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## **KELVEDON PLAYERS - NEWSLETTER** **August 2019**

**Autumn 2019**  
**“Shadowlands,” by William Nicholson**

Director – Andrew Perrin - **Performances: 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.**

In case you’re confused and haven’t heard – yes, the autumn production was to be ‘One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest.’ However, we were unable to get the licence for this, hence the change.

Auditions have been held and the cast is as follows:

C.S. Lewis .....	John Holmes	*Priest.....	TBC
Major W.J. Lewis (Warnie) .....	Ron Stobart	Joy Gresham.....	Heidi Hamber
Prof. Christopher Riley .....	John Elliott	Douglas .....	James Hale
Rev. ‘Harry’ Harrington .....	Andy Millward	Registrar & Waitress.....	Rosemary Townsend
Doctor.....	Martyn Hill	Registrar’s Clerk & Nurse.....	Charlotte French
Dr. Maurice Oakley & Alan Gregg .....			Jill Hinds

A young man is needed for this part. It is very short and only appears in the second act. Interested?

### **FUTURE PRODUCTIONS**

**Panto – “The Three Musketeers – Le Panteau,” by Richard Lloyd**

Director – Rosemary Townsend – **Performances: 31<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.**

Auditions: Monday, 16th September – 8.00 p.m. Back Room  
 Wednesday, 18th September – 8.00 p.m. Main Hall  
 Sunday, 22nd September – 6.00 p.m. Small Hall

Songs: Sunday, 13th and Sunday, 20th October – 6.00 p.m. – Main Hall

**Spring 2020**  
**‘The Secret of Santa Vittoria,’ by Robert Crichton, adapted by Russ Winsor**

Director – Russ Winsor - **Performances 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.**

More details later.

**JKPS** Congratulations to JKPS who were awarded the following trophies at Gimson One-Act Play Festival in June:

<u>Younger Group – “Ghost Writer”</u> Best Junior Production	<u>Older Group – “The Circle”</u> Best Young Actor – Thomas Awad Best Young Actress – Mia Carter Best Stage Presentation Adjudicator’s Award Best Production
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### **OTHER EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- KPS**
- **AGM** - Sunday, 3rd November
  - Christmas Evenening – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

- JKPS**
- Winter Production – Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th December.

- KCA**
- Glass Onion – A Beatles Tribute Band – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – Curtain up at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £13.00. Ring Jeremy on 07843 938707 or Anne on 07983394416
  - Christmas Market – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November – If you would like to book a table, you need to do it now as these are going very quickly. Ring Jeremy on 07843 938707 or Anne on 07983394416

**YOU MUST BE A FULLY PAID UP MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY KP PRODUCTION, WHETHER YOU HELP BACKSTAGE OR PERFORMING.**

**£15.00 FULL MEMBERSHIP. £8.00 – FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS & SENIOR CITIZENS.**

**£3.00 - Associate Membership (Associate Membership is just for people who want to receive information).**

If you have not paid already, here are ways to pay:

- By cheque, to Lesley Hill, The Treasurer, 11 Mallard Close, Kelvedon, Essex CO5 9NF
- On line by BACS – A/C No. 90540420 - Sort Code: 20 97 40 - Kelvedon Players. (If paying by BACS, please use the member's name as reference.)
- At an imminent reading, rehearsal or audition.

**(Please make cheques payable to Kelvedon Players – Not KPS)**

**IF YOU WISH TO DIRECT IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN WRITING TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER, GIVING DETAILS OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT, SO THAT IT MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE COMMITTEE MEETS.**

Rosemary Townsend – e-mail address – arty@emtel.co.uk

**NETG AWARDS EVENING - Awards Evening – Friday, 13 September** - at the Princes Theatre, Clacton – Starts at 7.30 pm. The theme this year is 'Friday, the Thirteenth!' Tickets - £12.00 per person, which includes a buffet supper. **When ordering tickets, please say if you have any special dietary requirements.** Drinks cannot be brought onto the premises at the theatre. This is a condition of hire, and all drinks must be purchased from the theatre bar.

**There are a limited number of seats so, if you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and return it to me with cheques made out to Kelvedon Players (not KPS) in full NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST.**

Below are the nominations – we have seven for Kelvedon Players and three for Junior Kelvedon Players. I have only included the categories where KPS or JKPS have been nominated.

**N.E.T.G. SHOWCASE FESTIVAL 2018-19  
(30 productions were adjudicated this season)**

**KING COSTUME AWARD:**

BATS:	Off to Treasure Island
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society:	The Great Panto Bake Off
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Aladdin
Platform Musicals:	My Fair Lady & The Pajama Game
<b>Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>Oh What a Lovely War!</b>
KYDS:	The Wizard of Oz
Little Waltham Drama Group:	Rapunzel
Orpen Players:	Alice in Wonderland
Tollesbury Amateur Players:	Jack and the Beanstalk
Wickham Bishops Drama Club:	Mother Goose
WAOS:	Cinderella
WOW:	Thoroughly Modern Millie

**TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT**

Bures Stage Society:	Humpty Dumpty (animation sequence)
Clacton Musical Theatre Society:	Made in Dagenham
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Aladdin
<b>Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>Oh What a Lovely War! &amp; Cinderella</b>
L.A.D.S:	Show Hits
Little Waltham Drama Group:	Rapunzel
Mad Hatter Productions:	Big Fish
Platform Musicals:	My Fair Lady & The Pajama Game
Stane Street Players:	Mother Goose
Wickham Bishops Drama Club:	Mother Goose
WAOS:	Cinderella
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Sleeping Beauty
WOW:	Thoroughly Modern Millie

## ADJUDICATORS' AWARD

Braintree Musical Society:	The team playing of the children in The Sound of Music
Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group:	The ensemble acting, and singing, of the cast in Betty Blue Eyes
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society:	Melissa Harris & Belinda Hector for their comedy pair playing in The Great Panto Bake Off
<b>Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>For their presentation of "Oh What a Lovely War! (with commendations to Martyn Hill &amp; Gavin Baldry for their characterisations)</b>
KYDS:	The ensemble performances of the cast in The Wizard of Oz
L.A.D.S:	The synchronised swimming sketch in Showhits
Mad Hatter Productions:	The creative direction, and performance, of the ensemble in Big Fish
Pantaloons:	The ensemble playing of the Dwarfs in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Platform Musicals:	The ensemble performances of the company in The Pajama Game
Tollesbury Amateur Players:	The Beanstalk effects (incl. use of puppets)
Village Players Nayland:	Gareth Moriarty & Emily Adkinson for their comic pair playing in Peter Pan
WOW:	Ryan Wuyts & William Hackett for their pair playing (in Mandarin!) in Thoroughly Modern Millie
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	The 3 Fairies for their team playing in Sleeping Beauty

## BEST YOUNG ACTOR (21 and Under)

<b>Junior Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>Freddie Machin &amp; James Hale as Yessah &amp; Nossah in Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves (joint nomination)</b>
<b>Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>Thomas Awad as the Second Officer and other roles in Oh What a Lovely War!</b>
KYDS:	Charlie Warner as Scarecrow, Beau Hens as Tinman & Tom Hennessey as Lion in The Wizard of Oz (joint nomination)
Mad Hatter Productions:	Tom Beattie as Edward Bloom in Big Fish
Mad Hatter Productions:	Sam Brown as Will Bloom in Big Fish
Westcliff Youth Theatre:	Edward Wayland as Benny & Korben Symmonds as Harry in Guys and Dolls (joint nomination)
Wickham Bishops Drama Club:	James Bacon as Bill Bumpkin in Mother Goose
WOW:	Ben Collins as Jimmy Smith in Thoroughly Modern Millie
WOW:	Tom Nicoll as Trevor Graydon in Thoroughly Modern Millie

## BEST YOUNG ACTRESS (21 and Under)

Bures Stage Society:	Evie Clifford as the News Boy in Humpty Dumpty
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society:	Isabelle McKeown as Gingerbread Man in The Great Panto Bake Off
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Jasmine Triadi as Princess Jasmine in Aladdin
<b>Junior Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>Mia Carter-Joy as Mum Baba in Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves</b>
Orpen Players:	Abby Sadler as Jack Diamond in Alice in Wonderland
KYDS:	Eva Guerra as Maid Marion in Robin Hood
Village Players (Nayland):	Esme Ball as Tiger Lily in Peter Pan
WOW:	Yasmin Sharp as Millie in Thoroughly Modern Millie
WOW:	Lily Downes as Mrs. Meers in Thoroughly Modern Millie
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Sameera Bowers as Turner the Page/Landlord in Sleeping Beauty

## BEST ACTRESS

Braintree Musical Society:	Constance Lawton as Maria in The Sound of Music & the Stepmother in Cinderella for WAOS
BATS:	Pippa Revell as Captain Zelda in Off to Treasure Island
Clacton Musical Theatre Society:	Katie Barnett as Rita O'Grady in Made in Dagenham
<b>Kelvedon Players:</b>	<b>Heidi Hamber as Mrs. Pankhurst and other roles in Oh What a Lovely War! &amp; the Stepmother in Cinderella</b>
Manifest Theatre Group:	Jo Simons as Kate in The Match Girls
Pantaloons:	Clare Ryan as Evilynne in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Platform Musicals:	Kerry Gullen as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady
Platform Musicals:	Helen McCraw as Babe Williams in The Pajama Game
Stane Street Players:	Debbie Mansell as Freya in Mother Goose
Westcliff Youth Theatre:	Phoebe Wigggett as Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls
WAOS:	Aimee Hart as Cinderella in Cinderella
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Emily Smith as Maleficent in Sleeping Beauty

## **ERIC DYSTER CUP FOR BEST PANTOMIME/CHILDREN'S PLAY**

BATS:	Off to Treasure Island directed by Val Eldridge
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society:	The Great Panto Bake Off directed by Stephen Hector and Darren Lingley
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Aladdin directed by Charlie Davison
Junior Kelvedon Players:	Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves directed by Rosemary Townsend
Orpen Players:	Alice in Wonderland directed by Peter Cox
Stane Street Players:	Mother Goose directed by Jackie Parish and Duncan McCubbine
Wickham Bishops Drama Club:	Mother Goose directed by Michelle Bacon
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Sleeping Beauty directed by Shane Diggins

## **N.E.T.G. FULL-LENGTH PLAY FESTIVAL NOMINATIONS (33 productions adjudicated this season)**

### **THE DAVID KNIGHT SHIELD FOR BEST ACTOR**

Colchester Theatre Group:	Les Chisnall as Professor Marcus in The Ladykillers
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society:	Dom Casey as The Vicar in Don't Judge a Book... (Window Pain) & Norman in Table Manners
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Michael Cook as Andrew Crocker-Harris in The Browning Version
Kelvedon Players:	Russell Winsor as The Professor in Insignificance
L.A.D.S:	Matthew Bacon as Granillo in Rope
Maldon Theatre Group:	Paul Macklin as Winston Smith in 1984
Maldon Drama Group:	Neil Fisher as Richard Hannay in The 39 Steps
Manifest Theatre Group:	Rob Sadler as Joe/Tout/Jim/Patrick/ Kevin/Barry in Ladies Day
Orpen Players:	Frank Barker as Insp. Pratt in Secondary Cause of Death
Priory Players:	Tony Winn as Romeo in Romeo and Juliet
Stane Street Players:	Nic Mason as Rev Sam Weech/Blakeworth in The Titfield Thunderbolt
Wivenhoe Open Air	
Shakespeare:	Martin Sparkes as Macbeth in Macbeth

### **BEST ACTRESS**

Colchester Theatre Group:	Sara Carr as Kate Keller in All My Sons
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society:	Brenda Newman as Brenda in Don't Judge a Book... (Window Pain)
Dedham Players:	Danielle Tile as Emma Woodhouse in Emma
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Elly Kent-Dyson as Mrs. Betterton in Playhouse Creatures
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Laura Hill as Millie Crocker-Harris in The Browning Version
Kelvedon Players:	Heidi Hamber as The Actress in Insignificance
L.A.D.S:	Gill Bridle as May Davenport in Waiting in the Wings
Maldon Drama Group:	Heather Lucas as Pamela in The 39 Steps
Priory Players:	Sara Green as Juliet in Romeo and Juliet & Marjorie in Marjorie Prime for Headgate Theatre Productions
Stane Street Players:	Kim Richardson as Lady Edna Chesterford in The Titfield Thunderbolt
Wickham Bishops Drama Club:	Pauline Roast as Madam Edie Ochre in Restless Spirits
Wivenhoe Open Air	
Shakespeare:	Julie Thompson as Lady Macbeth in Macbeth
Writtle Cards:	Louise Curley as Polly in Miss Polly had a Dolly (Twisted Tales)