



# Ribchester Amateur Theatrical Society

## Members Newsletter - August 2010

Dear Members and Friends

FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER, JUST TO REMIND YOU.....!

### THE COMMITTEE FOR 2010

At a well attended Annual General Meeting a new Committee was formed for our 2010/2011 season. The Committee is as follows :-

Chairperson	-	Jean Skilbeck
Minute Secretary	-	Sue Cronshaw
Treasurer	-	Phil Baugh
Committee Members	-	Claire Davies Laura Frost Katie Farnworth

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members subscriptions are now due and still only £5.00 per adult (16yrs and over) for one year. Subs are payable to the Treasurer or to any Committee member who will pass them on to Phil on your behalf.

### CHANGES TO SEASON FORMAT

As suggested at the AGM and generally accepted as a good idea by members present, the pantomime will be brought forward to December, followed by a play at the beginning of March and a further play near the end of May. We hope this new arrangement proves to be satisfactory from all aspects.

### TICKET PRICE INCREASE

Ticket prices for all R.A.T.S. productions are to be increased to £6.00 for Adults and £3.00 for Children (under 16 yrs) from the first production of the 2010/2011 season. The Committee feel this small increase is necessary to meet rising production costs.

## NEW SEASONS FIRST PRODUCTION

We kick off our 2010/11 season with a production by our talented Junior Members which will consist of a one act play, "Tap, Tap" by Bill Tordoff in which a group of senior citizens find themselves double booked into a Youth Hostel with a group of school children - with some surprising results! This will be followed by "Songs from the Shows". The production is directed by Laura Frost with musical director Katie Farnworth. It will be held in Ribchester Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th September 2010. Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.

Tickets available from our Box Office on 01254 878 530 or 878 140.

## PANTOMIME

THIS SEASONS PANTOMIME WILL BE PRODUCED BY JEAN SKILBECK AND DIRECTED BY PHIL BAUGH AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER 2010. ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED IN THIS PRODUCTION, IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CONTACT JEAN ON 01254 878 530 OR PHIL ON 878 527



## UNCLAIMED BOOKS

THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF UNCLAIMED BOOKS ON THE STAGE WHICH WERE KINDLY LENT TO US FOR 84 CHARING CROSS ROAD.

IF ANY OF THEM ARE YOURS, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL RETURN THEM TO YOU.

WE NEED THEM OUT OF THE WAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

### NEWS OF A FORMER RATS MEMBER

Former RAT Mark (Leon) Baugh has recently made his debut as a choreographer at the Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square. The play "Suckerpunch", written by Roy Williams and directed by Mark's partner Sacha Wares, tells the story of two young black men growing up at the time of the race riots in London in the early 1980's. The theatre, converted into a boxing arena sets the scene for the playing out of the tensions within the black community at the time. Writing in the Daily Telegraph and giving the play a 4 star rating, their theatre correspondent, Charles Williams states:

"The fights themselves are thrilling. Even though no punches actually connect.....the movement is so brilliantly choreographed that you still experience the visceral guilty excitement that a good boxing match always generates".

Mark, who trained as a contemporary dancer at the Laban Centre, Depford, is also continuing to perform on an occasional basis with Hofesh Schechter Dance Company, with whom he has been dancing for the last three years and occasionally working as dance rehearsal director. He has been involved in the company's latest piece called "Political Mother" which received a 5 star rating in the Telegraph when performed in Brighton. Mark joined the company for its recent performance of the piece at the Sydney Opera House

Although "Suckerpunch" has now finished its run, "Political Mother" will be continuing its tour over the next year. Although not scheduled to be performed in the North West, those interested in contemporary dance can catch the performance at the Sheffield Lyceum on 4 October.

### And Finally.....

To Friends of RATS on our mailing list, we are currently updating our records. If you wish to carry on receiving this Newsletter, please let us know by :-

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