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Alan Ayckbourn's

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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**Welcome** to Banbury Cross Players' first play of the our new season. We hope you will enjoy the additional comfort of The Mill's new seats. With a 30% increase in capacity we are looking forward to sharing our productions with larger audiences so please do encourage your friends to come along! Our Gold Card Holder scheme continues to offer a great discount - 4 or 8 tickets which can be used in any combination for our shows. See the back of this programme or the BCP Season Brochure in the foyer for details.



Casting for *Season's Greetings* took place back in June - well before the final acclaimed production of last season - Abi Morgan's *Lovesong* in July. Auditions for our February 2018 production - David Haig's *My Boy Jack* have already taken place and auditions for our April 2018 production - Alan Bennett's *People* are coming up in December. With our weekly programme of Tuesday evenings here at The Mill, BCP continues to be a thriving hub of theatrical goings-on. Check the BCP website for details of what's coming up - play readings, quizzes, acting workshops and discussions about all aspects of running a show.

As well as continued support from Spratt Endicott, Humphris Funerals and Norbar, BCP are delighted to add The Foscote Private Hospital and Reg's Café to the generous local businesses who support our endeavours. We thank them for their generosity.



Thanks to you, our audience, for your continued support. We hope tonight will "make you laugh".

**Robin Williams**  
Chairman

**This production** will be my fourth directorial role for BCP since joining in 2009. As a member I feel honoured and privileged to be given this opportunity to work with talented people and bring live theatre to The Mill for your enjoyment.



As I look back, with fondness, at those previous productions, I realise that they have all been comedies or farces and two were by Alan Ayckbourn. This says a lot about me. I love to hear the audience's vocal response. As both an actor and a director, that first laugh is very special and you know that you have achieved your objective by the audience's sign of approval. Who was it said "Make 'em laugh! Make 'em laugh!"?

*Season's Greetings* takes you on a ride of "four days of farcical, festive, family fun" with a rather dysfunctional family. A series of situations that will strike a chord with us all and ones with which we can empathise and sympathise. You will recognise certain characteristics in the family members and even identify with some of them because the themes underlying this play resonate with you, the audience.



So welcome aboard as the cast and crew get set to "make you laugh"!

**Trish Thompson**  
DIRECTOR



**Director**  
Trish Thompson

**Stage Manager**  
Liz Riley

**Assistant Stage Manager**  
Lucy Byford

**Lighting**  
John Hicks  
Linda Shaw

**Sound**  
Robin Williams

**Props**  
Gill Huband  
Mary Sullivan  
Anne Twigg

**Costume**  
Jane Shanahan

**Make Up**  
Jenny Tustian

**Prompt**  
Terry Gallager

**Set Construction**  
Richard Ashby & Nik Lester

**Puppet Theatre**  
Peter Bloor

**Production Manager**  
June Ronson

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

## CAST

Neville  
Belinda  
Phyllis  
Harvey  
Bernard  
Rachel  
Eddie  
Pattie  
Clive

Dave Candy  
Janice Lake  
**Debby Andrews**  
Andy Allen  
**Terry Andrews**  
**Helena Boughton**  
Simon Grey  
**Tanis Hamilton-Everest**  
**Dave Robinson**

*The home of Neville and Belinda Bunker*

*Act 1 Sc 1 Christmas Eve, 7.30pm  
Sc 2 Christmas Day, noon  
Sc 3 Christmas Day, midnight*

### INTERVAL

*Act 2 Sc 1 Boxing Day, 3.30pm  
Sc 2 December 27th, 5.15am*

Please Note : There will be a gunshot in Act 2

Patrons are requested to switch off mobile phones before the performance and are reminded that photography and video recording are strictly prohibited.

Emergency exits are to the left of the stage and to the rear of the auditorium.

In case of emergency, please follow instruction from Front of House staff.



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