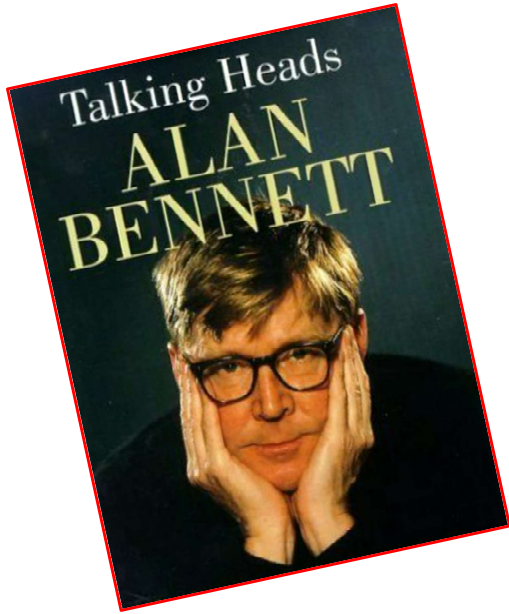


**A belated Happy New Decade!**

We hope you had a happy festive season and that the recent stormy weather has not caused too much havoc in your lives.



**PROPOSING - Spring 2020 Production: ‘An evening/ afternoon of Alan Bennett’ with supper / tea – at a different location**

We would like to advise you that the Marlborough hope to hold an evening / afternoon of Alan Bennett monologues, ‘Talking Heads,’ on Friday April 17 (at 8pm) and Saturday April 18 (at 2.30pm) in the South Weald Parish Hall. Our usual venue is unavailable because of the timings of the school holidays with Easter. Please note that we plan to include a ploughman’s supper during the interval on Friday and afternoon tea in the Saturday interval.

Please visit [www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk](http://www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk) and our Facebook page over the next few weeks to be kept updated with the plans for this production.

**NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) award nomination – book by 28 February!**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Marlborough’s production of ‘Yes Prime Minister’ (Spring 2019) has been nominated for the award of ‘Best Drama’ in the NODA East region. We are up against ‘Drinking Habits’ from the Blackmore Players and ‘Baggage’ from the Theatre at Baddow. The Gala Awards ceremony will be held on 8 March 2020 at 12pm in The Forum, Stevenage, SG1 1EJ. If you would like to attend, the deadline for booking is 28 February – so very soon! A few of the committee members will be attending. The cost of lunch is £35 and details of how to book can be found by visiting:-

<http://buytickets.at/nodaeastregion/316314>



*Cast and crew of 'Yes Prime Minister' Spring 2019*

*Photos by Debbie Nash, Centre Stage Imaging*



**Begging bowl – for ‘The Barn’**

Following our last newsletter we have managed to find an old-fashioned top-line grill for one of our next productions. However, we are still looking for an **old-fashioned Butler sink**. If you have one of these, that the Marlborough can either have or borrow, then please get in touch. Thank you.



**Please carry on reading for news of our Autumn 2020 production!**



## **ANNOUNCING - Autumn 2020 Production: 'The Ladykillers' - 22-24 October at Brentwood School Memorial Hall**

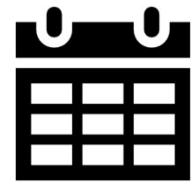
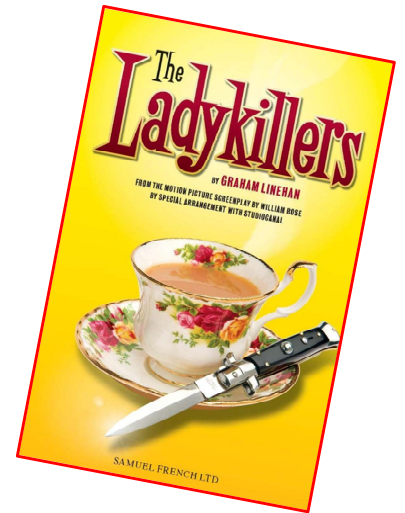
Written for the stage by Graham Lineham, the Marlborough's new production of the classic Ealing comedy 'The Ladykillers' will be directed by Louise O'Connor this coming Autumn. Please add the dates to your diary.

### **Audition Notices: The Ladykillers**

There are two audition dates planned **very soon** – so if you are keen to try out for a role, do get in touch!

**Audition 1: 27 February, 8pm**, at the Brentwood School Cricket Pavilion, CM15 8EE

**Audition 2: 3 March, 8pm**, at Bill Wells' home (7 Burses Way, Hutton, CM13 2PL)



### **NODA representative change**

The Marlborough have been notified that longstanding regional representative Tessa Davies, has been promoted to a councillor role at NODA and we provide our congratulations. We will now be welcoming a new representative, Zahna Hull, to our future plays. The representative role includes attending the productions of clubs in the region and penning reviews. The shows and actors that they feel are particularly good, are nominated for annual awards. The Marlborough has been lucky enough to win a few awards over the years. We would like to formally welcome Zahna to her new role and look forward to seeing her (and occasionally Tessa) at our future productions.



### **'The Barn' – renovations**

The Marlborough stores its sets, furniture and costumes at a barn rented from the Petre family of Ingatestone Hall. Recently, under the masterful eye of Kevin Wright, the barn has undergone work to fix broken roofing and to add a new storage shed to house costumes in a drier environment. The new shed has been donated by club Vice President, Janet Cass in memory of her husband, long-time member of the club, Bill Cass. Pictures of these improvements to come soon.

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