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David Haig's
MY BOY JACK
 7 - 10 Feb 2018

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 because our fathers lied"*

-Rudyard Kipling

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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 Fosco 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.



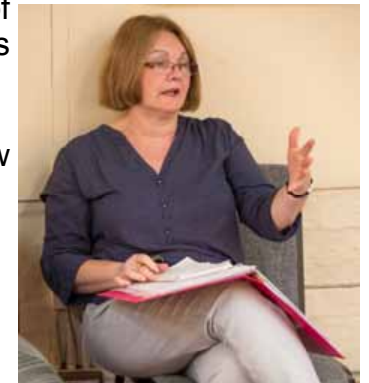
As I look back, with fondness, at those previous productions, I realise that they have all been comedies or farces and two were by Alan Ayckbourn. This says a lot about me. I love to hear the audience's vocal response. As both an actor and a director, that first laugh is very special and you know that 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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