



Chellaston Players

December 2011 Newsletter



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2012 to all our members and friends!

2011 has been a challenging but successful year for Chellaston Players; all our shows this year have been excellent and well received by everyone who came along to support us. A big thank you to all of you who have helped us this year in whatever way, from taking on a major role in a production to just taking the time out to come and see our shows. Finances remain difficult but are improving, so we need as many of you as possible to continue to support us next year.

We have plans for 2012 which are detailed later in this newsletter, we look forward to seeing you all at our shows next year.



Aladdin

This highly entertaining pantomime will take place at St Peter's Church Hall in Chellaston on 25th to 28th January 2012 at 7.15pm, plus a matinee on the 28th at 2.15pm. Tickets are available from **Fran Gaunt** on **01332 700821** or from chellastonbooking@hotmail.co.uk. Price £7.50 (£6.50 concessions), discounts are available for bookings of 10 or more tickets. Please note that the matinee is pretty much sold out already.

There have been a few changes in the cast: Wishee Washee is now being played by Dean Greer, Constable Wong is Greg Lunn and the Emperor is Carl Roberts. Wan Hun Lo is now played by Rhys Morgan.

Rehearsals are going well and the show is full of music, singing and laughs. Please do come along and see it.

Please save these for us!

For one of the pantomime scenes we need: empty Cornflakes packets, Tesco pizza boxes, granny knickers, cuddly toys and old colourful socks. Please could you contact chellastonbooking@hotmail.co.uk if you can help with any of these so we can arrange collection. Obviously we will return anything you want back. Thank you!

Playing Away

Break a leg!

Are you playing away? Let us know, we'll advertise your show!

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Dean Greer, Marco Boylan and Luke Brady will be performing in History Boys, produced by the Derby Shakespeare Company. This will be performed at Derby Guildhall Theatre from 7th to 11th February, tickets are available from 01332 255800 or from the Derby Live website.
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Neighbourhood Forum grant

We have been awarded a grant from Derby City Council's Chellaston & Shelton Lock Neighbourhood Forum, a 4 set talk-back set has been purchased with the grant which will help tremendously with communications back stage.

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

The committee have approved the following for 2012 (and beyond!)

We are hoping to do a 'Round the Horne' evening in February at the Lawns in Chellaston. This will be an informal fund-raising evening – no fixed entry charge but we will ask for donations and there will be a raffle. Details will follow as soon as we have a date fixed.

Mick Gaunt will direct 'Living Together' by Alan Ayckbourn to be performed in May 2012. This is part of the trilogy of plays 'Norman Conquests' which is a set in a country house over one weekend. Play one 'Round and Round the Garden' is set in the garden, 'Table manners' set in the dining room, and 'Living Together' set in the sitting room. Chellaston Players have already performed the first two in previous years.

Auditions are likely to be held the week following the pantomime, more news on this will follow in the new year.

A Pantomime will be produced for winter 2012/13, again more details will be given early next year.

Elaine Lawrenson has been successful in an application to produce Calendar Girls. There is a stipulation from the licensor that we must perform this in April 2013 at the Guildhall Theatre.

We still have no offers to organise an '**Off the Cuff**' evening, but we are hopeful that someone will come forward with an idea. If anyone would like to organise one of these for the Players please could you contact us at chellastonbooking@hotmail.co.uk

Unfortunately, due to work commitments of a key member of the cast, we have not been able to perform at the Rose & Crown charity weekend advertised in the last newsletter.

Ever fancied being centre stage in front of 12,000 people? Ever wanted to gain real working experience of being part of a professional world-class show? Or maybe you want to be part of celebrations for the London 2012 Olympic Games in your region?

Déda Producing, in partnership with Derby City Council, Derby Festé, QUAD, and Derby LIVE, is looking to recruit volunteers to be part of the cast for **Games Time**.

Games Time is a spectacular live outdoor stage show combining music, video, fireworks, professional dancers and 160 members of the local community.

The event is funded by Legacy Trust UK, an independent charity set up to create a lasting cultural legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games across the UK, and Arts Council England. Designed and written to embrace the spirit of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Games Time made its debut to great acclaim in front of 10,000 spectators on the sea-front at Skegness in July. It will be showing throughout the East Midlands in 2012, in Loughborough, Northampton and Derby.

Volunteers will be rehearsing in 2012 and will have the chance to work with professional dancers and choreographers, as well as seeing how a large outdoor show is put together. We are looking for individuals and groups, aged 13 and over, from in and around Derby, Derbyshire and the surrounding area. You don't need to be a dancer or a performer but we are looking for people who will commit to the rehearsal schedule and who want to make the most of this opportunity.

Interested individuals need to contact Déda Producing by **10 February 2012**. A series of taster sessions will be held in March 2012 where potential cast members can get a taste of what's involved in taking part.

To express an interest please contact Clare Limb at c.limb@deda.uk.com or call 01332 374681 or visit www.gamestime.org.uk.

Do you have any news for our next Newsletter? E-mail us at chellastonbooking@hotmail.co.uk