

# NOISES OFF

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Greetings Drama Club Peeps and welcome to the latest edition of our club newsletter.

A lot has happened since our last newsletter, and as I write this the cast of 'Witness for the Prosecution' are almost literally pacing the committee room as they prepare to go on stage for their first night!



I'm sure all will agree that Rachel has pulled off a great show, with a very strong cast and some excellent performances. It's a sellout too, which makes it all the more worthwhile. Well done to the whole team, have a great run.

And what's next? Well overleaf you can find details of our next show, 'Noises Off' by Michael Frayn. But before that hits the stage, our Young Actors are well into rehearsal for their next piece, a contemporary take on 'Treasure Island' which we will be able to see on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This time the guest director is Will Sparrey, who with workshop leader Charlie Abrahamson is set to prove once more how talented our young actors are. Watch this space for further information!

**Cover Picture:**  
**Ildiko Allen looking truly menacing as Romaine Heilger in 'Witness for the Prosecution.' More pictures inside!**

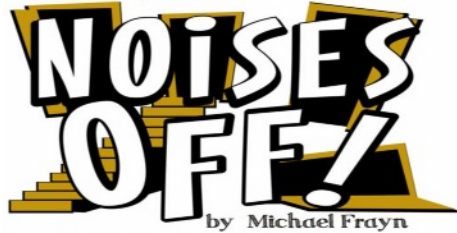
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- 'Witness For The Prosecution' pics
- All about our next show, 'Noises Off'
- Committee Musings; a brief rundown of what your committee are up to!
- Young Actors Update
- SDC Quiz - a new departure!

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# Our Next Production



Want to get involved with our autumn show? Then come along to

## **AUDITIONS**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in Silsoe Village Hall**

Whether you want to act, help backstage or just wield a power tool (in fact ESPECIALLY if you want to wield a power tool!) you will be more than welcome. 'Noises Off' is a spoof on the old-fashioned bedroom farce, with characters running around in various states of confusion...

BUT there are a couple of memorable twists which make this play both very challenging and very funny, and is the reason I can't wait to direct it! The first twist is that the set has to completely revolve on stage between acts, and the second is that each cast member effectively plays two characters, their character in the play 'Nothing On' and the actor who plays them! Confused? Well the plot concerns a theatre company who are first rehearsing and then performing the afore-mentioned farce 'Nothing On' but we also see the complicated love lives of the actors which makes for as much chaos as the 'play' itself. In Act 2 for example we see the whole thing from a backstage viewpoint, hence the revolving set.

Now quite often in SDC shows we are able to stretch or squeeze the cast to fit people in, but in this case I will have to cast exactly 9 characters, who are;

Dolly Ottley: a 'grand dame' of the theatre company  
Garry Lejeune: an aspiring young leading man  
Brooke Ashton; a somewhat ditsy young actress  
Frederick Fellowes: an established actor of very little brain  
Belinda Blair: his on and off stage partner  
Selsdon Mobray: an older actor who has known better times  
Lloyd Dallas: the exasperated company director  
Tim Allgood: the much put upon stage manager  
Poppy Norton-Taylor: a young ASM

**Show Dates: 19-21 November 26**

**Rehearsals: Thursday evenings except summer hols,  
and Sunday afternoons from October.**

For more info, contact me, Angela at [angelaayres2468@gmail.com](mailto:angelaayres2468@gmail.com)... or just turn up!



More dress rehearsal shots from WFTP!



**Committee Notes: Here are a few things that the committee has been discussing recently...**

Village Hall: The new tabs bought by the club and the Village Hall have been hung and side panels recovered. Insurance re curtains still needs to be clarified. Mark Thompson our Village Hall rep suggested hat it would be a good idea to repaint the blue and gold pros. arch and fascia panels to match. Hall booking in advance is essential due to hall being booked by increasing amount of groups.

Club Admin: Subs are generally up to date. Our safeguarding Officer Karolina Piera Harris continues to work to make sure that the club becomes fully compliant.

Future Programme: Charlie Abrahamson and Sue Thorn had expressed an interest in directing, Sue to investigate a show for Spring/Summer 27.

AOB: Mick Platt to stand down as Treasurer after April, due to life commitments. His expertise will be missed.

## Also coming up from Silsoe Drama Club...

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**7 pm for 7.30 start - Silsoe Village Hall**

Tables of 6 - £15 per person (includes Ploughman's Supper)  
Pay Bar - Raffle - Cards or Cash



This is a new departure; because the set for 'Noises Off' will be very expensive to build, the only way we can manage it is to do a bit of fundraising for the show. Although we are obviously a not for profit club, shows are becoming ever more costly to put on, with costs for everything going up, especially hall hire, and we always have to look for ways to break even while still offering the cast and audience the best possible experience.

So please support us by making up a table and coming along to our Quiz Night for a fun evening of general knowledge.

*Contact Angela ([angelaayres2468@gmail.com](mailto:angelaayres2468@gmail.com)) to book your table.*

## Future Programme...

Plans for upcoming shows in 2027 have still to be finalised; Sue Thorn is looking at ideas for the first part of the year, and it looks likely that we will go for another panto or similar as our winter show for 2026/7. This continues our recent pattern of trying to produce two shows per year plus a youth drama presentation.

We try to offer a varied programme to suit both club members and audience, so hopefully there will be something for everyone very soon! As ever, if you have any ideas and suggestions, the committee is always very happy to hear for you.

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For every stage

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