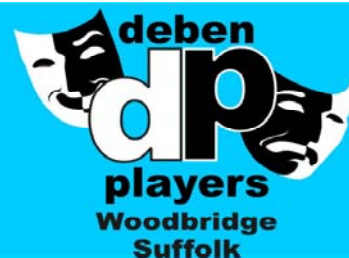


# Newsletter - June 2010

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## Editors Note

Welcome to the new look Deben Players newsletter. Unfortunately due to pressures of work Steve Parkes is no longer able to produce the monthly newsletter so future editions will be produced by Anna Beaney and John MacDonald. Please feel free to e-mail us any comments or suggestions that you may have for **YOUR** newsletter. We also welcome short articles to be considered for publication in future newsletters.

Mac ([mac@debenplayers.org.uk](mailto:mac@debenplayers.org.uk)) and Anna ([anna@debenplayers.org.uk](mailto:anna@debenplayers.org.uk))

## Chairman's Corner

Hello from the Chairman's corner. Having not been in a corner since school days <Editors Note – This was quite a long time ago !!!> it may take me a while to get used to this but here goes.

Being Chairman of the Deben Players is an immensely pleasing position to be in. Here warm, friendly, talented and hard working people who always give their best for the society surround me. We have gone from strength to strength over the past years and at present I believe that we are riding on the crest of a wave. We are consistently putting on quality productions and have built up our membership to a high level. That is all down to you and your commitment to the group and you have my grateful thanks. All we have to do now is to keep the standard high which is something I know we can do.

Until my next corner I wish you all the best and sign off.

Steve Parkes, Chairman ([steveparks@debenplayers.org.uk](mailto:steveparks@debenplayers.org.uk))

## “Twelfth Night” 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010



*Twelfth Night Cast and Crew*

Four performances at the Seckford Theatre were all greatly enjoyed by our audiences who made up with their enthusiasm for their comparatively small numbers. I received this e-mail from Wayne Savage of the Evening Star and EADT: “I just wanted to say thank you for a great evening last week. You wouldn't have known it was the Players first Shakespearean production; absolutely brilliant. I look forward to covering your subsequent shows”. Many of the cast were equally enthusiastic, saying they'd greatly enjoyed being part of the production. Several added that they'd be happy to give another Shakespeare play a go. I myself was thrilled at the high standard we achieved, especially as many of the cast had little stage experience and very few had acted in Shakespeare before. The technical team were brilliant: lighting, props, sound and music combined to create just the right atmosphere for the play and the costumes were fabulous.

Now we have the Felixstowe Festival to look forward to. Whatever we may achieve there one thing is certain: we've all had tremendous fun and will never again be scared of performing Shakespeare.

Beryl Sabel (Director, Twelfth Night)

## **Felixstowe Drama Festival, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010**

The Deben Players staged their production of "Twelfth Night" at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe on 31<sup>st</sup> May as part of the annual Felixstowe Drama Festival. The Deben Players were represented at the Awards Ceremony held on 5<sup>th</sup> June where Neill Pearce won the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) Trophy for Best Supporting Role for his portrayal of Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Several other Deben Players were also nominated in various other categories – Gillian Tate (Best Actress), Roy Hamm (Best Actor) and John Bryce (Best Supporting Role). Congratulations to all the cast who received a nomination. Special congratulations go to Neill on receiving a very well deserved award.

## **"Happily Ever Laughter", 26th June 2010**

The Deben Players Juniors are proud to present "Happily Ever Laughter". This is a fairytale with a twist which has been written and produced by the Juniors (with a little help from Sam) and will be performed in the Thomas Theatre, Kesgrave High School on **Saturday 26th June with performances at 2pm and 6pm.**

Do come along and support our Juniors – details on how to book tickets are given below.

## **"For Better For Worse", Seckford Theatre, 22nd to 25th September 2010 at 7.30pm**

How many major traumas can one experience in life? One of them must surely be as parents of a prospective Bride? Imagine the "joys" that could be lying in wait.

It's the last few remaining hours leading up to the wedding of Sheila, Dorothy and Trevor's daughter. Unfortunately, the morning runs far from smooth and it is not long before "the best laid plans" begin spiralling out of control.

What is wrong with the bridesmaid? Where is the groom? Who is Emmanuel? Why have the emergency services turned up at the door and is Victoria all she would have us believe? The play takes you on a journey through a morning of a Brides' happiest day of her life. This is a comedy of a farcical nature based on the tried and tested structure of mishap, mayhem and misunderstanding.

"For Better For Worse" is written by Geoff Jacobs, one of the founder members of the Deben Players, and will be having its World Premiere on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The Cast List is as follows:

Dorothy Harris	Roz Cullum	Trevor Harris	Tim Fosker
Sheila Harris	Hannah Daly	Mary Green	Kellyanne Crane
Ethel Graystock	Peggy Branch	Angela Webb	Claire Johnson
Bradley Simpson	Stephen Jones	Victoria Parker	Madeleine Wellings
Maurice Parker	Chris Moore	PC Ted Evans	Scott Ward
Barry Southgate	Glenn Hurlock	Emmanuel	Samantha Harvey
1 <sup>st</sup> Paramedic	George Holmes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paramedic	Sue Goward

## **2010 Pantomime**

This years pantomime will be "**Goldilocks and the Three Bears**" written and directed by Samantha Harvey. Performances will be in the Seckford Theatre on the following dates and times.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 – Performance at 7.30pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – Performances at 2.30pm and 6.00pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – Performances at 2.30pm and 6.00pm

Wednesday 29 December 2010 – Performance at 6.00pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – Performance at 6.00pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 – Performance at 2.30pm

Sunday 2nd January 2011 – Performance at 2.30pm

**Stop Press : Panto auditions will be held in Melton Parish Rooms on 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July with Juniors from 6 to 7.30pm and Adults from 7.30 to 9.30pm**

## **Ticket Information**

Tickets for "Happily Ever Laughter" and "For Better For Worse" can be booked online at [www.debenplayers.org.uk](http://www.debenplayers.org.uk), in person at Woodbridge Tourist Information Centre or by phoning 01394 382240.

## **Workshops**

We are proposing to offer a series of workshops on aspects of theatre performance and production (these might include: basic stagecraft, developing voice & projection, creating character, working on texts, stage fighting, accents, understanding Shakespeare, stage management, sound & light...).

Please let Steve Roche ([steve.roche@debenplayers.org.uk](mailto:steve.roche@debenplayers.org.uk)) know if you are interested in principle and if you have other suggestions, preferences for format (Saturday or Sunday or half-day?), and what you think would be a reasonable charge.

## **Deben Players on Facebook**

The Deben Players now have their own page on Facebook. See <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24454284212&v=info> for more details.

## **Next Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 7th July 2010. Please email your suggestions and thoughts to Steve at: [steveparks@debenplayers.org.uk](mailto:steveparks@debenplayers.org.uk) by Tuesday 6th July.

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