



Balally Players NEWS

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Workshops

Come to a **Voice workshop** 'Speaking Shakespeare' be presented by Cathal Quinn (Voice Coach)/ Ciara O'Byrne on **Wed 8th Mar from 8pm to 9.45pm in St. Tiernan's Community School, Parkvale, Dundrum.** <http://www.iol.ie/~tiernans/> Contact Claire at 087-7747724.

Auditions for 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' Wed 15th & 22nd Mar

Auditions for the Shakespearean Comedy 'The Merry Wives of Windsor', which will be directed by Karen Carleton, take place on **Wed 15th and Wed 22nd March from 8pm to 9.45pm in St. Tiernan's Community School.** Contact Karen at 087-6701255.

Following last year's very successful production of 'The Taming of The Shrew', in the magical setting of Airfield Gardens, Balally Players continue their outdoor summer productions of the Shakespeare comedies with one of his best loved and most popular 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'. This is the only one of Shakespeare's plays set in England, in Berkshire. The atmosphere is one of carnival, and both music and the light-hearted jostle of diverse comic roles add to the sense that this is a festive comedy of types. It is believed that The Merry Wives of Windsor was first performed between 1600 and 1601. In the Elizabethan era there was a huge demand for new entertainment and The Merry Wives of Windsor was written to amuse and divert.

The quotes from The Merry Wives of Windsor are amongst Shakespeare's most famous including

"Why, then the world 's mine oyster"

"This is the short and the long of it". (Act II, Scene II).

"I cannot tell what the dickens his name is". (Act III, Scene II).

"As good luck would have it".

Sir John Falstaff, a knight down on both luck and cash, hatches a scheme to raise funds. He will seduce Mistress Ford and Mistress Page in an attempt to get at their husbands' money. Falstaff, however, has overestimated his ingenuity; the two women compare their letters, and—finding them identical—hatch a plan of their own!

Christmas Do!

A great night was had by all who came on the very sociable Christmas do held this year in the elegant Beaufield Mews Restaurant on Sat 25th Feb. We missed those of you who could not make it and hope you can come on the next night out.

What's On?

Check out the 'Calender of Events' on our website. It is updated regularly by our Webmaster, Declan Brennan.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

All the best,

Joanne Keane.

(Balally Players Secretary)