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In Our 61st Year

This issue

... covers the months of August and September.

Kings & Liberties

What a successful event this was!

Performed on **Saturday, 30 July** and **Friday, 5 August**, several members of the drama club participated in this marvellous production. The author and director, Michael Burrell (seen below - an actor of more than 40 years) gathered together a tremendous range of actors for this, his eighteenth play. Commissioned by Huntingdon Town Council to mark the 800th Anniversary of the granting of the Town Charter by King John on 7th August 1205, the play was performed in front of audiences that grew in number for each showing.



Several of the Club's members played key parts for this production. They also added their skills to the inclusion of a Mummings play to the performances. Those Club members were:

Michael Black	-	Henry of Huntingdon, Tom Pinny
Ray Livermore	-	Brother Dominic, Arthur Abland
Ronald Stevenson	-	King Henry II, Doctor
Carol Wadey	-	Sick Woman (but she was very good!)
Kelly Armstrong	-	Robin Hood
Mark Lamberth	-	Little John, King Charles I
Jeanette Brown	-	Virginia

On several occasions there was a need for quick changes between character roles; some of which were very close calls. If you can imagine shuffling offstage, de-robing, re-robing, sticking on false beards and moustaches then you'll get part of the picture!



The Club's contribution to the Mediæval Banquet:-

The banquet, on Saturday, 6 August, was the scene of much merriment and strange behaviour from Councillors and locals adopting appropriate garb for the occasion. Several members of the Club donated their Mummings Play performance skills (from Kings & Liberties) to entertain the crowd that filled the Commemoration Hall.

Many thanks to Ronald Stevenson for his clever direction of this play. It was a performance welcomed and enjoyed by the Council and the Banquet attendees.

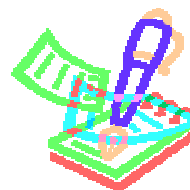
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HELP HELP HELP!

There have been recent changes to the Licensing Act 2003 that will affect the serving of alcohol at future performances at the Commemoration Hall.

The Town Council is moving to obtain a Premises Licence however we will require a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) who will supervise the sale of alcohol. The DPS must hold a Personal Licence. To obtain a Personal Licence the person must hold a National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders qualification.

What does that mean for the Club? We need your HELP!!!!

Are there any club members who have such a licence and would be willing to supervise the sale of alcohol during our next performance (17th to 19th November)?

We really need your help with this as the sale of alcoholic beverages at our performances is seen as enjoyable refreshment at intervals, like it is for any normal theatre performance.

Please let either Michael Black or me know if there is any way you can help the Club out with this change in the Act.

NEWSFLASH



The charter scene from 'Kings and Liberties' is to be performed on 16 November in front of Princess Anne, during her visit to Huntingdon. The scene, of the granting of the charter by King John, includes several members of Huntingdon Drama Club!

Keep an eye out for this one!

Mafeking to Millennium

Infotainment's the name of the game

'From Mafeking to the Millennium' combines a potted history of the 20th century with entertaining excerpts from 'Hay fever', 'ITMA', 'Look back in anger', 'Chorus of disapproval' and Victoria Wood's 'Pat and Margaret'. Not to mention pieces by Joyce Grenfell and Pam Ayres, and some of the best songs of the century.

The cast has grown to 18, half of them new to the club, and we've got a strong production and backstage crew, again including new people. The performance dates are Thursday to Saturday 17-19 November, and tickets will soon be on sale. Please spread the word, so we get good audiences.

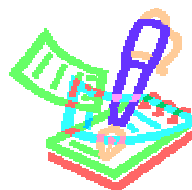
Lunch party at Ronald's

The lunch party at Ronald's, postponed to September 17, was very enjoyable. The food was excellent - thanks to everyone who cooked, and particularly to Ronald and Jenny for all the effort they put into the event. Even the weather favoured us, so we were able to bask in the sunshine.

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