

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this the first newsletter of 2023

It seems like Christmas was ages ago now and the new year is well underway. There has been so many strikes etc, that newspapers are putting out calendars with **Who's out when** - a sign of the times if ever there was one. Someone said last week "*I see the daffodils are out*" and their friend said "*Is it official or unofficial*". And then there's all the unwanted Christmas presents we still have. Someone bought me a CD of "*Duvet know it's Christmas*". It was very disappointing as it was a *cover version*.

I must start with a mention for our last panto **HOOKS REVENGE**. What a brilliant show! The feedback has been excellent, especially from the NHS workers who had been offered free tickets and was well received all round. Hearty congratulations to Alison and everyone involved.

2023 is a very exciting year. WE HAVE THESE SHOWS TO LOOK FORWARD TOO

- **ROMEO AND JULIETE,**
- **VERONICA'S ROOM**
- **LADIES DAY**
- **ALADDIN (pantomime)**

All performed by our extremely talented members, both old and new. All and sundry command very high standards, our cast, directors and crew work extremely hard to ensure excellent shows you will not fail to enjoy. **PLEASE SUPPORT THEM** where you can. **WE NEED YOU TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS AND BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, It really matters.** Details below.

Wed 8th to Sat 11th March - ROMEO AND JULIET

Crescent Theatre Birmingham. Directed by John Edwards-Bick.

A modern take on the original, featuring a wealth of talent, including some of our outstanding young actors.

Wed 5th to Sat 8th July – VERONICA'S ROOM (fully cast)

Cobham Studio Theatre at Bromsgrove School. Directed by Terry Day and assisted by Graham Forbes.

A chilling mystery thriller by the author of Rosemary's Baby, explores the thin line between fantasy and reality, madness and murder. Students Susan and Larry are guests enticed to the Malvern house occupied by its caretakers the lonely Mackeys. Susan resembles Veronica the deceased daughter of their employers and is encouraged to impersonate Veronica briefly, giving comfort to the only living sibling who believes Veronica is still alive. Dressed in Veronica's clothes, Susan finds herself engrossed in the role, and locked in Veronica's room. *Or is she Veronica, in 1935, pretending to be an imaginary Susan?*

Tues 10th to Sat 14th October - LADIES DAY by Amanda Whittington.

Norbury Theatre main stage, Droitwich. Features northern girls in a raucous comedy.

Life is one long, hard slog for the fish-filleting foursome Pearl, Jan, Shelley and Linda. But their fortunes are set to change when they head to Ladies Day at the races. Factory hairnets make way for fascinators as the four friends hit the races for an unforgettable day out. Secrets are spilled with champagne and friendships are tested to the limit. As the day unfolds and tempers fray, their accumulator bet keeps quietly winning. If their luck and their nerve holds, the ladies could hit the jackpot – and more.

A director and assistant director will be required for this show, so if you are interested in either role, please contact Alison on alisonberrisford@live.co.uk .

Fri 15th to Sat 23rd December ALADDIN. Directed of course by Alison Berrisford.

The Cobham Theatre Bromsgrove School.

This year's spectacular Panto will be Aladdin and open auditions will be held in July - more information is to follow.

Save the date !

Friday 17th November OSCARS 2023

Due to last year's successful evening, we will be returning to the same venue at **THE BROMSGROVE HOTEL** Birmingham Road.

And finally, did you know that if you get pregnant in the Amazon jungle, it's next day delivery?

That's all,

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