



# MSTC NEWS

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Newsletter of Mid Surrey Theatre Company

July 2008



### A Murder is Announced

Following a highly successful week at the Playhouse and a great review from Tony Flook we made £1800 profit on A Murder is Announced.

This is great news for us following the spectacular success of Allo Allo.

Lets keep up the good work!!



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### ALL CHANGE ALL CHANGE!!

*We have had a change of plan in relation to our November 2008 show choice and will no longer be doing Buggy Malone, although we are considering that for the future.*

### Our November 2008 Show will be Seasons Greetings by Alan Ayckbourn, at Epsom Playhouse - Wed 19th Nov 08 to Sat 22nd Nov 08

**Evening Performances 7.45pm**

**Saturday Matinee 3.00pm**

Seasons Greetings is a play for 5 men & 4 women. 2 Acts, 5 Scenes. All in the home of Neville & Belinda. Christmas is being celebrated in Neville & Belinda's home with relatives and children (unseen, but heard). Squabbles break out, Christmas presents are rifled & mechanical toys are set off. The appearance of Clive, a young writer, leads to what appears to be a tragedy when he is shot by the trigger-happy Harvey who mistakes him for a burglar. Hilarious highlights include a chaotically incompetent puppet show and a midnight love scene that ends by setting off a fearful din among several noise-making Christmas presents stacked around the tree.

Our Director for this show will be Jeff Wigtwick.

#### Cast

**Harvey** - Neville's uncle, 60ish, slightly military & very bad tempered.

**Neville Bunker** - 30 - 40ish, air of successful business man, but an incompetent Mr Fixit.

**Belinda** (his wife) - Long suffering woman of 30 - 40ish, with 2 children.

**Phyllis Longstaff** - Neville's sister, 30 - 45 accident prone, likes her drink, is a bit dappy!

**Bernard Longstaff** - Phyllis's husband, Doctor, 40ish, bit of a bore, fussy type.

**Rachael** - Less pretty than her younger sister, Belinda, anxious, nervous type, unmarried.

**Eddie** - Unsuccessful in business, similar age to Neville whom he admires.

**Pattie** - 30 - 45, Eddie's wife, 7months pregnant with 4th child.

**Clive** - Friend of Rachael's, 20 - 30ish, shy & earnest, budding writer.

#### Audition Information

Opening evening: Monday 7th July - LBVH 8pm

1st Auditions: Monday 14th July - LBVH 8pm

2nd Auditions: Wednesday 16th July - Methodist Church Hall, Leatherhead 8pm

Anyone who would like to audition but can't make the dates above, or who would like to offer their services behind the scenes please call or email Jenny Williams.





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## Jubilee Cabaret 2009

We shall be holding our 25 year Jubilee Cabaret on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Fetcham Village Hall.

Our directors for this celebratory event will be John Taylor and Pat Bittlestone. The evening will involve a three course meal and entertainment will include some of Mid Surreys favourite sketches and songs which have been performed in cabarets gone by. Watch this space for ticket prices and final details. This will be a great night out for all so please put the date in your diaries.



## Mid Surrey Social Events

### Polesden Lacey Proms & Fireworks

A group of us are attending the Polesden Lacey Proms and Fireworks on Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets can be bought online at

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/places/polesdenlacey/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/places/polesdenlacey/)

or over the phone on 0871 5271886.

There is a 10% discount for groups of 10+. Or you can buy your tickets through Abi Essex.



### Call My Bluff/'Allo 'Allo Wine Tasting Evening

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Little Bookham Village Hall. Tickets are £10 which includes wine.

Bring your own nibbles. Tickets can be bought from Shaun or Jenny Bookham on 01371 454001.



### Mid Surrey Christmas Party

Following the overwhelming success of last year's Christmas Party organised by Abi Essex we shall be holding another one this year on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at Fetcham Village Hall. Tickets are £20 per head and include food and entertainment. There will be a licensed cash bar selling beer and wine. Get your tickets from Abi Essex now before they are all gone!!



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Polesden Lacey Proms & Fireworks

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Seasons Greetings Opening Meeting

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Seasons Greetings First Auditions

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Seasons Greetings Second Auditions

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Call My Bluff/'Allo 'Allo Wine Tasting Evening

### Weds 19<sup>th</sup> to Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008

Seasons Greetings Performance Week

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Mid Surrey Christmas Party

### Fri 29<sup>th</sup> & Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Jubilee Cabaret

## Happy Birthday to you!!

Happy Birthday to Adrian Williams who will be 50 years young on 15th July this year. Adrian has been a member of Mid Surrey since 1994 and will probably kill me for putting this on here. Sorry Dad x



## And Finally . . . . .

The committee have elected David Foord-Divers to be our Chairman for the coming year. He will be ably assisted by Ali Hannant as Vice Chair. Our thanks to David for taking on this role which we know can be somewhat demanding at times.

