

Christmas 2004 Newsletter

Congratulations

A big congratulations to all the directors, cast and crew who have been involved so far. Gary and co. scooped several awards on the One Act Circuit, culminating in a fourth place in the One Act Finals. Geoff and co. continue to do us proud with successful performances in the Cuckoo's Nest and Naas, and with the Abbey One Hundred performance coming up shortly on 27th December. Tony has done yet another great job this year with the 'Christmas at Airfield' show - the audiences packed in and loved every minute of it! To top it off, we found out recently that Bernard's production of 'Bedtime Story' has been accepted to the Bray One Act Festival at the end of January. Thank you to all those who have supported the productions so far and helped make them a success.

Sincerest Sympathies

Our sincerest sympathies go out at this time to the families of Aoife Lawless and Bernard Doyle, both of whom suffered bereavements recently.

News and Forthcoming Events - January 2005

**6th January 2005: 'Little Christmas' in Arklow Bay Hotel,
Arklow, Co. Wicklow**

Following on from the success at Airfield, Tony is taking the show on the road to perform in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow. Bookings can be made with Winnie Brennan on (0402) 32249. There was talk of organising a bus if there was a big enough group up for going down. If you're interested, please let Judy know, Tel. (087) 2069452.

**19th January 2005: Readings/Castings for plays in 2005 in St.
Tiernan's, 8pm**

- 'The Taming of the Shrew', by William Shakespeare, directed by Bernard Doyle, playing in June 2005.
- 'Enchanted April', written by Matthew Barber, directed by Karen Carleton, playing in April 2005. The play is set in the 1920's and has a cast of at least five women of varied ages and a couple of male roles. 'Enchanted April' is the charming tale of four women who escape their sorrows for a month's holiday, where they find romance, hope and, ultimately, liberation.

21st January 2005: Balally Players Go To The Dogs!

For this year's Christmas event, Balally Players are literally going to the dogs! The night of bets, buzz and booze will take place in Harold's Cross Dog Track and the plan is to hire a corporate suite for the evening. The price will be between €38 and €44 and this includes admission fee, race card, access to corporate suite facilities and four-course, sit-down meal. It's going to be good craic so if you're interested please let Judy know as soon as possible, Tel. (087) 2069452.

**25th January 2005: Bray One Act Festival, The Mermaid Theatre,
Bray**

The Group has been selected to perform "Bedtime Story", by Sean O'Casey, directed by Bernard Doyle. Balally will be performing third on the first night of the festival, 25th January 2005. Best of luck to Bernard and co. We're hoping to get a big crew down in support. Again, if you're interested in going, please let Judy know. Alternatively, tickets can be booked directly from The Mermaid Box Office on Tel. 2724030.

**28th & 29th January 2005: Two One Act Plays, Birr Theatre & Arts
Centre, Birr,
Co. Offaly**

Balally Players and Tullamore Drama Society present their award-winning One Act Festival Plays. Balally will perform 'Healing the Dead' and Tullamore will perform their production of 'Three Sleepless Nights', which won the All-Ireland Confined section this year. This would be another good opportunity for a group hooley so if you're interested....you know the drill - please let Judy know as soon as possible! Tel. (087) 2069452.

Back in Tiernan's on Wednesday, 12th January 2005

- See You Then!