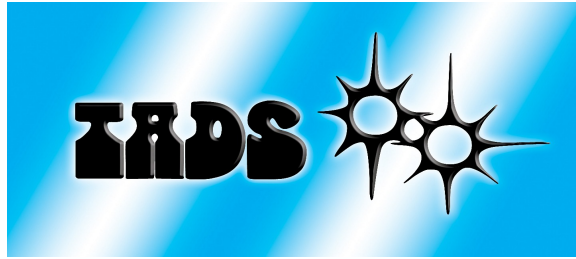


TIPTREE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - APRIL EDITION



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TADS Annual General Meeting

Monday 19th May 2008 - 7:30 for 8:00

St. Lukes Church Extension

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR GROUP!

Please note: Junior Members are welcome to attend, however may not vote during the meeting.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Members

As we approach the 2008 AGM congratulations are due to all those many members who enabled the transition of our productions to St Lukes Church Extension. The committee believes that recent productions have left a "nice warm feeling" with both our members and our audiences; on top of that we are now getting good audiences, producing popular productions and are financially stable. Congratulations everyone. We still haven't given up hope of a permanent venue in the new village hall, but only time will tell. Thanks must go to James and Duncan for their many efforts in the production of past, present and future editions of this, our newsletter. As he takes over from Duncan, James will continue to produce and edit the newsletter; he would like your ideas of a name for our newsletter. Can you think of a good name? Over to you, if you can think of an apt name, please send your ideas to James. He will pick a suitable name from all 'suggestions' that he receives. Please, also keep James supplied with copy and subjects for future editions. TADS is an organisation run for its members by its members. Only the combined efforts of all its members can ensure the continued operation of the Group. Please commit yourselves to the Group so that TADS can continue to entertain its members and its audiences for many years to come.

Roger





RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Responsibilities of the Secretary are:

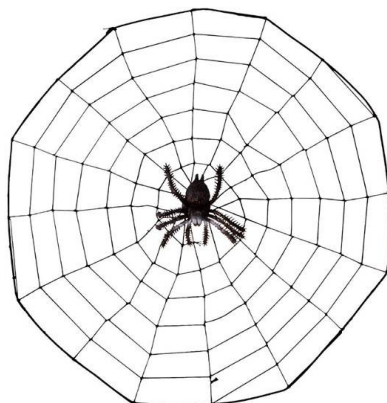
- Minuting the meetings and preparing agendas
- General correspondence and communication on behalf of the group
- Liaising with NODA and NEETG for adjudications
- Booking show venues (not rehearsals)
- Payment of royalties

For further information please contact Alex.

TADS ON THE WEB!

TADS is lucky enough to have its own website! This includes all the latest events, updates and news. If you don't have the internet at home, its free to use at your local library. Please stay in touch with the goings-on of TADS and visit the site frequently.

www.tiptreedrama.co.uk





"A GLASS OF BITTER"

Cast

Fred Grant	Jack Vanson
Norah Grant	Rachel Shortland
Evie Pell	Suzi Howes
Roy Flower	Bradley Cole
Inspector Hammond	James Stocker

The Story

Fred and Norah Grant are a normal, middle-aged, childless couple living in suburban happiness. That is until one evening while Fred is at the pub a young woman arrives claiming to be Norah's daughter-in-law. She and Norah's secret son are on the run from the police and decide to intimidate Norah into giving them money for a quick escape. The Police Inspector who later calls knows all about it and asks Norah to help capture her son for his own good. Will Norah help the police to lock up her son? And will she manage to retain the secret of her early life before Fred returns from the pub? A dramatic story with tension and suspense will have the audience on the edge of their seats.

From the Director

A Glass Of Bitter represents Junior TADS' first foray into serious drama. Our small cast is bubbling with enthusiasm and looking forward to the show.

Rehearsals are now underway, and we would like to extend an invitation to any members to come along to any rehearsal and lend us your support or give us an audience. We have a very simple set and prop requirement, but obviously should any difficulties arise, we will be calling on you all for help...!

Marcus Churchill
Director

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please remember that all members are welcome to attend any committee meetings as an observer, or view any of the minutes. You can contact any member of the committee to find out the time and location of the next meeting.

MARVELOUS MONOLOGUES

The United Reformed Church would like to know if there is anybody available to perform a Monologue on the 18th & 19th July for the Church Fund Raising Committee.

Please see Terry for further details.



"THE ALLOTMENT"

Cast

Norah	Annette Porte
Lorna	Audrey Rowe
Marcie	Mave Studholme
Belle	Giovana Austin
Daisy	Barbara Russen

The Story

Four women are doing community punishment orders working on an allotment growing vegetables for soup kitchens.

On the allotment they feel they can choose how they want to be. They can choose who they are and what they do. They can forget their crimes and pretend that they never happened. In their fantasy garden they are good and kind and honest and have a lot of fun. They care for each other and choose who they will have in their lives. They create a sharing, caring world making their garden grow.

Their new probation officer, Daisy arrives into their Eden believing in the redemptive power of facing the truth - with surprising results.

From the Director

Just to let you all know that we have cast our one act play and have started rehearsing. Right from the start, our rehearsals have had a great atmosphere and everyone seems to understand the play well.

It would be great to see some members at rehearsals, if you want to come please telephone me to check on the venue as we have a couple of rehearsals elsewhere. We do need a good turnout at **set up** on the **22nd June** as the cast and a couple of others will be at the Headgate Theatre taking part in the one act play festival. We are not putting up a complicated set as there will be three plays and the set needs to be flexible.

We have Chris Fowler as our stage manager and props person, Matt is making the one large prop that we need, Theresa is organising front of house, Roger is running lights and sound and Doreen is our prompt. We need someone to paint the white board and some help with publicity and organising delivery of flyers, can we have some volunteers please!! Hope to see some of you at rehearsals.

Val Ryan
Director



TADS MEMBERSHIP 2008

Below is the most up to date list of the current membership.

President

Pam Archer

Vice Presidents

June Dennis
Helen Hood
Carole White

Adult Members

TADS currently has 25 Adult Members.

Junior Members

TADS currently has about 20 Junior Members.

AGM NOMINATION FORM

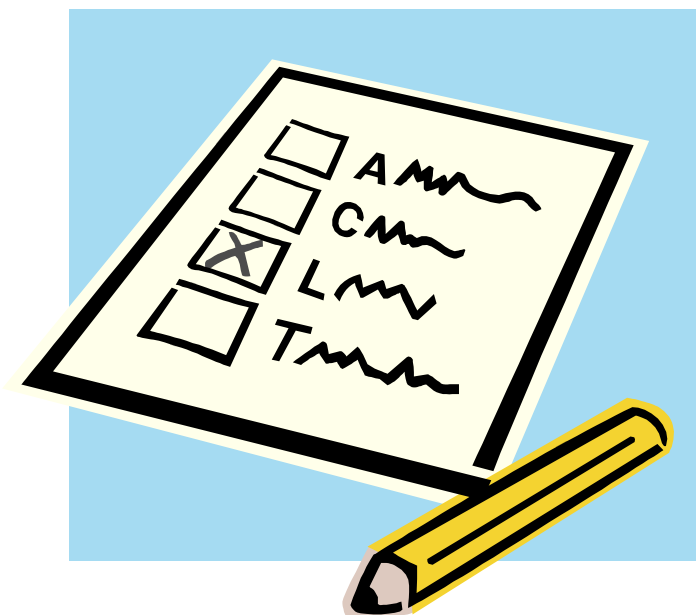
Attached with this edition, you will find a **Nomination Form and Agenda** for the upcoming AGM.

This must be completed and returned to Alex by **Monday 12th May 2008**.

Please note: Only adult members may nominate.

Agenda

Apologies
Minutes of the last AGM
Matters Arising from minutes
Treasurer's Report
Secretary's Report
Election of committee officers
Election of auditors
Election of trustees
Nomination of Honorary positions
Correspondence
Any Other Business





BACK STAGE...

You know you belong to an amateur theatre group if...

- you've ever appeared on stage in your own clothes
- you've ever appeared in a show where the tech rehearsals are dedicated to getting the show under 4 hours
- you've ever got a part because you were the only person who auditioned
- you've ever appeared in a show where an actor leaned through a window without opening it
- you've ever appeared in a show with a flushing toilet sound effect in it
- you've ever said "don't worry, it will be fine on the night!"

Definitions...

Eternity: The time that passes between a dropped cue, and the next line.

Quality Theatre: Any show in which you were directly involved.

Gaffer Tape: Gaffer tape is like the Force. It has a light side, and a dark side and it holds the universe together.

Stage Crew: A group of individuals who spend their evenings coping with 50 minute boredom stretches interspersed with 30 second bursts of mindless panic.

Joke Corner...

Q: Why can't many vocalists get through the door?

A: Because they either can't find the key, or don't know when to come in!

A Stage Manager, a Sound Technician and a Lighting Designer find a bottle in a corner of the Theatre. One of them rubs it and a genie pops out.

"Since you all found me", he says "you each get one wish!" The Sounds Technician steps up and says, "I'd like a million pounds and three beautiful women" POOF! The Sound Technician is gone.

The Lighting Designer steps up and says, "Well, if he can have that, I'd like TEN million pounds, and my own personal island with fifteen beautiful women!" POOF! The Lighting Designer is gone.

Then, the Stage Manager steps up and says "I'd like them both back in ten minutes".

A Riddle...

My voice is tender, my waist is slender and I'm often invited to play. But wherever I go I must take my bow, or else I have nothing to say.

What am I?

(Answer on last page)



FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

TADS Annual General Meeting
St. Lukes Church Extension
19th May 2008 – 7:30pm for 8:00pm

'Jam Packed'
Thurstable School Hall
30th May 2008 – 7:30pm for 8:00pm

Braxted Festival
Braxted Park
8th June 2008

NEETG One Act Play Festival
Headgate Theatre
22nd June 2008

June Productions
St. Lukes Church Extension
26th - 28th June 2008
(Set Up - 22nd June 2008)

TADS COMMITTEE

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NEWSLETTER

Any inclusions for the next edition can be sent to me using the details below. Please remember this is your newsletter! Any feedback on this edition would be greatly appreciated!

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James

Answer to riddle: A Violin