

BRAMHAM DRAMA GROUP

The history of a drama group extends back at least 70 years, but the current group has its origins in 1980, and has continued to stage productions every year since then. The group has at least 50 members ranging in age from very young (5 or 6 years old) to more mature members.

We try to stage at least two productions usually in the Village Hall, one of which is an annual pantomime in December, but often have an additional one in the summer months. There is a Junior Drama section of school-age members which meets occasionally during the year and often provides junior parts for the pantomime. Our junior section has provided inspiration for some members to study drama, theatre or related subjects at University, whilst others have joined national drama companies.

Current group members include teachers of drama, dance, professional lighting technicians, writers and TV/Film directors, but just as important are the many members who have jobs outside drama, but who bring enthusiasm (and talent) to all aspects of the group.

The Drama Group is not just about the actors, singers and dancers on the stage, but relies on a few members who provide support by way of lighting and sound, music and special effects, set and scenery design/build, publicity and ticket sales, make-up, props and costumes, stage management and prompts. Most of these backstage crew members receive little recognition for their efforts, but without them there would be no productions.

Outside of rehearsal/production time we enjoy trips to the theatre, and other social events, including fundraising for equipment. The Community fund has generously donated to updating equipment including lighting and sound.

The Drama Group is keen to encourage new members both on stage and in backstage roles, not least because each year a few of our members leave or retire. We would especially encourage younger people in their teens, 20s and 30s to become involved.

The group meets to rehearse on Wednesdays and Sundays ahead of a production but backstage crew undertake work on other days as required. There is an annual membership fee of just £5 per person or £10 per family which covers insurance and some hall hire. There is no need to have experience, just lots of enthusiasm. We will find a role for you off or on stage.

Anyone interested in joining the group can contact current members of the drama group or Pat Rimington 01937 841435 mobile 07713430041. 'Like' our [Facebook page](#) here.