



Newsletter August 2022

Kays Theatre Group

Phil's Chairman's Chat

Welcome members, to the Chairman's Chat.

As I write this, the sun is shining and the sky is blue! Is this another heat wave for us?

I am pleased to inform you that at the NODA Conference, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' was nominated for Best 2019 Pantomime in District 10. Well done to Tony Langford and to all of those who were involved.

Another Panto year and the next production, 'Alice in Wonderland' is gathering momentum. The script is complete, scenery is being selected and hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you, the Cast will have learnt their lines!!! Rebekah and Sue have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that when rehearsals come around, we are well prepared to put together another magical show.

The full Cast list is published in this newsletter. Congratulations to all of those who have been selected and to those who have not been offered a part, there are plenty of other off-stage roles that need to make this another successful Panto.



Phil X

The auditions may be over and the first rehearsals not too far away, but the Committee group does not stand still and there are plenty of events being organised this year for all to be involved in.



Alice in Wonderland:

Kays Theatre Group's 68th production, Alice in Wonderland will be staged at The Swan Theatre, Worcester on Thursday 19 January to Sunday 29 January 2023. Tickets £13.50 each, only available from Worcester Theatres Box Office, 01905 611427 or online directly at www.worcestertheatres.co.uk.

Following a wealth of talent at the auditions, the selection panel faced a difficult task, but we are delighted to announce the following cast:

Alice	Lottie Heels
Queen of Hearts	Joanna Hughes
White Rabbit	Pete Coxhead
Duchess	Rob Brown
Mad Hatter	Maria Stafford
March Hare	Cath Skyrme
Dormouse	Laura Fullelove
Cheshire Cat	Matthew Heels
Caterpillar	Ellie Johnson
Reggie	Charlie Green
Ivy	Sarah Gilhooly
Tiger Lil	Claire Hemingway
Daff	Jennifer Brinton



Posey Ella Holland
Nanny Helen Lowe
King Jason Beard

Veronica – Sarah
Virginia – Claire
Victoria – Jennifer

Ensemble:
Nel Alldridge
Sharon Beal
Karen Davies
Sue Evans
Danielle Foster
Zoe Hickman
Lotte Hunting
Debbie Lane
Nicki Martin
Simone Pascolutti–Werrett
Rachael Satchwell
Sarah Shervington
Emma Smith
Sally Smith
Stuart Southern

Thank you to all who auditioned and Congratulations to our fantastic company for Alice in Wonderland!



A read through has taken place at the recent KTG Garden Party.

St Richard's Hospice

Following the successful run of Little Red Riding Hood, KTG is delighted to present £3,000 to St. Richards Hospice, our chosen charity for 2022.



(L-R Rachel Sedgley and Paula Dymock (Directors of Little Red Riding Hood, Ria Symonds; St Richards), KTG Chairman; Phil Weston)

£610 has been donated to West Midlands Air Ambulance courtesy of Sheila Foster and her pickle sales.

KTG have also given £250 to Melanoma UK, at the request of Paula Dymock.



New Committee

Following the AGM at the beginning of May, the following Committee has been elected:

- Chair – Phil Weston
- Vice Chairman – Cath Skyrme
- Treasurer – Chris Cassidy
- Secretary – Sue Evans

General Committee – Nicki Martin, Carolyn Cottrill, Sheila Foster, Sue Cassidy, Stuart Southern, Gail Moran

Carnival Fun!



KTG took part in the recent Worcester Carnival by entering a walking group to publicise Alice in Wonderland.

Thanks to the Publicity & Marketing subcommittee for organising.

Worcester Show

KTG prove that they are HOT stuff by distributing leaflets at the Worcester Show on Sunday 14 August, one of the hottest days of the year! Thanks so much! You are AllStars!!



WMTC

The 11th WMTC is Don't Stop Believing. At The Swan 8-13 November.



WODS



Our House, the Madness Musical is the next show from WODS staged at The Swan 18-22 October.

KTG members are appearing in both events, so support them!

Tickets from Worcester Theatres Box Office.

It may be too hot...

But we are thinking of Christmas already!



!!SAVE THE DATE!!

KTG Christmas Party is Saturday 17th December 2022 at PYPLC. More info to follow.

Watch out for the Alice in Wonderland entry in the **Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival** from 7th December 2022 to 8th January 2023.

If you would like to assist us with our Christmas Party, then we would love to hear from you, particularly with the set up and on the day organisation.

If you have ideas for our tree and would like to help with the decoration and display, then let us know!

Contact: Chairman Phil or Secretary Sue in the first instance.



Race & Curry night



Took place on 28th May and that we raised £112.50 which will go into the Kays' social fund. Everyone involved had a great night. Thanks to Stu and the social committee.

Panto 2024

Applicants are invited for the next KTG Panto director. The show is booked to perform at The Swan Theatre 18-28 January 2024. If you have an idea and would like to put your ideas forward for consideration then please get in touch with Chairman Phil or Secretary Sue. Closing date for applications is Friday 30 September 2022.

New Theatre News



Worcester Theatres may move from its home at the city's Swan Theatre to the soon-to-be regenerated Scala Theatre as part of the regeneration work by the city council. Chairman Phil attended a Stakeholders meeting held recently at The Swan Theatre to understand the proposed time line and the new facilities available to the Group which will affect our future pantomimes. More info soon.

Membership Subscriptions and Life Member nominations

These are now due. Contact Secretary Sue...but she will be on your case! 😊

KTG Young Performers Bursary

Applications are invited for the next round of bursary awards. If you are a young person furthering your education in the performing arts (dance, drama, stage craft or music), then complete an application form obtainable from Secretary Sue.

2024 Charities



As a committee, we have agreed that our main charity this year will be Dementia UK and in particular towards supporting Admiral Nurses who work with Worcester families.

Our fabulous Pickle Purveyor, Sheila Foster is back in business again. Watch out for her jars of pickles, jams and chutneys at rehearsals or on the PYPLC desk. Proceeds this year to Cancer Research UK.



Special Social Good Wishes to...

- June Reeves on her 90th birthday.
- Eric and Sheila Foster on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.
- Helen Willis and Jack Ballard on their Wedding Day on 13th August.
- Secretary Sue Evans on her 60th birthday.

Chairman's closing words:

Hope you all are enjoying the sunny weather, looking forward to meeting you all soon for another exciting Pantomime or at any of Kays Theatre Group's social events.

Thank you to Sue and all those who have contributed.

Best wishes

Chairman Phil

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