



THE PROMPT-

June 2012- Abridged version

Chairman's Message

After a fantastic journey The Tempest is over. It was a really happy and satisfying experience and I cannot thank my brilliant cast and crew enough. The weather was not on our side but the audiences were stoic and we soldiered on with the old Dunkirk spirit! The English are completely barking - find me anywhere else where over 100 people are prepared to sit out in torrential rain and 10 degrees for 2 hours watching a play by a man who died nearly 400 years ago! Got terrible post play blues now! It has shown that there is an appetite for Shakespeare and 'we will be back!'

Anyway we move on and already Calendar Girls is in rehearsal for performance in October Kath & Elaine have great plans and some fabulous ideas.

The panto has had a read through with large numbers attending the auditions. Watch our website for further information on the cast list. In a very exciting development we shall be taking Cinderella to The Princess Pavilion, Falmouth in February half term. It is a venue that will give the audience a really comfortable experience with excellent facilities in its newly refurbished building and it will give us more space and more techie bits on stage. Hopefully it will also increase our audience.

Karnon Kidz are planning a production of Nutcracker on December 22 - an ideal Christmas treat for the whole family. Due to demand there will be 2 shows a matinee and an evening performance. If it is half as good as Ebenezer it really will be a 'cracker'!

For more details on all our exciting new ventures see below.

Yours tempestuously

Aline

CDDG'S "THE TEMPEST" from a cast member's point of view:

This was my first venture into Shakespeare and what an adventure it turned out to be. One that I would not have missed for the world!

The result of four years planning by the play's director, our Chairman, Aline Turner, made this adventure a reality. Our version of The Tempest was a triumph and another great production for which Carnon Downs Drama Group can be justifiably proud. If you didn't brave the elements to come and see it, shame on you.

Our thanks go to Aline and her team – a wonderful Cast, a hardworking Stage Crew, props, makeup and of course those wonderful costumes and headdresses, that enabled each character to "get into their part".

Performing in the open air is always a risk and although we were fairly lucky on the first 3 nights the final night was a real test of stamina for cast, crew and audience. It couldn't have rained harder, but we showed what we were made of and performed to the bitter end. One of my lines was "That our garments, being as they were drenched in the sea..." made me look heavenwards on Saturday and the audience had to titter. It was certainly a memorable experience.

Now, sadly it's all over. I for one, have got Shakespeare withdrawal symptoms. I know I am not alone in this. Even at my age, I hope it won't be my last opportunity to deliver the immortal words of The Bard.

With love from

Consuela.

CALENDAR GIRLS: 17th -20th October Perranwell Village Hall 7.30pm.

Rehearsals are now under way for this much awaited production and the **BOX OFFICE is now open. Tickets £7.50 available from 08454 500296.**

KARNON KIDZ News: Auditions for “The Nutcracker”

The read through and auditions for Karnon Kidz production of “The Nutcracker” will be held at St. Day Methodist Church on Friday 7th September 2012 between 7.00pm and 9:00pm.

The show itself will be on Saturday 22nd December 2012. We hope to have two performances - one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Rehearsals will be held at St Day Methodist Church on Friday evenings (7:00pm - 9:00pm) and on Sunday afternoons (4:00pm - 6:00pm).

You will not be required for every rehearsal.

Please be advised that, if you want to, you can participate in both The Nutcracker and the Carnon Downs Drama Groups pantomime, Cinderella

For further information, please call the CDDG / KK Information Line: 08454 500296.

Cornwall Drama Association’s THEATRE DAY 2012 – ADVANCE NOTICE

This year Theatre Day will take place on Saturday 27th October at the Best Western Hotel Bristol in Newquay. As usual, the evening will consist of a sumptuous dinner, followed by the annual CDA awards presentation, with the whole evening topped off with a disco.

This year’s workshop will be held on the same day from 10am and will be pantomime-based, although it will be designed to appeal to actors and directors from all genres, particularly comedy. We are delighted to have secured the services of Ben Crocker as tutor. Many of you will be familiar with Ben’s work, as he writes panto scripts which are often performed here in Cornwall. Ben has had a long theatrical career, including running his own company, the Magnificent Theatre Company, which was for a time one of the country’s most sought-after theatre companies, playing at the Young Vic and touting to the RSC and to major theatres all over the UK. He was also Artistic Director of the Northcott Theatre in Exeter from 1998-2008, during which time audience levels rose to some of the highest in the country.

So if you’re interested in acting or directing comedy or pantomime, you’ll need to put the date in your diary now! More details will follow so keep your eyes on the website and future editions of Cue Sheet. (The Prompt will also keep you updated. Ed:)

Finally:

The committee does not meet during August so the next issue of The Prompt will be in September, however if any important news comes through before then we will notify you. Keep an eye on our website and have a good “summer” break. The rain cannot last, can it???!!!

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