



Springtime in Dewsbury

Spring has sprung, the grass has ris I wonder where the lawnmower is? The grass in front of the theatre is going to need cutting soon.

The Ghost Train, our first production of 2023, was very much enjoyed by our audiences and cast alike. It scared some people, confused a few and amused others. The smoky station was an ideal set for the piece and the lighting effects, giving us a ghostly lamp and a speeding train, all added to the atmosphere.

We're now heading inexorably towards the latter half of our season, it's all gone so quickly! With *My Mother Said*, our 4th offering, in production and *Neville's Island* in full swing with rehearsals, this season is speeding to an end.

However, don't forget to book for the Two One Act Plays (Plus One). March 24th and 25th plus a matinee on 26th. We've added an extra piece which was performed in 2002 – *On The Harmful Effects of Tobacco* by Anton Chekhov.

The play revolves around Nyhukin, a penniless and downtrodden factotum at his wife's academy. Undeterred by his lack of a degree, Nyhukin is prepared to deliver public lectures in a scientific vein, ostensibly for charity but more, it transpires, for the therapeutic benefits he gains in getting the personal frustrations of his life off his chest.

DAVID WOOD EXHIBITION

We also have an exhibition of David Wood's paintings. The exhibition will start with the opening of the Two One Act Plays (Plus1) on Friday 24th March. It will be open for viewing for the audiences before and after the production and during the interval.

We've also decided to open for people not attending the production on Saturday 25th from 12.30 until 2pm and after the matinee on Sunday 26th from 4.30 until 6pm.

The exhibition will also be viewable if you are booking to come and see *Neville's Island*. All paintings are for sale so this is a chance for you to own your own David Wood painting.



You too can exhibit in our gallery

If you are a member and have some work that you'd like to exhibit in our Frank Mitchell Gallery **YOU CAN!** All you have to do is submit the work for approval and it will be hung so that our audiences can enjoy it when they come to see our productions.

Contact Zahoor Sakharkar for more information

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Neville's Island bookings are open so here's a little about what to expect.

Four middle managers are on one of those team building exercises that we all love soooo much. Taking a turn for the bizarre, they manage to get ship wrecked on a small island, Rampsholme, in the middle of Derwentwater.

Neville is the doggedly incompetent team leader, Angus an uxorious fussy, and Roy a birdwatching Christian with a history of mental instability. Most vivid of all is Gordon, a working-class loner with a talent for mockery that becomes cruelly destructive.

You can be sure of an entertaining and thought provoking evening; you will also walk away with your muscles aching from laughing so much.

Youth Theatre Showcase

Bookings have also opened for our annual Youth theatre Showcase:

Fri 19th May 2023 - Sat 20th May 2023

This year our Youth Theatre are presenting 3 plays:

The Fellowship of the Sheep

by Chris Fletcher

Watch a group of nursery rhyme characters help Bo Peep to find her sheep.

Sawney Bean

by David Foxton

In seventeenth Century Scotland; Sawney Bean and his bloodthirsty band of brigands abound. Will law and order be restored or will the anarchic reign of terror continue?

Oh No It Isn't!

by Steve Goddard

Poor Prince Charming can't find anyone who will fall for him even though he is handsome, witty, brilliant, handsome, charming, modest, oh and did we say handsome? Will Prince Charming secure a bride? Only time (or the Mirror) will tell in this Panto like (Oh No It Isn't!) tale.

Flyers enclosed for all upcoming productions with full details



**Friday 17th March
St Patricks Day Celebration**

We invite you to join in the shenanigans as we celebrate
St Patrick's Day
in the DAG Bar at 7.30.

It will be a fun evening to include some Irish music and tasty snacks! The bar will have our usual good selection of drinks - and Guinness will be available! We may also throw in a short Irish quiz - and more!

Come and find out what the craic is as we raise our glasses to a fun evening.

All we need from you is to say if you will be joining us please - by email

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by Tuesday 14th March

MEMBERS' INFORMATION



We're really happy to announce:

Dewsbury Arts Group's Summer Exhibition 2023

In Dewsbury Town Hall Foyer

from 1st August 2023 for 6 weeks

If you are a member and are interested in displaying your art work please contact Zahoor Sakharkar for further details.

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**Auditions for our first production of 2023 2024 season will be on
Tuesday 16th May from 7.30**

**The play is
CASH ON DELIVERY
By Michael Cooney**

PRODUCTION DATES:

23rd and 26th to 30th September, 2023 (evenings)
24th September 2023 (matinee)

This is a cracking farce by the son of the farce master, Ray Cooney. It has all the stock ingredients of a good farce - mistaken identity, cross dressing, multiple role playing, fast, confusing dialogue and doors! Coupled with a rogue washing machine and a lightning strike, this play is a riot from start to finish.

Please contact

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For a reading copy and to book your audition slot.

Audition details are enclosed

Dates for the diary

Two One Act Plays (Plus 1) - 24th to 26th March

Neville's Island – April 29th to May 6th (matinee on 30th April)

Youth theatre Showcase – 19th and 20th May

Social Evening St Patrick's Day 17th March

Auditions - Cash on Delivery Tuesday 16th May.