



SEPTEMBER 2018

A Message from your Chairman

May I welcome you back to the new season, hoping you've enjoyed a good summer. We have a packed programme of events, which I hope you will enjoy.

I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the running of the theatre and remind you that our AGM is **on Sunday 21st October** when it will be possible for you to become part of the administration of this wonderful company.

In the meantime, may I recommend our first play Hound of the Baskervilles, which opens on Monday 10th September, please support this exciting production!

Best Wishes,

[Stephen Downing](#)
Chairman

THANK YOU.....

..... to all 25 of you who joined us for stuffing day. This was a great morning's work by all and carried out much more economically this time with the purchase of a franking machine for the office and use of good old Franche and Kidderminster Post Offices – (Special thanks to [Richard Casewell](#), [Andrew Davie](#) and [Duncan Terry](#) for transportation of sacks) And we saved money on the sandwiches – made by [Anne Booth](#) shopping by [Natalie Bayliss](#) supervision of all by [Gary Rossiter](#)

..... to [Anna Murphy](#) who has kindly offered to decorate the Duck House we have sponsored as part of the exhibition in Bewdley Museum. Along with 30 other Duck houses from other societies and groups in the area, it will be displayed in and around the museum and Jubilee Gardens -a good advert for our theatre and its productions. Do go and have a look – and vote for us if you pick up a form!

PLEA FROM PUBLICITY

Dear Reader, although I am willing to stand again for Publicity Manager at the AGM in October I feel I cannot continue without some support. There is a never -ending stream of tasks throughout the year and probably so much more we could do. If there is anybody willing to assist I would be very grateful to hear from you. I am putting out a special plea for anybody to help with the compilation of this newsletter, which I try to get out four times per year.

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Hound of the Baskervilles- Director's Musings.....

Our opening production is almost upon us and the Hound of the Baskervilles team have been working hard throughout the summer to stage a rip-roaring start to the season. Waiting for rehearsal to start I can't help reflecting that we could never go on without all the hard work of the backstage crew, who have put many hours in to give our three intrepid actors the platform to show their talents on behalf of the Nonentities. Going to the theatre has always been a magical thing for me, which starts from the moment I enter the building and whether it is the person selling, programmes or the person selling ice creams, everyone is part of that experience, so it was with a little disappointment that I learned that we still haven't got a full complement of front of house or bar staff to enable the Hound of the Baskervilles to go ahead. The opening play is notoriously difficult to cover for front of house not least because it is still the holiday season, but if any member can help us to meet our front of house requirements, please get in touch with [Joan](#) as front of house manager, [Gary](#) as Bar Manager or register your availability with the box office. There are three visiting companies after Hounds which also need signing up for. I'm just about to go into rehearsal, now, and Dartmoor awaits, but if you can help, please get in touch, it'll be great to see you next week.

See you on the moor.

Bob



YOUR THEATRE NEEDS YOU!

September 15th is a VERY busy day for Nonentities members. Not only is it the closing night of Hounds but during the day from 10am – 2pm we will be opening our doors to the public for our OPEN DAY. Already there are a number of volunteers manning backstage tours, serving refreshments or enticing new members to join. If you can spare an hour please contact Hilary Thompson. Also, please encourage family and friends who might be interested in joining us to come along.

LINKS WITH THE HERITAGE GROUP

So, if that isn't enough about 15 Nonnies will be helping to re-create the visit to Kidderminster Town Hall by Mrs Pankhurst in 1912. Weeks of workshops, research and preparation, instigated by [Keith Rowland](#) have paid off! Starting with a march down Vicar street, various incidents, arrests and heckles along the way and on to the Town Hall steps. There, Mrs Asquith and Millicent Fawcett will speak and Reginald Brinton will welcome Emmeline Pankhurst to address the great and good of Kidderminster! Do come and join us and spread the word to friends. We have been joined in this venture by members of the Soroptimists and this activity is part of Heritage Day, along with our open day. The Rose Theatre will have a publicity stand inside the Town Hall and one in the Library from 4th – 14th September. There's so much going on!



FREE TODAY!

THE ROSE THEATRE

Special re-enactment of speech given by **MRS PANKHURST** in Kidderminster Town Hall

Commemorating 100 years of **VOTES FOR WOMEN**

Starts in Vicar Street with a **SUFFRAGETTE'S MARCH** at 10.30am and 1.00pm



Later In September we welcome another addition to our season when [Sue Downing](#) presents the [Mini Music Hall Show](#), incorporating her play 'Badge of Honour'. A number of our members will be showcasing their talents in this studio performance on Sunday 30th September 3pm. Tickets £5. Tea and cake available afterwards!

More Coffee and Cake on offer Friday 28th September 10am – 12pm when [Natalie](#) will be hosting a [Macmillan Coffee morning](#). Do come along for a chat and support this worthwhile cause.

CASTING FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON

As you may well have already seen, we have announced the casting for the plays for the first half of the 2018/19 season, as follows:

The Hound of the Baskervilles (10th -15th September)

Stuart Wishart

Richard Taylor

Martin Salter

The Thrill of Love (5th – 10th November)

Inspector Gale - Stefan Austin

Sylvia - Sue Downing

Ruth - Amy Cooper

Vickie - Bethany Grainger

Doris - Hannah Elize Tolley

Garland of Poppies (11th November)

Director – Pamela Meredith

The Garland of Poppies programme will be finalised over the next few days and those who expressed availability will be contacted shortly. If you have

since become available there is still time to put your name forward.The Witches

(26th November – 1st December)

Grandma - Joan Wakeman

Grand High Witch - Sinead Maffei

Boy - Chris Kay

Bruno - Andy Bingham

Ensemble (to play all other roles)

Donna Abram

Katy Ball

Faye Bingham

Beth Dalton

Robert John Graham

Sue Hunt

Lynn Ravenhill

Richard Taylor

Dink Widdowson

Thomas Powell

Sandy Tudor

Beth Grainger

Louise Fulwell

Janet Poole

Christmas Entertainment (11th – 14th December)

Full details of casting for the Christmas Entertainment will follow shortly.

The Importance of Being Earnest (28th January – 2nd February 2019)

Lane - Richard Casewell

Algernon Moncrieff – Alex Thompson

Jack Worthing - Joe Harper

Lady Bracknell - Judy Bassett

Cecily Cardew - Rebecca Williams

Gwendoline Fairfax - Jessica K. Schneider

Miss Prism - Patricia Gale

Canon Chasuble - Patrick Bentley

Merriman - Stanley Barten

Congratulations to those already cast - your director will be in touch!

Kindest,

Tori and Bob

(on behalf of the Play Advisory Group)

NEWS FROM KRYPT

Our Kidderminster Rose Young Person's Theatre group recommences its classes this week and we welcome [Becca Williams](#) as the new leader of the group ably assisted by [Andy Bingham](#) and [Jess Schneider](#). Our thanks to [Helen Timmins](#) who handed over at the end of July. The groups will be working towards their Christmas production of **Peter Pan!**

MEMBERS MATTER

Welcome to the new season from your Membership Manager. As usual my plea is that you check that your subs are up to date. This saves embarrassment and me having to chase cast and crew for the season's plays. Members cannot be cast or work backstage if not a current member.

We have one or two new members getting involved now and of course hoping for new recruits at the open day.

Later in the autumn we are planning to hold a Members' Social Night

Best wishes for a great season

Hilary (07500337585)

THANK YOU ALSO TO.....

Jen Eglinton, director of Witches, for arranging in-house training for props. Tim Sykes, member of the British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild gave a fantastic puppet workshop over two days at the start of September. A good number of members learnt new skills and look like they had great fun!



SUCH CONCENTRATION!!



