

A stage play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter  
adapted from the original TV series  
by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer.  
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Pattingham Drama Group

Presents

# The Vicar of Dibley

14th –17th May 2014  
7.30pm Pattingham Village Hall



Pattingham Drama Group Newsletter— May 14

## The Vicar—tickets selling fast!

Tickets for our forthcoming production of 'The Vicar of Dibley' are selling like Mrs Cropley's rightly famous 'hot cakes', and all involved with the show are hopeful of being able to put up the 'House Full' sign at least one night of the run.

If you haven't yet got your tickets please make sure you contact the Box Office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Our cast and crew have worked really hard to bring this popular show to life on stage in Pattingham and deserve all of our support—so we're looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Box Office** Gladys Jones 01902 701433 [boxoffice@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk)

## HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed with refreshments for the week of the show. Whether you can help through the run or just one or two nights, please contact Gladys or Kate all help will be gratefully received!



## AGM

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 10th June and will start at 8 p.m. It will be held in the upstairs room of The Pigot Arms, Pattingham.

Please let me know if you are not able to attend or if you would like anything added to the Agenda.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Calendar Girls performed by Pattingham Drama Group in 2012. Pictured are Sue Hay, Jenny Olenik, Sam Kick and Chris Lyon; primary school teacher Sam will be playing the Vicar of Dibley in the group's forthcoming play. A Midsummer Night's Dream performed in 2013. Mike Hanson, Laura Melia and Sam Kick as the young lovers; the cast of Hebe's Choice from a production in 2010. Below: An article in the Express & Star in 2006 commemorates the 50th anniversary of Pattingham Drama Group.

## STAGE IS SET FOR TOP SHOW

"I'M VERY excited to be playing the Vicar of Dibley," says Sam Kick. "Dawn French was fantastic in the role and her comic timing was brilliant."

"I hope to portray the character my way but stay true to the heart of Geraldine."

Sam, a teacher at a primary school in Rugeley, is referring to this month's

production of The Vicar of Dibley by Pattingham Drama Group. Dawn French won acclaim in the role of the down-to-earth female minister and Sam knows she has big shoes to fill. She hopes her portrayal will be perfectly pitched.

The script focuses on the build up to Alice and Hugo's wedding and Sam says devotees of the sitcom will recognise many of the lines from several episodes, including the classic one when Geraldine's arrival in Dibley stocks villagers.

"You were expecting a bloke – beard, bible, bad breath. And instead you got a babe with a bob cut and a magnificent bosom."

Sam, 26, says playing the iconic character will involve eating copious amounts of chocolate. "I will probably be 10 stone heavier by the end," she jokes.

### Could you tread the boards?

Pattingham Drama Group – which in 2006 commemorated its 50th anniversary – would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining either the adult group or Patchwork Drama.

Patchwork Drama is the youth group for eight-18 year-olds and meets on Saturday evenings in term time at the village hall. The group hopes to inspire children to take part in the drama while also building their own personal confidence through workshops, productions and theatre trips.

For children interested in joining email [patchwork@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk](mailto:patchwork@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk)

### Anniversary finds drama group in good shape

**Fifty years, and the show still goes on**



The Vicar of Dibley will be performed from May 14 to 17 at 7.30pm, at Pattingham Village Hall. Tickets are £7 each and include a donation to Comic Relief. Contact Gladys Jones on 01902 700993 or email [boxoffice@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk)

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## Dates for your Diary!

Pattingham Drama Group presents

# 'SHADOWLANDS'

By William Nicholson

12th—15th Nov 2014

Directed by George Kinnell

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We are pleased to report that George continues to make a fantastic recovery from his accident earlier in the year, which meant the postponement of 'Shadowlands' to the autumn. He is all set to go now and will start with a read-through audition on **Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm** in the upstairs room of The Pigot. If you would like to read the play prior to the read-through please let George know and he will arrange to get a script out to you. If you are interested in taking part but cannot make the 17th please let George know on 01952 461768.

### Patchwork

On **Saturday 3rd May** Patchwork members accompanied by some adult PDG members will be visiting The Birmingham Rep for a theatre workshop. This is the third such workshop the Patchworkers have been on and each one is a unique opportunity to get behind the scenes of professional theatre. The Patchworkers are having a great time and learning new skills and tricks of the trade, which hopefully they can translate to the stage at Pattingham.

Thanks go to all those helping with Patchwork Drama in any way.



### Prospective Directors

The committee would welcome ideas from anyone wishing to direct in the future. Please contact any member of the committee or email Ian on [chairman@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk](mailto:chairman@pattinghamdramagroup.co.uk) if you would like to have a production considered.



Patchworkers at a recent backstage trip to The Grand, meeting inspirational star of 'The Two Worlds of Charlie-F' British Army Marine, Cassidy Little.