

***** FARINGDON DRAMATIC SOCIETY *****

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Your Committee

A reminder of those members who form your committee and their role, just for interest:

Debbie Lock - Chair and Social Secretary

Karen Whiffen - Secretary

Carolyn Taylor - Treasurer

Jeni Summerfield - Membership Secretary (but see below) and Child Protection Officer

David Field - Publicity

Gary Field - Production Co-ordinator (may change with each production)

Sandra Keen - committee member

Peter Webster - Newsletter Co-ordinator

The Barbeque

The barbecue was accounted a great success, helped by beautiful weather. Thanks are due to Debbie for the location and Kate and Andrew for the loan of the barbecue itself; a great time was had by all.

Costume Hire

Jeni and Joan have triumphed again. The wonderful costumes they created mainly for much ado About Nothing have been hired almost in their entirety for the Abingdon production of Kiss Me Kate. As there is a hire charge, there will be a very useful contribution to the Society's coffers.

Membership

We have 40 paid up members so far, with several potential new members expressing interest in joining; they will be invited to get involved in the panto to see what we get up to and what a welcoming and 'non-luvvie' bunch we are. If any 'regulars' have still to pay their subs, please contact Jeni to save her chasing you!

‘Noises Off’

The cast are to be congratulated - books are down already, so that they can concentrate on the incredible amount of movement involved. The set builders are getting to grips with one of the most complicated sets we have tackled for a long time. Don't forget that there will be **4** performances and we need as many paying punters as we can get - *please encourage friends and work acquaintances to attend*. Posters will soon be available if you can display them - please contact a member of the committee and we will get one (or more) to you. Our patron, Rory Bremner, has been invited to attend - fingers crossed he can make it.

‘Pirates Of The Faribbean’

The team for this production is coming together; the dates for the run through where the panto and audition process will be explained are: for 9 - 16yr olds **MONDAY 30th OCTOBER (7 - 9pm)** and for adults **WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER (8 - 10pm)**

Canada

Kate Lord is still working on the possibility of a 'production swop' with a Canadian dramatic society; it now looks at if this will happen in late 2007 or Spring 2008 if all the threads can be pulled together. In which case we are looking for a May 2007 production; if you have a play in mind that you would like to direct, don't be backward in coming forward.

Costume Store

Debbie is still working hard on the possibility of having a store at the Junior School; this depends on the *Governors* and possibly the *Council*. Watch this space!

*****Christmas Dinner*****

The chosen date is **December 9th** - so put this in your diaries NOW. Despite the problems last year with *The Eagle* in Little Coxwell, we are going for it

again as the pub has changed hands and reports are favourable. There is plenty of space for us and, if you wish, you can walk there.

The Committee

Jeni has reluctantly decided to stand down from the committee due to her work load; therefore we are looking for a new member - if anyone would like to put themselves forward, please contact Debbie in the first instance.

There are only a small number of meetings during the year and fresh ideas are always welcome.

Nancy Reeves

Many of you will remember Nancy Reeves who died recently; she was a founding member and stalwart of the Society for many years both as an actor and director. Her last starring role with the Society was as Aunt Ada Doom in *Cold Comfort Farm* - fondly remembered as a cracking production. Her funeral was very well attended - the congregation included a number of past and present members. And by the way, come back Tim, we need you!

and finally.....

Your news: If anyone has anything they would like to go into the next newsletter, please contact me on 01367 240101 or by email at petepanto@aol.com