

Welcome to the latest theatre news.

February has been a month of lows and highs for the theatre. It started with the very sad news that former member, Julie Schemanoff, sadly passed away at the beginning of the month.

Julie was an incredibly bubbly person despite her illness and always had time for others. She was an active member involved in all aspects of the theatre, on top of this along with her husband Nick she provided much needed accommodation for a Ukranian family. Latterly, she will be remembered for bringing 'Christmas Cat and The Pudding Pirates' and 'Happy Campers' to the stage.



Coming Next



Sarah and Rupert's marriage is on the rocks and they have asked their lawyer friends, Charles and Madge, to help with the divorce. All goes well, until real life intervenes and chaos ensues. A brilliant comedy by the author of 'Not Now, Darling', 'Move Over Mrs Markham' and 'Are You Being Served?'

The first Social Evening of 2024 is Group Dynamics hosted by Julie Baldwin, see the poster for more details.

If you would like to host a social evening please contact the committee via email: <u>committee@prim-raf.co.uk</u>

Tell us your dates and what you would like to host.





Group Dynamics

Hosted by

Julie Baldwin

Teamwork is an essential part of Drama. This evening, we will be doing some team building games and working with script. We will also explore ideas and interpretations by devising in small groups, using stimulus material.

Join us on 12th April at 7:30pm Doors open at 7:00pm

Members and Non-Members Welcome! #2.00 Donation No need to book!

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Recent Production News



'Snowenna and The Seven Piskies' finally made it to the stage in February, having been postponed a few times.

We would like to thank all the members of the public for coming to see the show.

Along with our very special guest Dawn French.

To make it even more special, the cast and crew were thrilled to receive an amazing CDA adjudication, especially as this was the first time that some of the actors had been on stage and the director and crew were also new to the theatre.

If you would like to read the adjudication in full, it is available for members on the members only section of the website, www.prim-raf.co.uk

Here are some of the CDA comments:

Witch One, Witch Way, Witch Which: Three funny villains who showed a good sense of distinctiveness in characterisation and who worked very well together.

Mirror: A down to earth, slightly dour Magic Mirror which can only tell the truth. Nice scornful grimaces in her interaction with the vain witches, and good, knowing asides to the audience, this Mirror was an utter joy to behold. Lines delivered with such disdain for her listeners made the cameo role very funny. A cleverly different voice for the mimicry of the Sat-Nav

Endeavour, Originality and Attainment: The cast and crew all worked very well together in this charming venue with its own restrictions, showing the advantage of good teamwork on stage and behind the scenes. This was a most enjoyable show, and thank you for inviting us to view it.

Prim-Raf Theatre - the building

As we the custodians of the theatre age, so does the building itself and just before the panto started the building decided to demand some attention.

It was noticed during a rehearsal that we had a leak above the stage, this was duly inspected and found that previous repairs were now deteriorating. A roofer was engaged and repairs started, the weather however was not playing nice. Just prior to opening night of the panto a considerable amount of water found its way onto the stage and the old lighting rig. Our wonderful new contractor immediately came at 9pm to make us watertight, until he could complete the repairs. These repairs have now been done as was shown at the AGM. We also asked him to undertake a building survey in order that we may know going forward what repairs are likely. If any member would like to view this report, please head to the members only page of the website or ask committee to email it to you.

Other News

Our previous newsletters have always been issued following the monthly committee meeting. As this meeting is always held early in the month, we run the risk of repeating the information that the newsletter contains. So for a period of time, we will trial a bi-monthly approach and the newsletter will be available on the website www.prim-raf.co.uk as well as email.

Our new website is up and running and you will see that we have a members only area, you will find on here early ticket sales, CDA adjudications, invites to member only events......

The website is an ongoing project and improvements will continue to be made.

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It was noted at the AGM that not everyone knows about our costume hire facility.

Wardrobe is able to hire our costume to both the public and members, our rates are reasonable and enquiries welcome to: wardrobe@prim-raf.co.uk or telephone: 07856 988195

If you are a member you will attract a 10% discount on the hire.

FOLLOWING THE AGM ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024, YOUR NEW TRUSTEES FOR 2024 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Julie BALDWIN Allana HANSELL Kim MAYER Marie MOORE Pauline THOMAS Donna PLANT Terri WILCOX

And Finally!



Hello to all the new members who have recently joined both adults and children.

The Youth Theatre is now at capacity and a waiting list has been opened. If anyone wishes to join this list please email: membership@prim-raf.co.uk and mention waiting list youth theatre, in the subject line.

Fundraising

As well as the advertised fundraisers, there is also a passive route to helping the theatre available which we have been encouraging members to use for some time. If you would like to help the theatre in this way, please visit the below link.

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/primraftheatrecallington/XRDD05/at/TSX8RX7z/DM1329 437/facebook/

