

Treasurer- John Myhill

Member- Lynne Varley

Member- Debbie Malcolm

Member- Pam Montgomery- welcome to the committee!

Member- Tanya Hayes- welcome to the committee!

Inspector Drake DVD's and photos

DVD's and photos are still available to purchase from our last production of Inspector Drake as well as last year's Pantomime 'Old King Cole'. The DVD's are £5 each and photos are £2. Please give your orders to John Myhill at johnfmyhill@aol.com. We are also looking into potential dates for a DVD viewing. Watch this space!

Sinbad the Sailor

Our family Christmas time pantomime Sinbad the Sailor has been cast and we are ready to start rehearsing from the 8th September. Rehearsals as always are open if you would like to see what we do. Tickets for the performances will go on sale in the near future with performances from the 2nd-5th December.



Put these dates in your diary, you won't want to miss out!

Upcoming Social Events

The West Haddon Players next production is a murder mystery evening on the 9th-10th October. The evening is £15 including a 3 course meal. Some of the Duston Players should be going on the 9th October. Please contact Sam Leith (secretary) as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Northampton Concert Orchestra are performing a concert on Saturday 10TH October at the Abington United Reform Church with our very own Tanya Hayes. Please go along and support, especially if you like music from the movies!

A View from the Bridge is being performed by the Moulton Players from the 12th-17th October followed by their December production '**The Creature Creeps**' from the 7th- 12th December.

White Cobra Productions are performing 'September in the Rain' by John Godber from Tuesday 29th September- Saturday 3rd October at 7.45 at the Playhouse.

Website Archives Plea: We have set up a sparkling new website www.dustonplayers.org.uk. We are looking for past archive materials such as photos/reviews/programmes which we can upload onto the website. Please send these to chairman@dustonplayers.org.uk

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Words from the Chair

As I sit here pondering what to write for my words for this edition of The Duston Player's newsletter, my cat, Loki is playing fetch with a ball of silver paper. Relentlessly, nay doggedly, he repeatedly returns his little silver ball to me each time I throw it for him. Now, I don't know the relevance of this set of actions to this newsletter, but it has helped me to fill a paragraph already.

Loki reminds me of last year's panto cat who was very vocal and couldn't sing. He is also very vocal and makes all those tom cat noises that you wouldn't expect, especially now that he is no longer 'intact.'

That reminds me; we are just about to begin rehearsals for this year's family panto, 'Sinbad the Sailor.' This one has been written by our tame script writer, Jonathan Freeth, so it promises to be great fun to put together. It usually follows that if it is fun to put together, it will be fun to watch.

I have sat in the squeaky leather chair of the Chair, which is brown and has large sewn on buttons, for almost three years now. Each year I have seen a better pantomime than the last one as we go from strength to strength in not only quality of the performances, but also in the number of people I see come through the auditorium door to watch our little land of dreams unfold. People are now coming from ever further away to see our by now almost famous family show. What is even better is that they keep telling us that we were better than the professional pantomime performance they saw in town (We're certainly cheaper at £8 per ticket and £30 for a group of four persons. Special group rates are available; ring the box office or email the secretary@dustonplayers.org.uk).

The sad part though, is that every year some people contact us after the performances have finished and they tell us they wanted to see the panto, but missed it because they forgot, or didn't see the dates. While our publicity machine is getting better each year, would it be possible to ask one thing of you this forthcoming panto season? Please could you tell people about us so that they don't miss out? Make sure you tell loads of people, but especially tell three people, and remind them as the performance dates get closer. Why three people? Well that represents the Dame, the Principal Character and the Baddie, 'cause if they don't turn up we won't have a panto! Let the chaos begin!

Does anyone actually read this?
The Chairy Person

That's all for now folks, if you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please e-mail us at newsletter@dustonplayers.org.uk

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