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Dear Member

Christmas is long forgotten and now we are enduring a rather cold spell of weather – let's hope that we don't get snow down south, although I appreciate that those of you living further north have experienced this already.

Since our last Newsletter we have had the Christmas lunch at the Kingsway Hotel. As usual it was excellent and enjoyed by the 26 members and guests who attended. The other outing was a trip to the Duchess Theatre in London on 29th January and a write-up on this is given below.

We have no news from members and as requested in previous Newsletters, I would invite you to send in any news you may have or any memories of your time at College that you think would be of interest to other members.

"The Play that goes wrong" – Duchess Theatre, Thursday 29th January 2015: The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society was started by a group of friends at drama school who got together, with very little money but a huge amount of enthusiasm and talent. They won the 2014 'Whatsonstage Best Comedy Award'.

The play that goes wrong was a 1920s murder mystery and took place in a manor house. Charles and Florence are engaged to be married and just before the ceremony, Charles is found 'murdered'. The play is a cross between farce and slapstick, with the emphasis on farce. It is hard to describe the situations whereby people in the house try to prove their alibis. The timing of scenery and props collapsing and poses and expressions relating to these disasters have to be seen to be believed.

If you want a good laugh for two hours, go to see the play. Thank you for arranging the tickets, Beryl.

Sheila

BERYL PAINE WRITES:

One of our members suggested we see "The Play that goes wrong" and what a good choice it was – one long laugh from beginning to end. The show I have booked for March was also suggested by a member, "Made in Dagenham", which is based around the women employees ' battle against the might of the great Ford company and shows how ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they stand together. The critics say "great music, a conveyor belt of raucous fun" so I do hope it appeals to you.

This show is at the Adelphi Theatre in The Strand and I have booked seats for the matinée at 3 pm on Wednesday 18th March, cost £29.50 per person (normal price £74). Please support if you can as a minimum number is required to get this special price.

Please return the reply slip, together with remittance and self-addressed envelope (stamp not necessary) to reach me NO LATER THAN 20th February.

I hope to let you know plans for summer outings before too long.

Beryl

Yours sincerely

Sheila Fenn
Hon Secretary