

Bampton Players

Newsletter January 2025



Well, we are midway through January and I wonder how many of us have already broken resolutions we made at the turn of the year. Perhaps it is because we tend to set them around stopping doing things rather than taking positive actions? I found something that I thought I may try instead for 2025 "Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day".

Talking of opportunities (do you see what I did there) - hopefully you have already taken the opportunity to pick up tickets for the Panto this year.

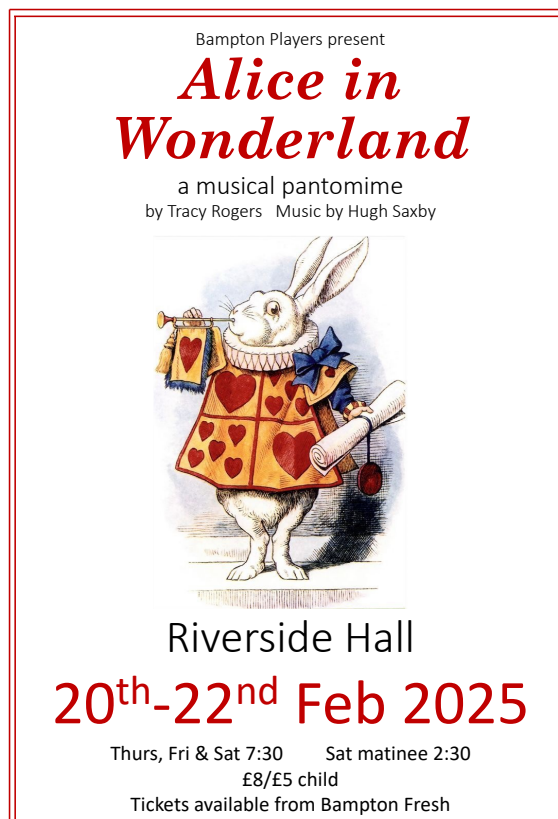
COMMITTEE MEETING

Annual Membership

Sylvia (our membership secretary) will shortly be sending out a reminder that annual membership fees are dues - along with information on how to pay. You'll be pleased to hear that the annual fees will remain at £10 with juniors still free. Sylvia will also be checking that the contact details that we hold for you are up to date. Please respond promptly when she does.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

"Alice in Wonderland"



We will be performing "Alice in Wonderland" for our Panto on 20th, 21st and 22nd February 2024 (with a matinee on the 22nd). Tickets are already on sale from Bampton Fresh. They are being snapped up so make sure you get down there and buy yours asap - it would be very helpful if you could bring the right money if at all possible.

In addition to the excellent script, acting and direction we are sure that you will enjoy the bespoke music and lyrics as much as the cast and crew are. For a little taster you may wish to use our QR code:



Many of you have responded to the email call out for jelly/blancmange moulds offering rabbits and salmon - in fact we are inundated with offers of the plastic critters - who knew how many of these artefacts from my 70s childhood still existed?! However, Avril is still on the lookout for something a little taller - which could potentially produce a wobbly tower which could be seen from the back row. If you can help please contact Avril: avril.saxby@gmail.com directly.

"Spelt" are offering a theatre supper from 5:30pm ahead of each evening performance. If you are interested you will need to contact them by phone: -01398 331044 as their on-line booking is not set up for this special early sitting.

"The Mysterious Mr M"



We will be performing "The Mysterious Mr M" on 15th, 16th and 17th May 2024 and rehearsals start mid-March 2024.

There is work going on behind the scenes on the preparation but most of the activity is paused until the Panto has been completed.

RECENT MEMBERS EVENT

Theatre Trip

A small band of us visited localish theatre group (St Gregory's Players) in November to see "The Gap Year". It was an enjoyable evening and interesting to see how other groups operate. There was some envy of their raked seating.

Countdown to Christmas

We were invited by the organising committee to take an active part in the "Countdown to Christmas" event in Bampton on Friday 6th December (3pm - 8pm).

A small number of our group took part by reading poems in the street then later took themselves around the restaurants and pubs to add to the festivities.

Christmas Event

This year's party, held at Riverside Hall, Bampton on the 18th December was great fun with excellent feedback from all who attended. The festive meal was catered by The Toucan who even put aside meals for those struck down by the various winter ailments who were unable to attend. The singer, Jason Toft, made sure that the party kept going well after all the food had been cleared away.

Volunteer Recruitment Event



**Could you spare a little
of your time?**

**Bampton is alive with different groups and
activities, but they all need help
to keep them going.**

**Come along for a chat and find out what a
huge difference just a few hours
of your time can make.**

Where: Riverside Hall

**When: Saturday 1st March,
10am to 12.30 am**

Free refreshments

Enjoy feeling involved

On March 1st Bampton CWP are holding an event showcasing many of the different activities going on within our community. The Players will be manning a stand which will provide more information about opportunities and roles within our group which you may be interested in. Even if you are already a member come along and find out more - we are always looking for people who have transferrable skills. Not only that, it is a chance to see what other things are happening in Bampton.

And Finally....



