

GADS Newsletter

August 2013

To GADS members, patrons and supporters:

Hello everyone.

It's been over four months since the last GADS newsletter so, as I said then, you could be forgiven if you were thinking that GADS had disappeared! However, despite the currently low number of active members, we are still very much alive and here's what we're up to:

Autumn Play

You will recall that we were unable to cast *Ladies Day* back in the spring. The good news is that we have now been able to cast it as our Autumn Play. Rehearsals, in the hands of director Lois Fulker, are already progressing well, with the following cast:

Pearl: Judith Wildwood
Jan: Dawn Tomlin
Shelley: Karen Polmear
Linda: Chelsea Terry
Joe, Ted, Jim and Kevin: Andy Williams
Patrick: Eli Hughes
Barry: Peter Wilson

Once again, this production will be in the round (or, at least, partially so) with a set designed by Peter McKenzie. Performances will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 17th to 19th.

Please note that *Ladies Day* is NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.

Pantomime

This year's pantomime will be Jim Sperinck's version of *Cinderella* and will revert to its old January slot, with the first night being Wednesday January 15th and the last night Saturday, January 18th. It will be directed by Alistair Norwood, who will concentrate on the actors and their lines, with Bridget looking after other areas – e.g. music, costumes, working with young people etc.

Auditions for the pantomime will be held in the Supper Room of Gosforth Public Hall starting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday September 18th and Thursday September 19th.

Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 pm (except during the Christmas to New Year period) and will begin immediately after *Ladies Day* has finished, on Monday October 28th.

For anyone who wishes to contact him, Alistair's phone number is 01946 591267 and his email address is alistair.norwood@gmail.com.

Public Hall Quiz

I've been asked to let you all know about the Public Hall's impending Quiz Night, with cheese and wine. This will be on Friday, 27th September. Doors will be open at 7 pm, with the quiz itself starting

at 7.30 pm. The quiz is for teams of four, with an entry charge of £5 per person. To enter the quiz, or for further information, ring Ann McKenzie on 019467 25700.

Next GADS Social Evening – November

Because we are about to enter a busy period, there will be no social evenings in September or October, so the next one will be in November – probably on the third Friday, as usual.

And finally ...

... it's now time to renew your subscriptions for 2013/14. This time we have made a small increase, with the Full Members rising to £12 and Junior Members and Patrons rising to £6. Jim Polmear remains in the treasurer's seat and will be only too pleased to take your money. Cheques should be made out to GADS and delivered or posted to Jim at 51, Coniston Avenue, Seascale CA20 1LL. With pantomime auditions not too far away, it's important to remember that parents of youngsters between the ages of 8 and 14 (too young to be Junior Members) must be enrolled as Patrons or Full Members.

That's all folks!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Larkham', with a long horizontal flourish extending from the bottom right.

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