

# NEWTON DRAMA AND SOCIAL CLUB

Newsletter – February 2010

Hello all,

Spring is just around the corner apparently although you wouldn't think so looking out of the window these past few weeks! Still, another cold and rainy day gives me the chance to write a newsletter so here goes:

***The Pompeii Panto*** was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. I have heard some excellent praises from the audiences so a big thank you to all members of the cast and crew and in particular Joe Oakes who unfortunately had to miss the latter rehearsals and the full run of the show. I am delighted to report that he has finally returned home from hospital and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and look forward to catching up with him again in the very near future.

***The Carol Singing in aid of SCOPE's Orchard Manor project in Meldreth*** managed to raise the magnificent sum of £178.10 which was gratefully received on behalf of this worthy cause. Thanks again to those who braved the snow and sang so heartily during the evening and also to David Short for the welcome 'winter warmer' to send us on our way.

***The wardrobe stock take and clear-out*** in November was an interesting and worthwhile exercise and I am delighted to say that the surplus garments donated to Barnardos in Royston managed to raise £90.72 for this charity.

## **Future Events:**

### ***The Membership Annual Dinner.***

By popular demand the committee have agreed that a two course catered meal in the village hall followed by prepared entertainment, a group sing-song and the obligatory disco dancing would be the theme again this year. **Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>** has been chosen starting with a welcome drink at 7.30pm. Richard Grant will once again be our chef and tickets are priced at £12 per person for members and one guest. Kay will contact you soon for ticket reservations and menu options.

### ***Panto screening nights***

Sue Stonebridge is actively seeking to transfer all the archived video tapes into DVD format with a view to holding screening sessions in the hall to review and enjoy the past performances. Initially we are looking to show the Pompeii Panto and if successful previous shows will be screened at later dates. Watch this space.

### ***Informal script reading evening***

It has been suggested that the group hold a garden party one evening in June for an informal 'read through' of classic drama scripts such as 'The importance of being Ernest' suitably accompanied by alcoholic libations and nibbles to encourage participation. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

## ***AGM***

The AGM this year will be held at **8pm on Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>** in the village hall. All members are invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.

## ***Panto 2011***

The panto next year marks a very special landmark in our history – it will be the 40<sup>th</sup> panto production since the club was founded. The committee would like to invite applications for a Producer/Director and proposals for the show. Applications should be made in writing to 'Kay Tipper, Dairy Farm Lodge, Fowlmere Road, Newton, Cambridge CB22 7PQ' and must be received by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010. We would like to extend this invitation to applicants beyond the membership so even if you are not interested or able yourself you may know of someone who is so please pass on the details as appropriate.

*On behalf of the committee:*

Kind regards, ***Chris***

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