



## ***ROBIN HOOD REHEARSALS***

Rehearsals are now flowing along really well now that we all know how to fight with swords and sing (well eventually we will). I hope everyone is enjoying rehearsals, we can have a good time and get a great show together. I do need complete commitment from all of you from now on. Please do come to all rehearsals, it is not fair on the others in the cast when we have to rely on stand ins all the time.

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. Chris and I have been busy deciding on costumes, and Chris has been slaving over a hot sewing machine this week. Chris has also designed our programme and posters and these will be going up in the village shops very soon. Theresa and her publicity team have been busy getting our information about the show to the public. Annette, with help from some of the junior members has constructed a fantastic tree and also some mouth watering banquet food. Gordon and Matt are getting on with our scenery and we will soon need as many hands as possible to paint the scenery at TADS hut. If you would like to help with painting please talk to Annette. Several other members have been helping with sewing and other bits and pieces so a big thank you to everyone for all that you have done.

Please do tell all your friends and family about this show, we need to sell as many tickets as possible, and the excitement of performing to a full house is great. I am really looking forward to a fantastic show and I hope you are too.

***Val Ryan***  
Director

## ***FROM YOUR COMMITTEE***

The following points have been raised by your Committee at their last meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008:

- The committee are currently investigating our Local Authorities, regarding licenses and up to date Health and Safety regulations to keep TADS in line with the current legislation on groups and to allow us to continue our junior group.
- The clear up of the TADS hall on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> was successful and we are now ready to start building for Robin Hood.

## ***TIPTREE AT THE AWARDS EVENING!***

This years NEETG Awards Evening theme was 'beside the seaside', so it was time for everyone to dig out their sunglasses and deckchairs, and take a stroll down to Clacton Town Hall! There were some interesting costume ideas, including somebody who was in the middle of a shark attack, and a certain membership secretary who was trying to encourage groups to pay their membership! There was a good turnout from TADS with both adult members, and juniors (and adults that acted like juniors, but no names!).

The group were also joined by Quintin Brazier, who until recently had been TADS technical hero! - producing the sound and lighting, for a great deal of TADS' shows. Quintin had been nominated for the 'Jan King Award' for outstanding service to the group and left at the end of the evening with a joint award! Our thanks go to Quintin for all the help he has given us over the years.

As well as this, TADS also received several other awards...

The Doris Griffiths Memorial Cup for Best Production: Humble Boy – Directed by Annette Porte

Best Supporting Actress: Audrey Rowe as Mercy in Humble Boy

Congratulations to everyone who was involved, and everyone who received nominations!

***See you at the next awards evening!***



Annette, Quintin and Audrey with their awards.



Adam and Matt: pleased to be supporting TADS!!



Rachel steals the lettuce.

## ***TADS CHRISTMAS!***

Well it may only be September, but the M&S Christmas Adverts are on, so it looks like its time to get ready for the TADS Christmas Dinner! Once again, it will be held at **Rivenhall Oaks Golf Centre** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008**. The cost is £23.00 each, which covers, food, wine and the disco!

### **Starters**

Homemade vegetable soup with roll and butter  
Melon with raspberry coulis  
Prawn Cocktail with Marie-Rose Sauce and brown bread and butter



### **Main Courses**

Festive Roast Turkey with all the trimmings  
Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding  
Vegetable Nut Slice



### **Desserts**

Christmas Pudding with Custard or Brandy Sauce  
Chefs Gateaux and Cream  
Mince Pies  
Fruit Salad and Cream

If you are interested in coming, you need to send a Cheque payable to TADS to Chris with your food choices by the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the latest please. It's always great fun and a really good laugh, so please do try to come and support your group!

## ***ROBIN HOOD PUBLICITY***

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, Terry and Alex are co-ordinating a leafletting session between 9.30am and 12noon in The Centre. Any help will be gratefully received! At the next few rehearsals, we will be asking for you to commit to a certain time. Please volunteer to do at least half an hour - we need to let everyone know about this great production.

## ***THE NEWSLETTER...***

I have decided to make some changes to our newsletter. As you are aware, recently I have been struggling to find articles to put inside the newsletter – and taking up quite a lot of my time, searching for items that can 'fill it up!'.

For this reason, the newsletter will now take a seasonal format, rather than a monthly format. I am also going to introduce 'mini newsletter's' which will be entitled 'Flashlight' to distribute any important news between the large seasonal editions.

I know many of you will be disappointed by this, but I can't print a newsletter if I haven't got any news!

## ***CHRISTMAS HAMPERS***

If anybody would be willing to make this years Christmas Hampers, would they please let Chris know as soon as possible.

## ***TADS ON FACEBOOK!***

Alex and James have made an online facebook page. If you have a facebook account then please do join. Just search for 'TADS' in the search bar.

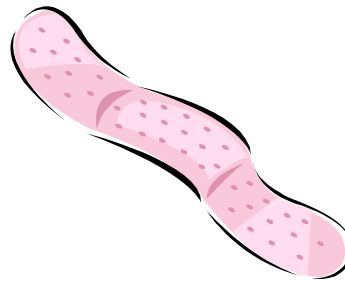
## ***FIRST AID COURSE***

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that for each performance we do, we should have a designated first aider. The first aider must not be part of the cast or crew. They must be in the auditorium at all times.

For this reason we are planning on having a first aid training course in the future. The one day course covers a variety of emergency first aid skills, and once it is complete you will receive a certificate confirming you are a first aider and this is valid for 3 years. The cost will be between £40 - £45 depending on where we hold it locally.

### **It will cover:**

First aid priorities  
Examining a casualty  
Unconsciousness  
Regulations  
Burns/scalds  
Basic life support  
Control of bleeding  
Managing incidents  
Recording and reporting



Please let me know by October 14<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in this course, either by email [lexi\\_b@hotmail.com](mailto:lexi_b@hotmail.com) or by phone 07800 893 435. [Alex will find out if the course is available to under 18's, should any juniors be interested.]

Alex Berriman  
**Junior Representative**

## ***SITUATION STILL VACANT***

**TADS still doesn't have a secretary! If you are interested, or know anybody who could be interested then please contact a member of the committee.**

***SORRY SORRY SORRY!!!***

A big sorry to the member's of the Robin Hood cast who were not on the previous cast list...

**Meg Scathelocke**      Claire Taylor  
**Alan-a-Dale**         Bradley Cole



***FORTHCOMING EVENTS...***

**“Robin Hood”**  
Thurstable School Hall  
30th, 31st October and 1st November 2008

**TADS Christmas Party**  
Rivenhall Oaks Golf Club  
Saturday 13th December 2008

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**Deadline for the next edition – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Please note that there will probably be editions of the mini-newsletter before this, please see me for more information.**