



# THE PROMPT



October 2010

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR:

Dear Fellow Thesps

Well what a month!

Not only do we put on the most amazing show with The War of the Worlds but we discover that our production of Dick Whittington has been nominated for the CDA Best Panto award.

The War of the Worlds was a great experience to be involved with. The dedication, professionalism and sheer hard work of the production team resulted in a superb show that has put CDDG in the forefront of amateur drama groups in the county. The fact that 1300 people saw the production meant that CDDG has been exposed to a whole new potential audience for our future productions. We owe all the production team and cast a huge debt of gratitude and respect, particularly Elaine Gummow, Linda and Paul Barker.

It is always a thrill to have our work recognised and to be nominated as the Best Panto is an award in itself. Good luck to all – details of the award ceremony, should you want to go, are in the Prompt.

We have also been involved in filming playlets for a local businessman's web site, go to [www.tenebo](http://www.tenebo) to see the results.

Rehearsals for the 2011 Panto, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, are well under way and it looks like being another CDDG success. We are also close to selecting our One Act entry into the NODA festival which looks like being an unusual and exciting venture.

It is exhausting being Chair of a group with so much going for it. Going to have a little lie down now!

Thespiantically yours

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Aline Turner, Chair

*We send Get Well wishes to our Chairman, Aline and our Treasurer, Linda who are both "in the wars" at the moment. Aline has recently undergone hand surgery to her right hand and Linda has broken 2 bones in her right foot. We wish them both a speedy return to full mobility. Ed:*



## CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

To our Directors – **Elaine Gummow, Paul and Linda Barker** for having the courage of their convictions in taking on the mammoth task of producing this unique show. They did it and HOW!

Congratulations too, to absolutely everyone who was involved, be it on or off stage, especially the Band. They were as good, if not better than the CD.

We also thank the powers above that granted fine weather, thus making it possible for nigh on 1,300 people to see the show at TreliSSick Garden.

It is a show to remember and indeed, another feather in the cap of Carnon Downs Drama Group. WELL DONE.

### **APOLOGY:**

I do apologise to the **Hertfordshire Players** for the error I made in the last issue – I said that we were giving the first amateur performance of The War of the Worlds in Cornwall. This was incorrect as the Hertfordshire Players gave the first performance at the Minack Theatre in 2008 and they are an amateur group. I mistakenly thought that they were professional. I should have said that CDDG were the first CORNISH amateur group to perform it in Cornwall.

However, all is well and my direct apology to the Hertfordshire Players has been accepted. They came to see the show on the last night and as you will read below, they were suitably impressed. Ed:

The NODA and CDA critiques may be found on our website – [www.carnondownsdrama.co.uk](http://www.carnondownsdrama.co.uk).

### **Afterthoughts on ‘The War of the Worlds’ by the Directors!**

No one would have believed.....

That after 2 years of planning and making we are now done and dusted with 'The War of the Worlds' It was a mammoth undertaking and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. It was incredible to think that over twelve hundred people watched this production and many of them sent us letters and emails of congratulations for what they described as 'a spectacular production, musically perfect and staged in an idyllic setting' Only 2 amateur groups have ever been given the rights to perform Jeff Wayne's 'The War of the Worlds' and we are one of them.

Linda, Paul and myself would like to thank everyone involved. We worked with a brilliant cast and crew. None of us could have wished for a better outcome. The weather prior to first night did give us a few headaches but we all pulled together and put our best feet, or more to the point, wellies, forward as we all knew how special this show was going to be. Luckily all 5 nights were dry and the stars shone down on the cast. We were also privileged to have Jo Partridge in the audience one night. Jo played lead guitar on the original album and now lives near Padstow. He kindly stayed behind after the show and spoke to the band and was very complimentary on how they had performed and tackled the complexities of the music. The Hertfordshire Players also made the Journey down to Cornwall to see us. They performed 'The War of the Worlds' at the Minack in 2008. They were very impressed and went away with several ideas for the future. It was also good to compare notes with them.

We must mention the band though. Their hours of dedication to this show was phenomenal, in fact without them there would have been no show. They were just fantastic and deserved the many standing ovations they received. Thanks just doesn't seem enough. They are a very special bunch of guys. Quite what they'll do with their time now I don't know!

The after show party attended by 70 people was held at the Carnon Inn at Carnon Downs and it was a fitting end to an amazing experience and show. Thank you for all the lovely gifts we were given.

We are very proud of what we have achieved by putting on such an ambitious production as this and I'm sure The Carnon Downs Drama Group can only benefit from it.

*Elaine, Linda and Paul.*

### **PANTOMIME: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

The Dwarfs have been cast and are as follows:-

<b>Brainy</b>	<b>Alex Jones</b>
<b>Dozy</b>	<b>Cecily Reid</b>
<b>Sniffle</b>	<b>Emma Taylor</b>
<b>Snoozy</b>	<b>Niamh Polmounter</b>
<b>Smiley</b>	<b>Emily Coltman</b>
<b>Blushful</b>	<b>Jake Rowe</b>
<b>Grumbly</b>	<b>Adam Sanders</b>
<b>Understudy</b>	<b>Louise Barker</b>

### **Chorus:**

**Natalie Ballett, Louise Barker, Eloise Bristow, Zynie Bristow, Sam Dyer, Megan McKenna, Lydia Polmounter, Clara Reid, Nicky Reid, Beth Webb, Maddy Webb, Sam Wellings.**

Rehearsals are well under way and we do ask you to please let us know in advance if you are unable to make a rehearsal. Please contact Esther on 01209 860718 or 07570 463346.

**BOX OFFICE OPENS ON 1<sup>ST</sup> December 08454 500296.**

**Tickets: Adults £6; children £4.**

**CORNWALL DRAMA ASSOCIATION THEATRE DAY & AWARDS DINNER: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Those people receiving the newsletter via e mail, will have already received the info: and booking form for this special day. Those who do not, will find it all enclosed with their printed copy. Alternatively, all the information may be found on the Cornwall Drama Association's website, under Theatre day.

The Theatre Day is open to people aged 14 years and over.

This year, CDDG is nominated for– Best Pantomime – “Dick Whittington”. Other nominees in this category are: - Kidz R Us – “Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates”; Polbathic Players – “The Lost land of Narkurs”; Sticker Village Players – “Beauty and the Beast”.

**CHRISJINGLE:**

As no one is able to organise this event, we regret it will not now take place. However, it is hoped that a fun evening will be arranged in the new year. Watch this space.

**CORNWALL ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL 2011:**

We have received one entry so far. If anyone else would like to try their hand, please let us know **before 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

That's all for now.



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