

No preamble this time – straight to our news! First up – our next event is imminent...

**Afternoon Tea – booking now open!**

Our next social event is our annual summer afternoon tea at **Hutton Cricket Club – CM13 2QT**, hosted by the excellent Nicola, with lashings of tea/coffee, sandwiches cakes and scones. To be held on **Thursday 25 June** at **2:30-4:30pm**, at a cost of **£15** per person, please **book by 11 June** by calling **Harry on 07746 915348** or by completing the booking form online. Don't forget to tell us of any dietary requirements. We will also award the Cass Cup for 2026 – read-on for how to vote...



*Some of those who attended the 2025 Afternoon Tea (Photo by Juliette Bird)*



*Bill Wells – 2025 Cass Cup winner (Photo by Juliette Bird)*

**We need your votes! Help us award the Cass Cup in 2026**

At last year's Afternoon Tea, we awarded the Cass Cup for Outstanding Service to the Club over the previous year, to Bill Wells – richly deserved after his successful production of 'The Ladykillers' in Spring 2025 and hosting the WW2 event last July. This year we are looking for the Cup's third winner, and **any 2025 and 2026 Club member is eligible to vote or be nominated**. Maybe you were impressed with someone's acting performance or front of house demeanour? It's your decision – please **send in your votes** to the secretary (see the contact section at the end of the newsletter) **by 18 June** latest, so we can award the Cup at the Afternoon Tea on the 25 June. Thank you.

**REVIEW: 'Kind Hearts and Coronets'**

We were delighted to entertain you all this Spring with a second play based on an Ealing Film comedy, after the success of 2025's 'The Ladykillers'. Featuring a large cast, including a 2-year-old, our Chairman and many people who were related to each other (!) this was long standing member, Lindsey Crutchett's, directorial debut for the Club. We were also very happy to welcome Abbie Whichelo to her first role with the MDC and Karol Patten - a super active committee member - to her first role in a full production. It was thrilling how well received our production was, especially as it drew a record audience of 50+ for the first night, with 170+ overall.



*Andrew, Charlii, Richard and Tim above Richard, Karol and Graham below*



**'Kind Hearts and Coronets' review continues overleaf, plus future event news...**



**REVIEW: ‘Kind Hearts and Coronets’ - CONTINUED**

We also made a profit of a few hundred pounds, which will be funnelled straight into our Autumn play. You can find out all the details of the play on our website, where a ‘look back’ article is linked from the homepage and includes a link to the NODA review, a wide range of the official photos taken by Paul Sparrowham, (of which a few are shown on the previous page and below) and links to our social media video content, including regular feature, ‘favourite lines’. Take a look – and thank you for coming along to see our show!



*Roy, Bill and Richard*



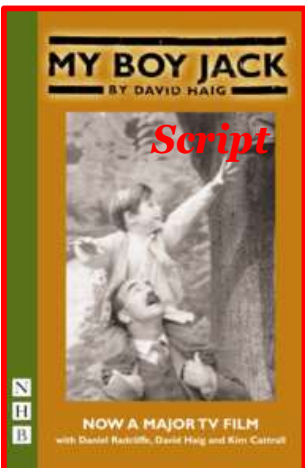
*Richard and Abbie*



*Charlii, June and Colin*

**REVIEW: First Quiz of 2026 – with the Hutton Players**

On Friday 8 May, the Marlborough and sister drama group, the Hutton Players, joined forces to host the first of two quizzes planned for 2026. Around 45 people attended Shenfield Parish Hall and were taken through a fast-paced and tricky set of questions, set by Quizmaster, Reg Wheeler. Hutton Players’ treasurer Ed Harvey’s table won, beating the next table by only one point! With a raffle and a few additional games played over the course of the evening, we happily made around £630 which will be shared equally between the two clubs and will help to fund our next shows. The second quiz is on 18 September, and we will confirm all the details of how to book in the summer. It was also fabulous to see some new faces at this quiz, including brand new Club members Margaret and Martin H. Welcome to the Marlborough!



**22-24 October 2026 – ‘My Boy Jack’ by David Haig - CAST**

Our Autumn show, which is almost fully cast, includes Andrew Chesney, Nathan Davies, Juliette Bird, Justin Cartledge, Craig Whitney, Richard Spong, David Staley, Bill Wells and Colin Richardson. Our website will announce the full cast very soon – find the article linked from the homepage.

**Visit us!** 27 June, 10am-4pm in the Baytree Centre, Brentwood for the Brentwood Arts Council ‘Arts Trail’ event. Come and say hello!

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