



Why Not Try A Matinee?

Plus booking information and news about members' nights and auditions.

As we look towards January 2023, I'm wondering how you're all feeling about our matinees. We had a reasonable turnout for the Up N Under 2 matinee, the Cinderella matinees (not surprisingly) are almost sold out. But are you thinking of coming to the matinee performance of The Ghost Train?

It would seem that the first matinee was on December 25th in 1843 on Broadway. The word 'matinee' comes from the French meaning morning, even though matinees usually take place in the afternoon. The reason for starting to offer matinees seems to be that the audiences, on certain days, didn't attend in the evenings; 25th December being one of those days!!!!

Here at DAG we're hoping that having a matinee might encourage some of you to venture out during the darker months; to take advantage of a daytime performance so that transport is easier; to make sure you get a chance to see the productions even if you're really busy or live some distance away. Why not give it a try for The Ghost Train January 22nd at 2.30pm. At least you will be coming out into daylight after seeing a thrilling ghost story.

Up N Under 2 – after this successful production, raising many a laugh from our audiences, our director Stuart Marshall returned to his rugby refereeing duties for The PDRL World Cup. You might have spotted him refereeing the first match between Wales and New Zealand. Congratulations Stuart. It's no wonder that the match at the end of the play was so realistic and so well done. Of course, our actors worked really hard to get it right.

Well Done to one and all.

A fitting opening to our 60th Season.

DAG Out and About

Some of you may have seen some happenings in the centre of Dewsbury surrounding the old Arcade. DAG members were there being filmed dressed up in 50s outfits. The group also supplied props for mock ups of the shops. This was all in aid of The Arcade Group who are working on refurbishing the arcade. You can read more here <https://www.arcade-dewsbury.org>

A Message from Sue Daniels:

As many of you will know, John Daniels passed away on 27th September. Many of DAG's followers attended his funeral on 14th October.

Sue would like to thank friends at DAG who have expressed through letters, cards, emails, texts and telephone calls their sadness at John's passing. Their thoughtfulness has been a great comfort.

Information about up-coming productions

There are still a few tickets left for *Cinderella*

Sat 19th November 2022 - Sat 26th November 2022

Don't miss out on the return of The DAG Pantomime.

Our First Production of 2023 is:

The Ghost Train by Arnold Ridley

Matinee Sunday 22nd January at 2.30

Evening performances

Sat 21st January and Tuesday 24th to Sat 28th January 2023

See enclosed flyer for full details

Members information

MEMBERS' NIGHTS

After the success of our Members' Quiz Nights we've decided to add a little variety. You'll see our next Quiz has been arranged for the January. We also have another

'MEMBERS' NIGHT IN THE BAR'

a play reading on Friday 24th February (details below)

Would you like to offer to organise a Members' Night in the Bar? If so let us know your idea.

It would typically be the third Friday in the month, productions and other events allowing.



Our next members' Quiz Night will be in the New Year

Friday 13th January @7.30

As before, please contact Maria Bailey if you can offer a round for the quiz and if you intend coming along:

mariab642@gmail.com or 07586 297492

Knowing numbers helps with the catering. You get a light supper to have with your drinks and laughs. Why not make it a New Year's resolution to get involved in our members' nights.



Play Reading in the Bar

Sue Saville will host a play reading with the bar open and refreshments provided on:

Friday 24th February @7.30

We'd like to know if you're interested in reading a part; or if you'd just like to come along and listen, have a drink and enjoy the company of friends.

Please contact Sue Saville for more details and to let her know if you'd like to get involved:

sue.saville39@btinternet.com

OR phone 07866087985 01924 408197

Auditions Reminders

Mrs Neele Investigates Auditions

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Production dates 24th and 25th March with a matinee on Sunday 26th March.

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Neville's Island Auditions

TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Production dates 29th April and 2nd to 6th May with a matinee on Sunday 30th April.