

DAG DIGEST

Reviews, news and previews from Dewsbury Arts Group

Summer 2019

NOT SO LAZY DAYS

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Bedroom Farce was first performed in the 1970's but has lost none of its ability to entertain and amuse in 2019. Susan Saville's slick and fast paced production staged on an excellent set (by Tony Fox) that allowed the action to move seamlessly from one bedroom to another captured Alan Ayckbourn's jaundiced but very funny view of relationships. This was a strong ensemble performance from a well matched and accomplished cast.

The Youth Theatre Showcase once again provided an excellent evening's entertainment with two David Foxton plays set in the 1850's. The First and Second Year Group presented "Daft", directed by Alex Lindley and Ben Telford. Based on tragic real life events, the play transported the audience back to a Bradford where life was hard and people struggled to survive. Everyone worked well together in this ensemble piece, quickly drew in the audience, held their attention throughout and showed great commitment, enthusiasm and confidence. The Third Year and Advanced Group tackled "Showdown at Cayote Flats", directed by Mark Bailey and Lacy Telford. This classic western tale in the best B movie tradition did not disappoint and provided a contrast the "Daft". There were strong characterisations, much energy, particularly in the saloon scene and later in the showdown where the gunfight was brilliantly choreographed and performed. This well executed and entertaining piece left the audience wanting more.

Youth classes recommence on 6th and 7th September for those students already enrolled. Classes take place either on Saturday mornings for Juniors or

Friday evenings for Seniors. Tuition, direction and technical support is provided by volunteers whilst from time to time professional tutors are brought in for specific projects. A wide range of theatre related topics are covered each year and all youth members are given the opportunity to appear in a stage production. There are still spaces available, therefore if there are young people aged 11 and over who would like to join the classes, or if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to provide and support the classes, please contact Maria Bailey on 07586 297492 or email to mandm90@btinternet.com

Annual Exhibition. Please see the invitation attached to the preview to the Annual Exhibition on Monday 22nd July between 6.30 and 8.30. The Exhibition runs until the 31st August.

Works are to be hung on Saturday 20th July from 9 a.m. Please do come along to Dewsbury Town Hall and help if you can.

The Foyer exhibition in the Frank Mitchell Gallery will feature the work of the late and sorely missed David Martin. A respected landscape, portrait and still life artist, David excelled in capturing the essence of his home town of Dewsbury. A prominent member of the Group, he contributed to many calendars and in 2010 was the featured artist at the Summer Exhibition. He caused a stir by presenting “Canaletto Veduta” depicting Dewsbury buildings in a Venetian setting. It caused more interest than anything he had ever done which had included portraits of former mayor of Kirklees, Clr Eric Fox and Dewsbury born Channel swimmer Eileen Fenton.

The first to arrive and the last to leave neatly sums up the dedication influence and contribution of David and Judith Wood to the Group and its people. As fizz flowed, friends queued up to share cherished reminiscences as the new name of the theatre was unveiled. How Brian Gibson was left stranded by a fellow actor who had jumped three scenes and in the context of the play, 20 years only for Judy to enter, unphased and leap back in time; how many of you have had David beckon you and say “Have you thought about....?” Always there, always supportive even if it was only to rule on the requisite number of tea bags needed for the interval drinks. All hail The David and Judith Wood Theatre.

The DAG Film and Screen Acting Group is on pause If you haven't been to any of the sessions so far but would like more information please contact **Mark Ashwell on 07870 914320** or e-mail him on mdashwell@mac.com. He would like some idea as to what people would like to do; acting for screen workshops perhaps or sessions where we make films with Member's scripts or sessions where we recreate scenes from famous film scripts. It is about involvement and helping people to make the transition from stage acting to film acting.

The AGM will soon be upon us. Please do come along and have a listen or have your say.

If you have lips to lick and appetites to whet, prepare to lick and whet them again. Yes, next season's brochure is here. Browse through at your leisure and start planning what you want to see. Well, deciding on what you don't want to see should be a far smaller job.

Have you ever thought... how nice the garden looks and I'd like to help keep it looking good?

Well, hold that thought and get involved. Chris Ward coordinates the happy band of helpers who keep the grass cut the weeds down and the shrubs lopped. This is not an exclusive club and is open to anyone with a few hours to spare. There is usually one sort out day and then regular attention. Well, you know how it is. We'd love to see you. Please contact him on 01977 301405 or chriswardofackworth@yahoo.co.uk

The Barbeque is back. Good food, good company, entertainment, side shows and of course, Stanley Accrington's fiendish treasure hunt.

(For tickets please contact David Fletcher on 01924 505861)

You are cordially invited to renew your subscriptions and season tickets. Please see the attached flyer for details of how to do so. Please note that payment should be made by no later than 30th September next. Thank you for your continued invaluable support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAG PRODUCTIONS

- ***Strangers on a Train***

By Patricia Highsmith.

A classic tale of surprise

21st and 23rd to 30th September 2019

BOOK NOW (Flyer attached)

Valid for season ticketholders.

TICKETS

www.dewsburyartsgroup.info or call the Ticket Source box office on 03336663366

- If you have any queries regarding the booking, return or exchanging of tickets, please ring David Fletcher on 01924 505861 or e-mail: dewsburyartsgroup@ntlworld.com

Dyliss:

19th and 20th July 2019 at 7.30

An evening of original comedy. (See flyer attached to the previous number of DAG Digest for details and **BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS**)

The John Danbury Show

7th September 2019 at 2.30 and 7.30

Magic – Comedy - Song

(See flyer attached for details)

Dewsbury Singing School and Her Voice Women's Choir

- ***CANCELLED***

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ***Barbeque***

Sunday 14th July from 1.30 p.m.

- ***Annual General Meeting***

Wednesday 17th July at 7.30

AUDITIONS

- ***Dick Wittington***

Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.30 (audition details already circulated)

- ***Hound of the Baskervilles***

Sherlock's most famous case – retold

Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30 (audition details attached)

Annual Exhibition:

Preview: Monday 22nd July between 6.30 and 8.30. Open to the public from 23rd July to 30th August. Monday to Friday 9.00 – 5.00 p.m. and Saturdays 9.00 – 1.00 p.m.

Dewsbury Town Hall foyer

Drawing Sessions

*These have now ended for the summer and will re-commence on **Wednesday 11th September***