

AUDITION NOTICE

WILD GOOSE CHASE – A FARCE!

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Auditions to be held at Medway Little Theatre on
Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September 2019 in the Copley Room – 8pm

Playing dates (incl. charity nights) Tuesday, 21st January to Saturday, 1st February 2020

Synopsis:

Chester Dreadnought bluffs his way into the crumbling stately home of an impecunious aristocratic family, and even a trigger-happy belted Earl suffering from hallucinations cannot keep at bay the enterprising pair of jewel thieves who are pursuing their loot – not to mention Chester – round the castle. Suits of armour and secret doors, mistaken identities and dotty servants all help to provide the variety of fare that goes to the making of this wild goose chase.

All are welcome to attend on one – or both nights. This is a very active play and the following parts are particularly involved in the main chases

- Chester Dreadnought – must be- or be prepared to be – clean shaven! Drag is involved amongst other things such as the ability to wear armour!
- Capone – a crook and blackmailer
- Wedgewood – goes nowhere without Capone, does not speak but is a vital and **major** part in the play. Should be a contrast to Capone as in possibly tall/short. Capone and Wedgewood are heavily involved in all the ‘action’ and ‘business’ in the play.

The following parts are not quite so physically active

- Pat Elrood – Chester’s love interest and very charming and sane!
- Lady Elrood – Pat’s Mother - vague and stylish and decorates the scenes she is in. Not a large part but has some very good comedy moments with Pat and Chester
- Ada – the new maid, also a love interest for Chester although he is not always aware of that, and integral to the plot, although she is unaware of that
- Lord Elrood – mainly concerned with chasing the postman and guarding the castle. A small part, with not much dialogue but requires impeccable timing and brings the opportunity to ‘brandish a shotgun!’
- Miss Partridge – an opportunity to make this a character part makes this a gem. Although it is quite small there are some excellent comedy moments....if she is able to crawl across the floor and through fireplaces it would be helpful!
- Jenny Stewart – love-struck, young and a fan of Shakespeare! Am hoping to cast this from the Youth Theatre, but more than happy if anyone else wants to read. There is an opportunity to Glam Up!
- Hilary Pond – Jenny’s love interest and a young PC. Although not required for the chases – a certain amount of fitness required as he will need to be able to pick Jenny up. Also hoping to cast from the Youth Theatre

I do now have scripts and am happy to leave a couple down at the theatre to be looked at but please, make sure they come back!

If there are any questions or you cannot make the audition dates, please email me on cazzwsue@gmail.com and put WILD GOOSE CHASE in the subject line