

# KELVEDON PLAYERS - Newsletter – JUNE 2008

## ANNUAL SOCIAL!

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR FORM TO LESLEY YET? HAVE YOU LOST IT? THEN SHOUT! - Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Institute. 4.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** Unfortunately, we can't use the back of the Institute as the ground won't be ready but there is still a **Buffet at about 6.00 p.m.** then, from **7.30 – 9.30 ish or 10.30 ish, depending on how things are going**, appropriate music, or whatever. **FREE to fully paid-up full members and their children. Associate Members: £2.00. JKPS free (must be accompanied by parents) – accompanying parents £2.00. Non members: £4.00. FIRST GLASS OF WINE OR SOFT DRINK FREE then drink your own.** Admission by ticket only. **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS** to provide salads, desserts, etc. If you can help, please contact Jeremy Doughton a.s.a.p. on 01376 570955.

**COSTUME SORTING** – Great things have been done with the wardrobe but it's a bit like the Forth Bridge – there's always a bit more to do so, in the not too distant future, we'll be having another sort out. So if you can give an hour or two to come and help, please contact me and when we know the exact dates, we'll contact you with at least a fortnight's notice.

### FUTURE PRODUCTIONS/EVENTS

**NEETG: ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL, Headgate Theatre, Colchester – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2008**

JKP's have entered two plays for this festival. **Witches**, by Roald Dahl and **Cuba**, by Liz Lochhead. They did very well last at the Gimson Festival earlier this month, so come and support them and also see other groups perform. Tickets are £3 for half the day and £5 for the whole day. Curtain up on the first play is 12.30 p.m. JKP's are on at 3.15 p.m. and 5.15 p.m.

**ALSO TO REMIND YOU - AUTUMN PRODUCTION – 'The Wyrd Sisters,' by Terry Pratchett – Director, Paul Williams - Performances: 23<sup>rd</sup> (possibly), 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (possibly), 31<sup>st</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup> November. See below for list of characters and synopsis. PAUL NEEDS LOADS OF PEOPLE SO COME ALONG TO THE AUDITIONS AT THE INSTITUTE ON:**

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July – 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July – 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July – 8.00 p.m.

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July – 8.00 p.m.

**PANTO 2009 – GOODY TWO SHOES, by Paul Reakes – Performances Jan 30, 31, Feb 1, 5, 6, 7**

Just to give you an idea of what it's all about there will be **Informal, Read Throughs and Singing Sessions (not auditions)** at the **Institute** on:

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July – 6.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July - 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

If you can't come to either of the above, there will be a further **read through only** on **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September – 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.** Audition dates later.

**DVD – PANTO** – Would you like a DVD of last year's panto? Please see below for details.

Reminder - the **KCA's BIG BAND 40'S NIGHT** is on **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2008** – you might still get a ticket - **£14.00** from **01376 572944** or e-mail **jeremydoughton@hotmail.com**.

**'LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS' - Saturday 13th September** – in Sue & Clive Ramsden's garden. Keep the date free – more details later.

**Magic Evening – 20<sup>th</sup> September – More details later.**

Rosemary Townsend – e-mail address – [arty@emtel.co.uk](mailto:arty@emtel.co.uk)

# *Were you in Pinocchio?*

## **Would you like a DVD?**

**If the answer is 'Yes,' complete the form below, enclose the money – (they are £5 each) and give it to me at:**

Kelvedon Players Social  
one of the auditions for "The Wyrd Sisters"  
one of the panto singing/reading evenings  
or post it to the address on the form below.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (*please print*)

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (*state how many you want*)  
DVD's of Pinocchio and enclose cash/a cheque for

£ \_\_\_\_\_ (*enter amount*)

***THE CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS (WITH THE MONEY) IS 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2008.***

***If posting, please send to R. Townsend, 36 Guithavon Road, Witham, Essex CM8 1HD.***

***(Cheques should be made payable to Kelvedon Players)***

***PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH BY POST***

# Wyrd Sisters - The Way ('All Thee Dysk's a Stage') - by Terry Pratchett

(adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs)

Terry Pratchett takes Shakespeare's Macbeth and then turns it up 'till the knob comes off. It's all there - a wicked Duke and Duchess, the ghost of a murdered King, a rather effeminate Demon, a couple of dim soldiers, a gaggle of guards, a giggle of guests, a bunch of strolling players, a heap of ragged peasants, one or two murderous but 'strictly legitimate' muggers, and a very unhappy land in peril. And who stands between the Kingdom and its ultimate destruction? Three witches, that's who - Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick. There's someone playing the Fool, a Sergeant who thinks without a brain, and even 'Death' makes a brief entrance. Do I have to 'spell' it out to you? You've not seen the like of this before, not in your wildest dreams! This play definitely goes from Bard to Verse, with a few scintillating surprises along the way!

Cast (in order of appearance)		Sex	Approx Age	Characteristics
Granny Weatherwax	a witch	F	Ancient	Intolerant, self-opinionated, powerful
Nanny Ogg	a witch	F	Even Ancienter	Down to earth, vulgar, disgraceful flirt
Magrat Garlick	a witch	F	17-25	Naive, fond of occult jewellery and bunnies
Verence	late King of Lancre	M	50+	No Body, really. A bit transparent!
Leonal Felmet	Duke of Lancre	M	40+	Murderous, mean, moody and (utterly) mad
Lady Felmet	his wife	F	40+	Ambitious, overbearing, cunning, cruel
Vitoller	an actor-manager	M	45+	Typical showoff mummer - right over the top!
Mrs Vitoller	his wife	F	45+	Devoted to Vitoller, and to life on the road
Fool	a Fool	M	17-25	A bit of a brainbox, disguised as a capering idiot
Tomjon	son of Verence	M	17-25	Born to be King, yet unaware of his true potential
Hwel	a playwright	M	20-30	Not unlike young Bill Shaky, fond of writing 'pomes'
Chamberlain	a chamberlain	M / F	any age	Typical 'jobsworth', a minor mincing court official
Sergeant	a sergeant	M	any age	Typical NCO, thick as a plank nailed to a doorstep
Demon	a demon	M (ish)	any age	Not frightfully ferocious, more fey than fiery!
Players:	Wimsloe	M	any age	Jobbing actor, one of the merry band of players
	Bedlin	M	any age	Jobbing actor, one of the merry band of players
	Gumridge	M	any age	Jobbing actor, one of the merry band of players
	Witch 1	F	any age	Jobbing actor, one of the merry band of players
	Witch 2	F	any age	Jobbing actor, one of the merry band of players
	Witch 3	F	any age	Jobbing actor, one of the merry band of players
Robbers	various	M / F	any age	A 'strictly legitimate' bunch of vagabonds
Peasants	various	M / F	any age	Fond of turnip stew, rags, bones, and cesspits
Guests	various	M / F	any age	A bit like the peasants, only better dressed
Guards	various	M / F	any age	Couldn't guard a toy fort with a Tiger tank
Soldiers	various	M / F	any age	Just following orders - to maim and manhandle!
"Greebo"	a cat	F (eline)		A murderous ball of smelly old fluff - with claws!
The "Standing Stone"	very dense	Rock	Ageless	Ancient, mysterious, and not entirely static!

  

Readings/ Auditions:		Performances:	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	July	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	October – possible performance
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	July	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	October
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	July	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	October
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	July	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	October (possible performance)
		Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	October (Halloween – Invite Audience to dress in 'wyrd' costumes!)
		Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1st November