



Catholic Association of Performing Arts

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

I hope you all had a good summer and managed to cope with the heat. Now we are heading towards the autumn and I don't especially like seeing the nights getting darker earlier and earlier. However not much I can do about it!! Not a lot for the September Newsletter but what there is very interesting.

MICHAEL SLATER WRITES –

Our fundraising event at the CAA earlier this year was to help students at Newman House with the costs of their journey to Lourdes. The students – there were 20 of them in Lourdes this year – were there to tend to the sick and disabled at the St Frai hospital. The care that they give to those in need is incredible and everyone they help is so grateful to them all. I travelled to Lourdes with the students to the Westminster Pilgrimage on 27 July which was led by our President, Cardinal Vincent Nichols. We all went by Eurostar to Paris and then on to Montparnasse to catch the TVG to Lourdes where we arrived at 8.30 p.m. to be greeted by no less a person than the Cardinal!! Also with us were our three Associate Chaplains, Fr Chris Vipers, Fr Dennis Touw and Fr Dominic Robinson. On the day before we left, the Tour de France arrived in Lourdes for the first time since 1945!!! This was a very special time. They joined the torchlight procession (not riding their bikes!!) and were at Mass in the Grotto. Overnight the entrance to the domain was changed and there was a very festive atmosphere with lots of bikes around. Later on in the morning the bikers rode through the town with lots of spectators cheering them on their way. Our party arrived at Lourdes station at midday on the Friday to catch our train to Paris where we found that there WERE no trains due to a fire at Montparnasse. We didn't let this setback affect us and stayed waiting for a train and were rewarded for

our faith when one appeared at 4 p.m. We arrived back at Paris at 1 a.m. where we were looked after by the staff with a picnic and where we managed to have a few hours sleep before catching a train to the Gare du Nord to pick up the Eurostar to London. Next year, I think I might go to Skegness!!

Regrettably, I missed seeing **Dominic Hecht** who arrived with the Pilgrimage from Arundel and Brighton just as I left Lourdes.

SIOBHAN MURPHY

Many of our members know Siobhan very well as she has been a member of CaAPA for many years and is very supportive. She has also been incredibly generous in giving a large donation to the Westminster Pilgrimage this year to help enable the sick to travel to Lourdes. Siobhan was also at the event at the Old Bailey earlier this year and I rather think, like those of us from CaAPA who were there, she was very moved by the performance of The Way of the Cross and all the work that went into the organisation of the pilgrimage. Thank you so very much, Siobhan, for your very generous donation.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Victoria Moir will be appearing in **Summer of the Rockets** which will be shown next year on BBC2. **Toby Stephens**, who is one of our Vice Presidents, is in the lead role. The cast also includes **Keely Hawes**, (she is everywhere at the moment!!) **Linus Roach** and **Timothy Spall**. **Toby** is currently in Vancouver filming **Lost in Space**.

AND NEWS OF ONE OF THE WINNERS OF THE SIR ALEC GUINNESS AWARD

Asif Khan will be appearing at Stratford-on-Avon from 7 September until 23 February 2019 in TARTUFFE. Moliere's classic is being brought up to date in this brand new version by BAFTA and Emmy-Award winning writers. "Tartuffe has the gift of the gab. A spirituality. A certain aura about him. Watch

the lies and deceit unfold in this wickedly hilarious Brummy satire of faith, family and faking it.”

FUTURE EVENTS

9 October – CAA

This evening is now currently free if anyone wishes to put on their own production. Please let me know if you are interested. *

24 OCTOBER AT THE CAA

Annual General Meeting after which there will be the opportunity to meet our New Assistant Chaplains – Fr Chris Vipers (well known to many members), Fr Dennis Touw (also known to members) and Fr Dominic Robinson from Farm Street. Further details in the October Newsletter.

14 NOVEMBER AT THE CAA

Following on from the successful event on the subject of “Women in the Church” at the CAA last year, Playlets/Monologues on the subject of “Refugees”, again written by CaAPA members, will be performed at the CAA on 14 November. Further details in the next newsletter’

5 DECEMBER

Advent Event in support of the Nuns at Tyburn Convert to help them upgrade their heating system. All donations will go to them. More details in the October Newsletter

*** I am away from the 7th to the 22 September. If you have any queries please contact Michael Slater – e-mail address – slatermichael@hotmail.com or phone 07775 787502.**