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## From the Editor

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# The Spring Production – "Joking Apart"

After several months of hard rehearsals we pulled off yet another fine production.

Congratulations and many thanks go to the cast and crew for a production with a difference. With

- a different type of set (no flats at the back and sides but a wonderful backdrop painted for us by Kelly Whitworth
- several new cast members making their first appearance with the club
- many fast costume changes to cover the different seasons from one scene to the next
- a tennis court crammed onto part of the Commemoration Hall stage (now that was a feat and a half or was that only a foot and a half?)
- many a sausage and sickly coloured drink consumed by Chris Topham
- very clever makeup work to age the cast over more than a decade (and yes, it was possible for some of us to be made to look younger to start with)
- very good lighting thanks to the wonderful training from John Morgan earlier this year, and
- a new director (well done Ronald).













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The Summer Production - Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced'

Tour Dates & Venues

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Warboys W.I. Hall

Tickets £5.00 Available from Warboys Post Office or Davies Newsagents in Warboys

# Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - The Medway Centre Huntingdon

Doors open at 7.00pm curtain up 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00 (Concessions £3.00). Buy four or more tickets at the concessionary rate! Available in person from The Medway Centre or The Card Gallery, Huntingdon or on-line.

When an advertisement appears in the local paper announcing a murder is to take place at Letitia Blackstock's, various friends and relatives assemble for a bit of fun. However they are shocked to discover a real murder victim who is unknown to them all. Inspector Craddock investigates but of course it is Miss Marple who cracks the case, revealing all to a drawing room full of suspects. Mistaken identities, family fortunes and a histrionic maid from the continent, and naturally the real culprit is the last person you would expect.

### Cast list

Director ... Kelly Mason

Ast. Director & Miss Marple... Carol Wadey

Miss Blacklock...Jeanette Brown

Bunny ... Ann Monk

Julia...Lynda Norris

Patrick...Ronald Stevenson

Phillipa...Louise Nicholls

Mitzi...Caroline Harbord

Edmund...Chris Rogers

Mrs Swettenham...Jacquie Spencer

Rudi Scherz... Bob Pugh

Inspector Craddock ... Michael Black

Mellors... Darren Agius







### **HELP STILL REQUIRED**

We still need help with Props and make-up and hair, please contact Kelly on 01480-431865

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# The Autumn Production – JANE EYRE

Even though 'A Murder is Announced' is dominating the thoughts of many of us, we're already looking ahead to our autumn production, 'Jane Eyre'. If you'd like to help on the production side, please contact Michael (email address and phone number below).

The **read-through** will be on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 - venue to be confirmed. If you can't attend, please contact Michael asap, and arrange to read on another date.

**Rehearsals** will probably be on Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting 5<sup>th</sup> September. Technical, dress and performance dates: 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November.

# Read any good plays recently? Or books about plays and acting?

If so, how would you like to contribute an article to the newsletter? We gladly welcome member contributions of this nature as they share the club's goal.

If you have any such "reads" you'd like to share with our members please send your articles to **mailto:theeditor@huntingdondramaclub.org.uk** 

# **Future events**

SHAKESPEARE DVD EVENING - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00.

Caroline invites everyone to watch 'Much Ado About Nothing' (the Branagh version) at her house. Please let her know if you'll be going so she has an idea of numbers. It's a brilliant version of the most excellent Shakespeare comedy and she has promised a full briefing for anyone who doesn't already know the play. After the popularity of 'Love's Labour's Lost' at Michael's a few months ago, it should be a good evening!

# MEDWAY CENTRE OPEN DAY - 14<sup>th</sup> July - 11am to 3pm

We're going to have a display, with a few Club members to chat to visitors. Please contact Michael if you're willing to help for an hour or two.

## **ANOTHER MURDER IS ANNOUNCED**

Ours is not the only production in the area: BAWDS is performing the same play at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge on 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July (7.45 pm, plus Saturday at 2.30). If you're interested in going to see it as a group, let Michael know, with possible dates on **01480-454486** or **michael.black@btinternet.com**.

## **SUMMER BARBECUE**

Ronald will be hosting a barbecue in September – date to be confirmed.

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