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THE Artful DODGER

1.*n.* roystering young pickpocket from Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. 2.*n.* printed handbill full of tidings from the W.M.I.&A.A. with a closing date for contributions of 25th of each month to Alan Cornell on 98444111 or alan@commercialventure.com.au

COME TO AGM, 2ND MAY!

Learn what Central Committee does. In fact what the whole Association does. Help set fees, subs and charges. Challenge Ken Virtue for the presidency. Voice your opinion. At the very least, enjoy a friendly glass of wine and show your support for the noble folk who keep your organisation afloat.

8pm at the Hall.

MEMORIES IN A BOX

Several of the Potters have been busy turning their memories into clay as part of manningham Council's 'Memories in a Box' project. This one is from Marjorie, who has included her husband, her children, their pets (4 horses, 2 dogs and a cat), gardening and books, as well as the everpresent kiln which had always to be fired, packed or unpacked.

GET DIGITAL

If you're still getting your Dodger by mail, you won't know the colour of Pi's trousers in the picture to the right, or of the walls in the Potter's potty on the back page. So if you're on email, you could not only get your Dodger sooner, but you'll save the Association postage and Noelle Burgess the task of folding, stapling and posting. (Huge thanks Noelle!) Let me know at alan@commercialventure.com.au if you're ready to go digital.
And check out the website at ww.warrandytehallarts.asn.au.

Dates to Remember:

8pm, 28 April & 4pm 1st May - One Act Play Auditions
2 May - WMI&AA AGM @ Hall
3 & 4 May - Pottery Term 2 starts
9 May - Alcohol Training @ Hall
Audition dates are this Thursday
10-4pm, 29 May - Bargain Sale

Group reports.

1.WTC Annual General Meeting1.

Thanks to all who turned up at the AGM. We said fond farewells to a few members leaving committee – David, Gail, Blaine, Phyl & Bill. We also found/elected some new members – Lou, Jen and Lisa, which was great! No President was elected at the AGM, so this will happen at the first meeting in May. Simone and Noelene were elected unanimously as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Minutes will be circulated when available.

2. One Act Plays

At the final meeting of the old committee, we were able to finalise 3 directors and 3 plays to match (yippeee!!!). We had to change a couple of plays that had originally being put forward. Audition dates are this Thursday 28/4 at 8 pm, and Sunday 1/5 at 4 pm.

The final list of plays are as follows.

SOAP OPERA by David Ives (directed by David Tynan) 2F 2M

A washing-machine repairman falls in love with a picture-perfect washer. Should he tell his girlfriend Mabel? Is the washer two-timing him with a dryer? Stay tuned.

GOOD GRIEF by Frank Wilkie (directed by Phyl Swindley) 2F

Ever felt your therapist was more messed up than you? What drives needy and unstable characters to become counsellors? In Good Grief, a man with a tragedy-scarred past falls into the clutches of self-absorbed volunteer counsellor Evelyn Barge who hijacks the therapy session to pursue her own psycho-sexual agenda. Both Evelyn and her client undergo radical transformations during the process but the results and revelations are not what anyone expects. Textbook Counselling 101? Imagine the opposite.

DECLINE & HALL by Roger Gimblett (directed by Bill Connolly)

The Community Hall is falling down. The building committee is hopelessly divided and penniless. Will the Cub Scout troupe lose their meeting place? What of the Drama Club and Indoor Bowls? And will love spring anew for the local Minister?

Other Details

Performance Dates: 24, 25 June; 1,2 July
We will also perform at 2 One Act Play Festivals:
Macedon 16th or 17th July.
Either ... Gemco 23rd or 24th July (or Ararat 6th or 7th August) - to be confirmed/discussed by Committee.

3. Reading of Almost Maine (this Friday)

Don't forget we have a reading of Almost Maine this Friday 29/4 at the hall at 8 pm.As this is our potential play for Spring, it would be great to see as many as possible WTC members for the reading to get a good balanced view of its potential. Please bring something shareable to eat & drink as well.

4. RSA night

For those who have signed up already, please note that the RSA is confirmed for Monday 9/5 Details are as follows.
Venue: Multi-purpose Room, Warrandyte Primary School
Date & Time: 7 pm – 10:30 pm (please arrive by 6:45 pm)
Bring: Note pad and pens and $25 workshop fee (correct change would be great!) We have 25 booked in for this which is great, although half of these are from another Theatre Company!

David Tynan 9844 5727

We had two good days painting up at Yarra Glen this month, the weather was perfect and the landscape with the magnificent blue ranges in the distance delightful.

BARGAIN SALE Sunday 29th May, 10 to 4 pm.

Painting members, works to be at the Hall between 9am and 10am for hanging. Framed, unframed, watercolours and pastels to have mounts.

It would be great if some painting members could attend the AGM with me. We have difficulty in making a Quorum at times, the Committee do put a lot of work in the running of WMI&AA. We would be most appreciative.

Pauline Cross 9439 1775 Gill Beddington 9842 2151

A list of thankyous.

Thankyou to Ken for the painting of the *New Toilet*. A huge thankyou to John David and Ron Barker who repaired the kiln door for the cost of the materials and thanyou to Brenda, Melissa, Robyn and Manda for creating such diverse and interesting "Memoirs in a Box". The exhibition of these boxes will be opened by the Mayour at the Manningham Galleryon April 27th at 6.00. Everyone is invited.

2nd term dates are May Tues 3rd and Wednesday 4th. May I remind you that fees are due on these days.

I hope you all had a very Happy Easter.

Marj Beecham 9844 3206

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DAVID TYNAN EXITS STAGE LEFT

After four years as Theatre Club president, David Tynan is reclaiming his life. Selfish, but understandable. The group has flourished under his guidance and his gently efficient manner has been appreciated by all. He's also made a valuable contribution to Central Committee during that time. We love him and we thank him warmly for all his wonderful work.

ALAN GETS LIFE

For 30 years of performing, writing over 70 sketches for Follies and other shows, directing, serving on Central Committee, serving as Treasurer, producing the newsletter, programs and signage, and doing many other things so unassumingly no-one can remember what they were, Alan Cornell was presented with Life Membership at the final night of this year's Follies. He proudly joins the ranks of other Life Members who have made a substantials contribution to the Association, including: **Joan Golding, Ann Gronow (Dickson), Jock Macneish, Lady Dorothy Reid (dec), Keith & Bobbie Wilson, Anthony Burgess, Tim Ferguson, Cyril Ardern (dec), Leonie & Peter Horne, Audrey Cahn (dec), Marjorie Beecham, Pauline Cross, Ken Virtue, Pat Anderson and Doug Macrae.**

UNSIGHTLY MOB NOMINATED MOST WARRANDYTISH AT FESTIVAL PARADE. LOCAL PROPERTY VALUES PLUMMET.

MEMORY BOXES & THUNDER BOXES

Another contribution to Manningham's *Memories in a Box*, this time from Manda as she recalls her early life in Templestowe.

Meanwhile, President Ken has been painting the Potters' potty to complement the existing timber and rock incorporated into the new convenience.

THE SURREY HILLS ORCHESTRA presents "Pomp and Circumstance", Sunday 15 May, 2.30pm, MLC Barkers Rd, Kew. A rich, romantic selection including: 'Pomp and Circumstance' Marches Nos 1 and 4: Elgar; 'Marche Slave': Tchaikovsky; and 'Symphony No 3: 'Eroica' Beethoven. Phone 9877 5286 for tickets or go to www.surreyhillschamberorchestra.org.au/

THE DANCE OF THE FOLLIES VIRGINS