

April 2012

Dear Friends,

Diamond Jubilee Street Theatre

Following a successful bid to Arts Council by the Bramcote and Stapleford Golden Jubilee Group in partnership with Broxtowe Arts and Events, we are really pleased to be able to offer an opportunity for you to get involved in a creative and fun street theatre project to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Will the Queen's train prove too long and tangle up whole families? Are kazoos really suitable for music for the coronation? And will the people trapped in the black and white 1950s ever make it into colour?

Working with a professional writer, a director and two designers we will create amazing costumes and props and use them to present fun street theatre scenes and events for the unsuspecting visitors to the Hemlock Happening on Saturday 2nd June at Bramcote Hills Park.

No theatre experience is necessary as the creative team has a strong track record of working with seasoned actors and newcomers alike. Many of you may have worked with director Julian Hanby before, either on last Christmas's *The Star Safari* or previously on *The Girl In The Woods* or *The Cries of Silent Men*.

We are pleased to be able to welcome people of all ages, however we will need written permission from a parent if you are under 16 years of age, and children still at primary school will need to be supervised by an adult during rehearsals. A permission slip can be completed at either of the public meetings below.

To get things going we are holding a couple of public meetings where we will explain more about what we're going to be doing, find out how you'd like to get involved and start to come up with ideas. These will be on:

Wednesday 18th April 7:00pm at St Michael's Church, Bramcote*
Sunday 22nd April 2:30pm at St Michael's Church, Bramcote

The drama sessions will get going straight after the meetings and to an extent the prop and costume workshops will be arranged around people's availability. The drama sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tue 24 th April	7:00 – 9:00pm	Stapleford Fire Station*
Sun 29 th April	2.30 – 5.00pm	St Michael's Church
Tue 1 st May	7:00 – 9:00pm	Stapleford Fire Station
Tue 8 th May	7:00 – 9:00pm	Stapleford Fire Station
Friday 11 th May	7:00 – 9:00pm	St Michael's Church
Sunday 13 th May	2.30 – 5.00pm	St Michael's Church
Tue 15 th May	7:00 – 9:00pm	Stapleford Fire Station
Friday 18 th May	7:00 – 9:00pm	St Michael's Church
Sunday 20 th May	2.30 – 5.00pm	St Michael's Church

Tue 22 nd May	7:00 – 9:00pm	Stapleford Fire Station
Saturday 26 th May	10:00am – 4:00pm	St Michael's Church
Tue 29 th May	7:00 – 9:00pm	Stapleford Fire Station
Friday 1 st June	7:00 – 9:00pm	St Michael's Church

*Addresses below

If you want to take part in the drama you will also need to be available from 11:00am – 5:00pm on the big day – Saturday 2nd June.

If you can't make all of the above sessions you can still be involved; we'll work out who's doing what and schedule in the rehearsals for those cast members to suit, with dates chosen from the list above. The best thing to do is to come to the public meetings and have a chat about your availability. And as previously mentioned, the prop and costume dates will be worked out once we know who wants to get involved in that side of things.

We hope that you are as excited about this project as we are. We really hope that the work that we do together will make the Diamond Jubilee Hemlock Happening a day that will be remembered for years to come.

Best wishes,



Clare Janes, Arts Development Manager on behalf of the Bramcote and Stapleford Golden Jubilee Group and the creative

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