

We hope you have coped with the prolonged heat and are sorry to have cancelled our Afternoon Tea because of it. But, we have agreed a new date – hope you can make it!

AFTERNOON TEA – NEW DATE – 3 September – now booking

We have agreed to rearrange our annual summer afternoon tea for **Thursday 3 September, 2:30-4:30pm**, still at **Hutton Cricket Club – CM13 2QT** and hosted by the excellent Nicola, with lashings of tea/coffee, sandwiches cakes and scones. Tickets remain **£15** per person, and we very much appreciate **payment in advance**: as this is a catered event we need to know numbers well in advance please. **Book and pay by 20 August** by calling **Harry on 07746 915348** or by completing the booking form online. Don't forget to tell us of any dietary requirements. This year we have decided **NOT** to hold any raffle or bring and buy sale so we can concentrate on the food, catching up with each other - and celebrating the **2026 Cass Cup winner...** which we will also award during the afternoon. The votes have been coming in but there are two people in close contention for the prize this year and if you have yet to vote – **YOUR vote could make all the difference!** Don't forget - **any 2025 and 2026 Club member is eligible to vote or be nominated**. Were you impressed with someone's acting performance or front of house demeanour? Send your nomination by 27 August to the secretary@marlboroughdramaticclub.uk please.

AUTUMN QUIZ – with Hutton Players – 18 September – now booking

As mentioned in our April newsletter – our second quiz with Hutton Players is on **18 September, 7 for 7:30pm**, in the Gwendolyn Lewis room at **Shenfield Parish Hall, CM15 8LB**. Our Spring quiz helped the Marlborough to make over £300, which will seriously help us with the costs of our next play. So, this is a second chance to test your general knowledge skills, this time with the impeccable hosting duo of Bernard Harper and his son James leading us through the evening. There will be a raffle and other small games during the evening, and the winning table will receive a prize. Tables of **eight max** please, **bring your own drinks and nibbles**, **tickets are £10** and you can book by calling Harry on 07746 915348, or by emailing secretary@marlboroughdramaticclub.uk We again encourage you to **book and pay in advance, by 11 September** please, as this helps with the smooth running on the night.

REVIEW: Brentwood Arts Trail, 27 June

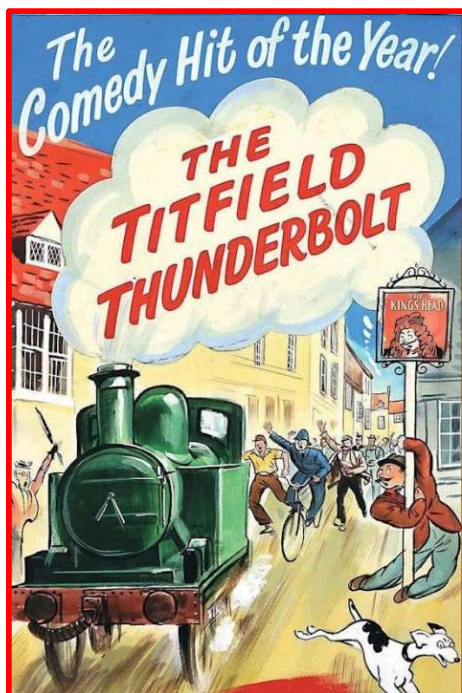
To promote the Club, Juliette and Steve from the committee, (right), stood in the Brentwood Baytree Centre alongside other arts groups. Wearing new t-shirts provided by 'The Little Crafty Cabin' (thank you Emily!) the public, including the local MP, was accosted and invited to our next play!



Next: news about our Autumn play 'My Boy Jack' and Spring 2027 plans...

**'MY BOY JACK' - by David Haig – 22-24****October**

Most of the cast gathered on a hot summer evening recently to meet with the director and take part in the first full read-through of the play. You can see some pictures on our website and socials. There were laughs at a scene set in the military hospital and a more sombre cast during some of the emotional scenes. At the end, the cast agreed it was going to be quite an impactful story, and we can't wait for you to see it! We also now have the artwork for our **flyer** ready (see right) and in circulation – thank you to Andrew Chesney for the striking design! **Booking for the play will open in September online**, but you can **call Harry on 07746 915348** to book tickets anytime from now.

*Script artwork***SPRING 2027 - Creating our Ealing Comedy trilogy!**

Following the great success of 2025's 'The Ladykillers' and 2026's 'Kind Hearts and Coronets' we are delighted to announce that our Spring 2027 production will be **'The Titfield Thunderbolt'** by Philip Goulding – a stage version of another Ealing film comedy of the 1950s. This will again be **directed by Lindsey Crutchett** – her second outing for the Marlborough. **Save the dates – 8-10 April, 2027**, Brentwood School Memorial Hall.

AUDITIONS – 'THE TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT'

We will be holding auditions on evenings of **2 and 7 September** at **Brentwood School Sports Centre, CM15 8EE**. You can find out all the details of the play, parts available and **how to audition, on our website**.

Brentwood School meeting – The Club chairman and secretary met with the school in July to discuss new facility hire arrangements that will be implemented in 2027, following changes to VAT school fee rules. We will now be charged double our usual hire fees. Members' support with promoting play ticket sales will be greatly appreciated.

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