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**Annual General Meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30, Downstairs Lounge, Ponteland Memorial Hall:-**

As you will already be aware, the Society's AGM will take place on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. I shall be giving a report on a very successful year and our Treasurer, Pamela Frain, will give us an update on our financial position. Other Committee members will also have the opportunity to report on any matters they wish to draw to the meeting's attention.

In accordance with the changes to the Constitution agreed in 2016, there will be no re-appointments to our Committee this year, apart from one vacancy to be filled. Nomination forms for this vacancy may be obtained from our Secretary Victoria Hickie. Please ensure she receives them at least two days before the date of the meeting. Please also ensure you have the agreement of the nominated person and that you have the signature of a seconder.

I do hope you will be able to join us and take the opportunity to meet us and to ask any appropriate questions you wish to have answered.

**For your information, the Committee Members are :-**

Richard Davies – Chairman

Carole Davies- Vice Chair

Victoria Hickie- Secretary – [victoriahickie@gmail.com](mailto:victoriahickie@gmail.com)

Pamela Frain – Treasurer

Gerald Clayton- Memorial Hall Trustees Liaison

Lesley Eltringham- Publicity Officer

Julie Ennis – Assistant Secretary/ Grants Officer

Jason Long- Business Manager

Phil Noble- High School Liaison

Jonny Woollett- Youth Theatre Leader/Website

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**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs :- Performance dates – November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

As I mentioned in my previous Newsletter, our pantomime this Autumn will be **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** . After some debate and checking of other scripts, the version we have chosen is one by John Yates. It offers a lively version of the well-known story, along with some entertaining additions and plenty of comedy, singing and dancing opportunities for the company and our production team to develop and for our audiences to enjoy. Jackie Wighton will direct the show with Carole Davies as Producer and Amy Baker, who has worked with the Preppies over the last two years, as Musical Director.

There will be a read- through of the script on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.pm at the Memorial Hall in the Upstairs Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Auditions will be held at Ponteland Memorial Hall on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm onwards and for those unable to attend on that date, we will hold a second audition on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Members of Preppies Youth Theatre will be fully involved in the show if they wish. Preppies aged 16 and under will be divided into 2 teams, Team Snow and Team White Each team will perform 3 times in the week in accordance with licensing requirements.

**Team Snow will perform on at 7.00pm Tuesday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> and at 2.00pm on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Team White will perform on at 7.00pm on Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**\*\*See note below about Preppies wishing to audition for main parts.**

## **CAST:-**

Snow White. Principal part. Singing, dancing role with multi-scenes and many lines. Playing age – 18years

Snow White's Lady In Waiting Supporting role. Some lines

Prince - Principal male role. Singing part. Not many scenes.

Magic Mirror - Important role. Could be male or female. Singing part, multi-scenes and many lines.

Pick & Mix - Comic duo working for the Wicked Queen. Good comic acting required

Dame/Betty the Cook . Principal comic role. Some dancing and singing.

Fairy Storyteller. Cameo role. Speaks only in verse.

The Evil Queen - Principal role . Snow White's beautiful but very wicked Step mother. Singing and dancing part

Kitchen assistant 1 to the Dame/Cook. Supporting comic role.

Kitchen assistant 2 to the Dame/Cook. Supporting comic role.

Fairy Godmother - Important role. Singing part with important lines.

King - Supporting role.

Chamberlain - Comic supporting role.

Prince's Aide, Assistant to the prince.- Supporting role.

Yokels/ Woodcutters 1& 2 - Cameo comic roles.

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Cat - Cameo part.

Yeti - One-scene cameo role -non-speaking part.

Seven Dwarfs - Important roles. Some group singing. Many lines to learn.

Chosen from members of Preppies Youth Theatre during their Friday evening sessions.

Animals and birds (Scene 14)

Chosen from members of Preppies Youth Theatre during their Friday evening sessions

Courtiers - singing and some dancing. Adults and members of Preppies Youth Theatre ( as above)

**\*\* Those Preppies wishing to be considered for main parts in the pantomime may attend the auditions on June 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> but must be aware of the licensing requirements explained above if they are aged 16 or under .**

**Please discuss this with Carole, Jonny or Jackie before auditioning.**

**Every Preppie who wishes to be in the show will be able to do so, as long as they are willing to work hard and come to the necessary rehearsals.**

Audition Packs are available for the main parts from Victoria Hickie by email. [victoriahickie@gmail.com](mailto:victoriahickie@gmail.com)

The packs contain an e-version of the script ( hard copies of the script will be available at the Read- through on June 12<sup>th</sup> ), audition pieces and songs and further details of the requirements for the various characters.

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### **Future Productions:-**

Subject to the approval of the Committee, the following shows have been suggested :-

- March 2019 – ***The Crucible*** by Arthur Miller
- December 2019- ***Fiddler On the Roof*** Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick .  
Music by Jerry Bock

Further details to be announced shortly.

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### **Help Needed:-**

The time has come for a clear -out of our storage areas at Ponteland Memorial Hall. At present, Ponteland Rep has storage areas in the basement, in the props room at the side of the stage and in the store room /wardrobe adjacent to the Secretary's Office .

As no inventory has been taken , we have no clear idea of exactly what we own in terms of scenery flats, furniture, props, costumes, lights and sound equipment and we are aware that many of these have not been used for many years. We wish therefore, to make a list of everything in these spaces and to decide which to retain and which to discard. If we do decide to discard items, we shall try to find ways of recycling them if possible.

We need therefore as a matter of urgency to sort through everything and make the necessary decisions. It is urgent not just for our own purposes but also because the Hall insurers have told the Trustees that some of our props etc, particularly those stored under the stage are a fire hazard.

We wish to do the clear-out on Sundays starting at 9.30 am in June/July and need as many of you to help us as possible. Please let us know which Sundays will suit you. We shall then choose the Sundays which suit most of you and make bookings with the Hall Secretary.

**Refreshments will be provided.**

My best wishes to you all,

Richard Davies  
Chairman