



POLEGATE DRAMA GROUP

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019 – Issue 165

Hello dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to our Autumn 2019 newsletter. We've been having a great year and we looking forward to ending 2019 on an equally high note. Please read on!

MURDER MYSTERIES



Our Murder Mystery weekend was a fabulous success, with thanks to everyone who took part and of course our lovely audiences.

Cris and Alison directed and were able to give a role to everyone who wanted to take part. It was lovely to see so many new faces treading the Polegate stage.

The murder mysteries are a win-win: good fun for everyone and profitable. After all bills are paid, we expect to have topped up our bank account by over £900, which is a terrific boost.

Key Dates

Agatha Crusty & the Village Hall Murders

31st October-2nd November
Box office open 24th Sept

Dick Whittington

18th-26th January 2020
Box office open 12th Nov

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2nd December at 8pm

Coffee Mornings

9th November 2019 &
7th March 2020

2020 Celebration Supper

Sunday 2nd February

AGATHA CRUSTY & THE VILLAGE HALL MURDERS

Our Autumn play will be on stage from 31st October to 2nd November 2019.

Agatha Crusty (pronounced "Croosty") is a crime novelist. She is also pretty adept at solving crimes.



And when her sister-in-law Alice invites her to spend a few days with her in the village of Chortleby, it is not long before Agatha gets caught up in a series of murders.



With such colourful locals as the Reverend Toby, Eleanor chair of the committee, Harry the caretaker, twins Oliver and Olivia, pub landlady Isabella, Maisie the cleaner and model Mandy, there is no shortage of suspects. Add the incompetent DI Twigg and the laughs pile up faster than the bodies.

The play is packed full of wit and very funny scenes, but do not forget: there are still some mysterious deaths to be solved!

Helen Griffin is making her directing debut with this lovely play, ably supported by the following cast:

Agatha Crusty	Jane Parratt	Reverend Toby	Adam Riggs
DI Twigg	Ian Parratt	Olivia/Oliver	Yvonne Corbishley
Alice	Denise Rose	Maisie	Sue Talmadge
Harry/PC Lockett	Andy Napier	Isabella	Alison Attwood
Eleanor	Charisse Goddard	Mandy	Rebecca Tanner

Alison is our stage manager, Rebecca is our prompt, Diane Brooks is in charge of props and Maria Bayne is front of house manager. If anyone would like to get involved helping backstage, with technical or front of house, we shall be delighted to hear from you.

HANDYMEN AND WOMEN WANTED!

As always, we need a team of willing volunteers to help build and paint our sets.

For the autumn play, we are working on scenery every Sunday from 29th September to 27th October. We start at 9.30am and finish by early afternoon but, even if you can only stay for a couple of hours, you are most welcome. We need people to help with set construction and painting. Handyman skills are a bonus, but most importantly we need your enthusiasm! In return, you will receive good-humoured conversation washed down with copious quantities of free tea, coffee and biscuits. Bring your own packed lunch.





PANTOMIME 2020

Our 49th pantomime will be the action-packed, fun-filled favourite '**Dick Whittington**', the panto paved with gold!

We welcome Charisse Goddard as our director, working closely with Sue Wood our choreographer and Marc Charlton our musical director, and with the following fantastic cast:

Fairy Bow-Bells	Sue Talmadge	Sarah the Cook	Chris Thompson
Alice Fitzwarren	Nicola Cullen	Queen Rat	Helen Griffin
Idle Jack	Laura Catchpole	Rat-Nap	Sarah-Jayne Hole
Dick Whittington	Hope-Marie Henderson	Kick-Rat	Cris Haniver
Tommy the Cat	Charlotte Brooks	Cpt, Horatio Fitzwarren	Adam Riggs
Alderman Fitzwarren/The Sultan	Trevor Fuggle		

The box office opens on 12th November. Put the date in your diary now!

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Monday 2nd December starting at 8pm. This is an important meeting to talk about the finances and future of our club. And there will be plenty of time after the formal bit to chat about everything that is happening next year. Please come and show your support.

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COFFEE MORNINGS

We are hosting coffee mornings on Saturdays 9th November 2019 and 7th March 2020. If you are able to help with any of these dates, please contact Maria Bayne or email admin@polegatecramagroup.com.

We have hosted many coffee mornings this year, which has put rather a strain on prizes for the tombola and raffles. If anyone has any unwanted gifts or other items, these would be most welcome. Please contact either Maria, Helen Griffin or Sarah Griffin. Many thanks.



2020 CELEBRATION SUPPER

We are taking a break from our usual Christmas Dinner and, for a change, we will have a celebration supper in the new year, once people have recovered from the panto.

We are heading to Pomodoro & Mozzarella in Eastbourne where we have booked the private function room for Sunday 2nd February at 6.30pm. There's a good choice of meals from the restaurant's menu at a fantastic price of £12.50 for two courses or £15 for three courses, including service (plus drinks).

We pay on the night but, to ensure we cater for the right numbers, we invite you to secure your place with £5 per head deposit.

Please put the date in your diary and let us know if you're coming by emailing admin@polegatedramagroup.com. Alison is collecting the £5 deposits, either cash or payment by BACS. Please email alison.attwood@btinternet.com for details.

This event is open to all group members, their families and friends. We hope members will turn out in force to make this a lovely supper party and get our 2020 season off to a flying start.

Well folks, that's all from me this time.

I wish you a very happy autumn full of late sunshine and crisp, dry days. I will be back with another newsletter soon. As always, if anyone has any contributions, they would be most welcome.

Best wishes,
Alison

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