

Hooray!! Yes, we are now into Alert level 1 and can plan production dates for the rest of the year - which we were able to do at the committee meeting on Monday 8th June. We also had a successful Annual General Meeting after the committee meeting and welcomed some new faces onto the committee and said a heartfelt 'Thank You' to those members stepping down. *(More to come in the July newsletter on those members)*

FIRST THOUGH - THE PRODUCTION DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR!

'Gasping' by Ben Elton. This hilarious satire is being directed by Julie Taylor
Opens Thursday 23 July then Fri 24, Sat 25 at 7.30 pm
Sun 26 with a 2.00 pm Matinee
then Tues 28 – Sat 1 Aug all at 7.30 pm Tickets \$25.00

'Arts on Tour' with Michael Hurst will be on Friday 14th August at 8.00 pm

Friday Flicks will start again on 21st August and the film is **'Their Finest'**

'Short & Sweet' Production will be the 14 – 18th of October *(NB: a slightly longer season 5 days not 4)*

More news to come in the July newsletter folks!



President's Report for Matamata Dramatic Society AGM 2020

What a year it has been! We had two very popular and successful shows last year with ***Last Legs*** and ***'Allo, 'Allo*** both attracting big audiences and much praise from those who came to see them. Directors Dolly Varden and Paul Ferguson did a great job, and I'm also very thankful to those who helped with set building, décor, props, sound and lighting, bar and the many other factors without which these plays could not have succeeded.

2019 saw the debut of Friday Flicks, our monthly movie night which was greatly enjoyed by all those who came along. Organised by Korstiaan and Robin, they were a welcome addition to our theatre's activities. I must also extend a big thank you to Wanda for producing her wonderfully informative and entertaining monthly newsletter. We are lucky to have you.

Our theatre itself has received and is receiving some important upgrades. Murray Weal and Korstiaan worked hard to transform our auditorium into a much more usable configuration with better stage visibility through a tiered seating arrangement. Safety in the theatre has been improved by the installation of handrails on staircases and on the rear fire escape. And a kitchen revamp is also underway to improve the usability and appearance of this important area. Thanks again to Korstiaan for making things happen here.

Rehearsals for this year's first production, Gasping, were well underway when Covid 19 arrived in our country and Lockdown suddenly changed everything.

However, we kept the play alive through weekly on-line readings and discussions, and now we are back rehearsing for a later than expected production date. We have even done the basic set construction, so hopefully things are back on track, albeit belatedly.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead for our Society

Ron van de Molen – President 2019-2020

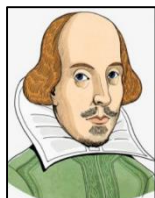
Your New Executive and Committee for 2020-2021



President Ron van de Molen **V. P.** Korstiaan Prins **V.P.** Yvonne Marshall
Secretary Sandra Clark **Treasurer** Colin Kemplen (Absent)
Committee: Lois Allen, Bob Blackwell, Wanda Brittain, Gregg Dunn, Robin Essex, Julie Taylor, Eileen Weal, Heather Wallace-Wells and Hilton Woodroofe

Overheard in the Green Room

Actor Michael Caine was heard talking to a fellow actor about meeting this Irish woman who asked him if he was a drug dealer. Michael replied, *“No I am not a drug dealer madam but I am curious as to why you should think I am”* The woman replied - *“Well it’s because everyone keeps calling you Mike Cocaine!”*



And when in a play, remember Shakespeare’s wise words –

“Most dear actors, eat no onions nor garlic, for we are to utter sweet breath.”

Yours Theatrically
Wanda

