



RAVING MAD NO 27

"Do more of what makes you happy"

Greetings from MAD

If you are reading this, a particular warm thank you and I would like to welcome you to this very special current edition of Meeching Amateur Dramatics Newsletter. In case you were not aware, (where have you been?) we are Newhaven's very own Drama group and hang out at Meeching Hall, Fort Road most Tuesday and Thursday evenings and now is a particularly good time of the year to extend an open invitation to you to consider about joining us.

I expect by now your knees are knocking with trepidation about embarking on something different which will enhance and bring fun and contentment into your life so my advice is do not hesitate and to take up this offer. By the way, your down time is what we want to break into, that is the time you are not eating, sleeping, worrying about your responsibilities and the state of the world; looking after someone, working for a living or working on everyday jobs about the house. If we can't break into that we wish you well anyway.

So you might ask, well what can I do if I did come along? I really think there is so much, so it is best if I throw a few jobs into the 'melting pot' to see if any bring a twinkle into you eye, remembering of course that some people have a crack at most things before they get to ninety.

Set building, lighting, props (collecting & making), backdrop painting, discussing ideas, directing, producing, singing, dancing, joining committee, front of house, sound, backstage, DIY, poster designing, programmes, mime, comedy, writing sketches plays etc, ticket sales, treasurer, puppetry, costumes & wardrobe, designing, fundraising, secretary, play reading, managing web site and oh I almost forgot - Acting.

I hope one or some of these interest you, a reminder that no experience is necessary, everyone is welcome; all we need is a commitment, and a smile on your face so do come along, any Tuesday or Thursday from 7.30pm.

Our last production, 'A Tomb with a View', was well received by those who saw it and a big thank you must go out to Garry and his team for all the hard work that went into it. However, it is I am afraid an accepted part of MAD's life that we still do not have the support, within the community, to survive with our productions alone, and we need to constantly fundraise. (See dates for diary and paragraph below)

This Fundraising starts on Tuesday 18 of this month, when yet again our Treasurer Garry Fowler is going to slave over a hot oven, at the Meridian Centre café, Peacehaven on the occasion of their weekly market. He will only make a pittance from selling his fabulous bacon butties and scones but, I should know how good they are, because I was washing up last time and had to buy two of each just to keep going - See you there?





Finally, I of course must not forget 'The Wizard of Oz' the Pantomime, in January; which did surprisingly well, and thanks go out to all the actors, music makers and costume makers, you all excelled yourselves. By the way, talking of music makers, the five original songs, written by Jim Harvey & Paul Boswell, are now available on a CD; I must say the quality is very good and the last 6 copies are available, at £3 each, all proceeds (thank you Jim) go to MAD.

WHATS NEXT!

Well, I would like to say, "due to public demand", but that's stretching it a little far with MAD. I am of course referring to **MAD's Music Hall of Fun 3** coming to that venue near you, Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 September 2013. If interested there is still time, so come along on Tuesday or Friday evenings at 7.30pm; the comedy sketches will be high quality and original, the dancing will be vibrant and energetic, the costumes mind blowing, the singing and music awesome and maybe a few surprises like last year's 'Leprechaun'.

An Aside – My neighbour knocked on my door at 2.30am this morning, can you believe that 2.30am. Lucky for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Useful Websites – www.conjunctivitis.com – that's a sight for sore eyes!

What are we up To? Spontaneous last minute theatre trips have always been a popular thing with MAD; our last one, 'Spymonkey', at The Old Market, Hove, was declared one of the funniest evenings ever - Well done Steve Hewlett for making the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent, from Edd, Zena & I who saw him on another MAD night out – It's cheaper for 4, to go to London for a day out, to read plays. See me if interested – Watch out for 'The Better 'Ole'.

Date for your Diaries



KARAOKE & PIMMS

27th JULY 7.30pm

(a fund raising evening with thanks from MAD) from Keith & Lisa. –
Meeching Hall. Tickets £5

**MAD MUSIC
HALL OF FUN**

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