



THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

Mid-Summer Edition

Hello everyone. Suddenly it's the end of June and the year is already half-done. We've all been missing all sorts of things, including our theatre, of course, but also friends, family and sport of any kind. Football has been especially missed but now the good news is that it's back, at least on television, so some of us can get our regular fix again. The bad news, however, is that it's extremely unlikely that there will be a Strictly Come Dancing this year. What on earth will we do on those long, dark evenings in the run-up to Christmas? That's assuming that Christmas isn't cancelled. But let's look on the bright side, by then the new football season will have started!

Life in lockdown is indeed strange and hard going for many. Among other things, we're having to get used to wearing masks, at least on occasions. Many have taken to making their own masks now, with some interesting innovations. I've even heard of people making them out of Y-fronts! A word of caution here; if you're making one out of an old bra, as some have suggested, make sure you use the left cup, otherwise you'll end up feeling a right tit.

Have you ever wondered what happened to Noel Edmonds? Well, apparently, he's living in New Zealand now and he's launching a new radio station called Positively Plants. The aim of it is to improve the growth of plants with audio stimulation. Is this a good idea? Big deal or no big deal? I promise I haven't made this up.

The Artrix

You may have seen in the local press, that Bromsgrove Council has purchased the assets of the Artrix. This was indeed good news, as now that has happened, should anyone come in with an acceptable bid or proposal to run the Artrix, at least everything is still there and intact, rather than having been sold-off by the liquidator to pay creditors.

And speaking of proposals, one such has been made to the council by Daniel Prosser. Again, this has been reported by the Bromsgrove Advertiser and it appears that him and his company have offered to run the Artrix on a nonprofit-making basis and they believe that with a turnover in excess of a million pounds, this should be possible. His company does have experience in reviving ailing theatres (albeit fairly brief) and the council is understood to be considering their offer. Having said that, it is not known what other offers (if any) have been received from other interested parties.

Committee News

You may have already discovered that we have a new website. Graham has been working very hard at updating many aspects of this, including the members' page, on which news items can be accessed, such as the current or recent issue of The Boards – in case you lose it! So, do please take a look at the new site; the name of it is **allandsundry.uk**.



By now, you should have seen Alison's message regarding the postponement of both the Panto and next March's schools' production. These decisions were, naturally, very regrettable but I'm afraid inevitable with the current state of affairs. Moving forward, our intention is to do the Vicar of Dibley next June, if at all possible, at a venue to be decided. Again, if things are back to normal, we would also be looking to do a studio production the following autumn.

You will also have seen Vanessa's e-mail regarding some of our plans. The ideas are to have a zoom meeting for members in the near future and follow this up with quizzes and maybe even play-readings, so keep checking your e-mails for details.

And finally, did you hear about the physics teacher and the biology teacher who had an affair? It ended because there was no chemistry.

That's all folks,

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