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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT JUNE 2013



by Carol Bense

If you could just stop laughing long enough to hear the next line, you would have to start laughing all over again. With absolutely no redeeming value, no moral, no meaning beyond hilarity, this laugh-riot will keep you clutching your sides until the very end. *Hello...Is There Any Body There?*, written by Ian Hornby, will be performed on July 26 and 27 and August 2 and 3 at 8:00PM, with a matinee at 2:00PM on Sunday, August 4. All performances will be at our theater on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro. Tickets will be available approximately June 1st at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main Street, or on-line at our website [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com).

Mystery writer, Lady Amelia Simpson Squire (Joyce Wood), is searching for a plot for her next novel while her husband, Sir Malcolm Squire (Gordon Brooks), tends to his brandy. Old family friend, Freddy (Wes Dean), gets snookered into helping. Mr. Smalls (Russ Ellis), the butler has some good ideas, but is constantly interrupted by the cook, Mabel (Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler) who did not steal the sherry. Suddenly there is a knock on the door and Mr. Vic Tim (Zach Shea) is ushered in, but, as you might have guessed by his name, he doesn't last long, creating a problem for the cast who must get him off stage so he can change into Detective Constable Fickey for the next act.

Investigating the murder, Inspector Diane Sides (Meggin Dail), struggles to control DC Fickey and solve the crime. She doesn't make much progress since the gorgeous Detective Constable Nunnal (Kaylin Dean) arrives, distracting all the witnesses. Miss Marbles (Kathleen Hill) is called in to set things to rights. That's when the Prompt (Mandy Ferriman) gets involved. Who dun it? Does it really matter? You will be laughing so hard, you won't care a whit.

Director, Jay Sydow, has enlisted Laura Cooper to act as Assistant Director. Producer is Carol Bense, with Josh Spaulding and Matt Johnson as Stage Managers, Deb Jones

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## \$\$ Making Ends Meet \$\$

by Carol Bense

If only we had lots of these hanging around the theater just sandbags to help hold the unfortunately, we don't. What we lots of expenses to keep our and to continue our plans to bring our building up to today's standards.



moneybags instead of sets up. But do have is theater going renovate and

We all love being involved in our shows, and certainly they bring in a good amount of revenue every year, but it's not enough to do all that needs to be done. To keep our theater strong and our building sound we need to raise funds. Your fund-raising committee has been working to do just that, especially with "Glamour In Mud Season." This event is doing well, but it was designed to grow every year and bring new folks into town, at a time of year when not much else is happening, to benefit both The Village Players and all our local businesses.

However, the committee has found that many of you did not even know that "Glamour in Mud Season" is a fund raising event for The Village Players. So we are now working to make sure that all our members and supporters realize that "Glamour in Mud Season" belongs to us.

One thing we are doing is creating a survey which we will send to everyone for whom we have an email address. Please respond to the survey. We need everyone's help on this. If you do not have email, or we do not have your email address, you can go to our website and fill out the form there. This is one small thing you can do to help in the fund-raising efforts.

If you can, please complete the survey on line ([www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com))(green box on the first page)as your answers will be automatically tabulated. If you do not have access to a computer, you can fill out this survey on pg. 2 and mail it to us, The Village Players, PO Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

### VP BITS news about members etc.

**Athena Ellis** has graduated from Hofstra University. It hardly seems possible since we remember her as that little girl stuffing her face continuously in *Dearly Departed*, but she is now on her way to a career in the theater. We wish her well.



If you have news about current or former Village Players, please forward it to [cwbense@roadrunner.com](mailto:cwbense@roadrunner.com).

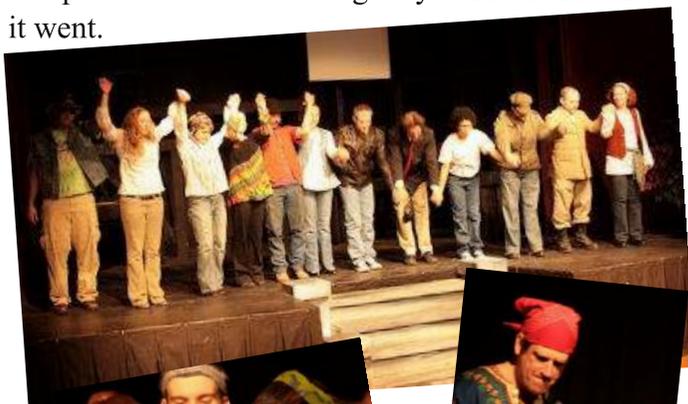
## Undeclared History - Declared

by Carol Bense

Our production of *Undeclared History* in April was quite special. It was the New England premier of this play, which was written by Isaac Rathbone for Hofstra University. The play is based on interviews that Mr. Rathbone conducted with vets returning to campus after their service.

Mr. Rathbone was kind enough to attend a rehearsal in order to discuss the play and the characters with the cast. He also attended the first two performances and remained available after the shows to answer questions or provide insight for audience members. We do not often have such an opportunity.

If you were not able to attend, here are some photos from the production which will give you some idea of how it went.



## Glamour in Mud Season Survey

1. Did you attend the Fred Marple Comedy Show?  yes  
 no not interested  no too busy  no too expensive  no  
 didn't know about it  no - other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Did you attend the Encounter with Glam Animals?  yes  
 no not interested  no too busy  no too expensive  no  
 didn't know about it  no - other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you attend the Traveling Wolfeburys' Concert  yes  
 no not interested  no too busy  no too expensive  no  
 didn't know about it  no - other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did you attend the benefit breakfast at The Strawberry Patch?  yes  
 no not interested  no too busy  no too expensive  no  
 didn't know about it  no - other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did you attend the Art Show and Reception at Lydia's Meeting House?  yes  
 no not interested  no too busy  no too expensive  no  
 didn't know about it  no - other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Did you attend the Art "Slog" Gallery walk?  yes  
 no not interested  no too busy  no too expensive  no  
 didn't know about it  no - other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you make an effort to see the entries downtown for "best decorated window" or "Glamour in Mud Season" costumed staff?  yes  no

8. Did you try any "Glamour in Mud Season" themed recipes?  yes  no

If yes, did you go to the business specifically to try the recipe, or were you there and saw that there was a Glamour in Mud Season recipe offered?  Went to try the recipe  Just tried it on the spot

9. Did you attend "Glam Night Out" at the Downtown Grille Café last year?  yes  no

10. If you are a local business owner or work at an area business, was your business a sponsor or contest participant?  yes  no  
 Do you think the business would like to be a supporter of "Glamour in Mud Season"?  yes  no

11. Did you visit the Glamour in Mud Season website, <http://glamourinmudseason.org/>  yes  no

12. For users of Facebook and other social media:

Did you see the "Glamour in Mud Season" Facebook page?  yes  no

Did you "like" it?  yes  no

Did you share any posts about "Glamour in Mud Season" or encourage people to attend events or take part in contests by talking about it on your page?  yes  no

13. Do you think Glamour in Mud Season is a good tool for raising funds and visibility for The Village Players?  yes  no

14. Can you suggest any other fund-raising tools that you would be willing to help with?

## Please bring Josh home from Sochi Russia

by Russ Ellis

Our friend Josh Spaulding is going to the Olympics next winter. Yes, that's right, our own small town sports editor got credentials to go to the Olympics to cover the story. He will cover all the winter sports you love, skiing, skating, curling and even biathlon. This is a sports writer's once in a lifetime chance to cover a truly worldwide event ...BUT... he doesn't have enough money to get home.

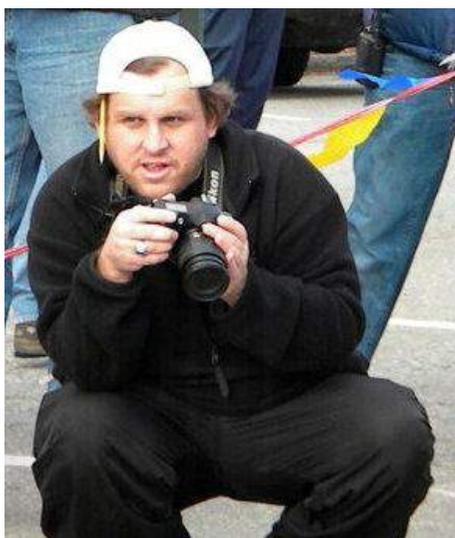
For those of you don't know Josh, he has been involved with the Village Players for the last few years. He has built sets, worked backstage, donated costumes and props, done publicity and even appeared onstage, briefly, in *Leading Ladies* ...BUT... he can't get home.

Josh has enough money to get there, but, not to get home. So the Village Players are going to put on a show to "Bring Josh Home". We will present our first ever celebrity roast on July 6th ... TO BRING JOSH HOME. The show will roast Josh, in good fun, to raise funds to bring him home. There will be speakers telling jokes, at Josh's expense, and many surprises.

If you have a funny story to relate about Josh, we need you. If you would like to sing Josh a funny song, we need you. Something else funny? We need you. If you don't have anything to offer, get a ticket because it is going to be a night filled with laughs and fun, and all at Josh's expense - so don't miss it.

If you would like to help out, let Russ Ellis know. He can be reached at ram2sak@aol.com or 569-9218. If you want a ticket, let Russ know. Tickets will be available in early June at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main St., Wolfeboro and on our website [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com).

We need to BRING JOSH HOME.



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doing costumes, Hunter Emory creating the lighting design, and running the lights and sound. Delina Bickford will be in charge of make-up. Tori Neal is working on props. Priscilla and Jim Adams will be the House managers. Jeannette D'Onofrio is creating the poster and programs and Jerome Holden will make our banner. Josh Spaulding is doing double duty as Publicity Manager and Photography will be by Michael Wilfert and Tim Brown.

Be sure to bring tissues to wipe away the tears brought on by convulsive laughter.

## MEET ANOTHER NEW MEMBER OF YOUR BOARD - JAMES ADAMS

by James Adams

*What was your first show with the Village Players and what got you involved?*

My first experience with Village Players was attending all six performances of *Oklahoma!* to see my daughter and wife's first VP show. My first show with Village Players was *Little Shop of Horrors*.

*Since then, what are some of your favorite roles (on and off stage)?*

My favorite role was bringing life to the plant in *Little Shop of Horrors* with Rick Tessari. It was my first show and I had an incredible time performing with my wife, Priscilla, and daughter, Kristine, and making a lot of new friends. I have since been involved with several VP productions including *Leading Ladies* where I enjoyed working behind the scenes backstage as a part of the crew, and had a bit part as an incompetent caterer; and working backstage on *Gypsy* and having way too much fun with the crew.



*If you had a VP magic wand, what would you make happen for the theater?*

With my VP magic wand, I would purchase one of the surrounding buildings so that I could have it torn down and put in a nice parking lot for the theater.

*Tell us a little bit about you in 'real life'.*

I live in Alton NH, am married to Priscilla Adams, and we have raised two wonderful young ladies Sarah and Kristine, who are off attending college. We have a German Shepherd, Oggy, and are currently enjoying free time while the kids are away at school. I have been employed with the State of NH at the Dept of Safety for the last 17 years.

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Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month. All dues-paying members are also welcome to attend. Be sure your membership is current to receive your newsletter and special membership deals.

Contact Carol Bense - cwbense@roadrunner.com or 569-1396 - if you have changes in your address or email, or if you are unsure about your membership status.

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**DON'T FORGET WWW.VILLAGE-PLAYERS.COM**

Fall will be here before you know it and we will be in the full throes of producing  
*Fiddler On The Roof.*

Twenty-five years ago we put on our first production of Fiddler with Rosemary Lounsbury at the helm. To celebrate our continued success, we are doing it again; and, again, Rosemary will direct. She has put some information on our website for those of you who might want to audition or work on this production.

Your can find it at <http://www.village-players.com/plays/fiddler2/fiddlerauditionfaq.pdf> or go to [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com), click on Coming Attractions, then click on the Fiddler logo

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