



POLEGATE DRAMA GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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Hello dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019. We all look forward to another fantastic year of fun, laughter and superb productions!

We have an important change to our 2019 programme as, with some regret, it was not possible to cast Spamalot. Fear not! We will instead be performing the very popular comedy 'Outside Edge', which first reached our TV screens in 1982 and evolved into a must-see comedy series running for several years. Full details below.

PANTOMIME 2019



But first, congratulations to everyone involved with the highly successful pantomime, 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. This was a definite hit with our audiences, and our ticket sales were great. Thank you to everyone who supported our show on stage, backstage, front of house and in the audience.

We received several great reviews. Here is one from NODA:

This is one of my favourite times of the year as I love Panto and am lucky enough as a NODA Representative to see quite a few. All pantomimes have a fascinating story to tell and Polegate gave good value in the telling of Snow White giving audiences a really fun evening out.

The principal characters were all well cast with Heather Tingley as a charming Snow White with voice to match, making a good pairing with Helen Griffin as Prince Simon of Sofaria, a true principal boy, singing and acting so well with Snow White. Kirsten Grinstead started everything off by giving us a lovely Fairy Goodapple – we knew there was going to be a really happy ending with things in her magical hands!

Key Dates

Outside Edge
29th May-1st June 2019
Box Office opens 15th April

Polegate Community Centre's 50th Anniversary
18-19th May 2019

Murder Mysteries
2nd & 3rd August.

Autumn Production
31st October-2nd November

Coffee Mornings
13th April, 19th May, 25th May,
24th August, 7th September &
9th November 2019

Pantomime would be nothing without a Dame and Chris Thompson excelled as Dame Delores Dingbat – a really energetic performance. His costumes were something to behold! Laura Catchpole played Herbert Vore the Huntsman – another great character and again with so much energy.

Then we come to the dark side and Sue Talmadge gave a really sinister performance as Evil Queen Narcissa, looking wonderful while plotting her dreadful schemes to kill poor Snow White. Of course she had to look into The Magic Mirror to confirm that she was the loveliest of them all with Cris Haniver as the Mirror, also looking wonderful – a really magical performance! More darkness from Peter Tucknott as Hector who was charged with killing Snow White but in the end couldn't bring himself to do it, although he looked the personification of evil. An excellent cameo role.

The all important Dwarfs were played by Geoff Shorman, Jane Parratt, Vicky Brown, Rebecca Tanner, Hannah Buck, Mandy Edwards and Denise Rose. They were a wonderful troupe but oh my! - their knees must have suffered! Well done to them all.

It's always good to see The Sue Wood Dancers on stage who added very much to the production with their lovely dancing. The Band, under the direction of MD Marc Charlton made a great sound and accompanied everything in excellent fashion.

The scenery was well designed and looked just right and the full colour programme made very interesting reading. So much work goes into a production of this nature which is, of course fun to do but hard work as well so congratulations to all involved whether on the stage or behind the scenes. Many thanks to Director David Buck, Choreographer Sue Wood and Musical Director Marc Charlton for bringing everything together to brighten up what can be a very dull part of the year.

Brenda Gower Regional NODA Representative

OUTSIDE EDGE

Prepared to be bowled away with our next production, 'Outside Edge', a hilarious comedy by Richard Harris.

Picture the scene: the neatly mowed village green, clear blue skies, a cricket team in their perfectly pressed whites, tea and sandwiches waiting in the pavilion, loyal wives and girlfriends looking on.

Sound perfect? Think again ... there are storm clouds gathering, and not just in the sky. Watch the hilarious sparks begin to fly as the team foolishly try to solve their various marital problems at the same time as winning the game.



This popular play has been staged in the West End and was adapted into a smash hit TV series starring Brenda Blethyn, Robert Daws and Timothy Spall.

Deftly umpired by Jim Dobell, the team batting for Polegate is as follows:

Roger	Ian Parratt	Kevin	Andy Napier
Miriam	Jane Parratt	Ginnie	Sarah Hole
Bob	Geoff Shorman	Alex	Stephen Edwards
Dennis	Trevor Fuggle	Sharon	TBA
Maggie	Alison Attwood		

Due to the Centre's 50th anniversary celebrations in May, our play will be taking to the crease at the slightly later dates of Thursday 30th May to Saturday 1st June. Tickets are £10 adults and £7 children, and the box office will be open for Members and Friends on 15th April.



MURDER MYSTERIES

Back by popular demand, we will once again be performing two suspense-filled Murder Mystery plays on consecutive nights, Friday and Saturday 2nd and 3rd August.

These are always popular evenings so please make a date in your diaries now. Further information about tickets and the box office will be in our next newsletter.

COMMUNITY CENTRE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Polegate Community Centre, and there will be a special weekend of celebrations on 18-19th May.

The various groups involved with the centre will be taking part in different ways, and we will be planning some activities on the stage on the Saturday, and hosting the coffee morning on the Sunday.



Our activities will be theatre-related and suitable for families, possibly involving dressing up in our many costumes. We welcome any ideas for this event, and we welcome your support on the days, so please make a note in your diary now.



COFFEE MORNINGS

We are hosting a number of coffee mornings this year and welcome support from our members – baking a cake or scones, or helping out on the mornings. The dates are Saturday mornings 13th April, 19th May, 25th May, 24th August, 7th September & 9th November 2019 from 9.30am to midday.

Please email Maria for further details of how you can be involved.

That's all from me. I will be back with another newsletter in the summer. If anyone has any contributions, they would be most welcome.

I hope to see you soon.

Best wishes,
Alison

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