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# WDG NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

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## Hay Fever a success!

Hay Fever by Noel Coward was performed to sell out audiences at The Heron Theatre in Beetham from Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th April, with a matinee and an evening



performance. The crew and cast really enjoyed this reimagining of Coward through Marion's skilful relocation of the play to a live radio broadcast. The cast had fun playing two parts; their character in the script and their alter ego from the original cast of the 1929 production. We had excellent live sound effects from Malcolm, fantastic music and sound from Neil and who can forget Marion's voice eerily pre recorded stage announcements! The cast had much fun reading Coward's words from an authentic paper script with great speed and much comedy. The audience lapped it up and laughed along. The feedback was very positive and The Heron management were delighted with the sell out performances. Congratulations to Marion who picked up the production in the new year and made it her own, bringing her expertise and enthusiasm to this classic comedy. Coward seems very popular at the moment with

**The cast warm up for the final performance of Hay Fever at the Heron Theatre**

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productions at the Royal Exchange in Manchester and the West End in November - as always WDG are at the vanguard. Finally, a big thanks to Iain, Peter, Brad, Keith and Emma for their work behind the scenes. If you would like to see production photos see our socials: Facebook - Warton Drama Group, Instagram - wartondrama

## Website Update

Please check out our website. Garry is doing a great job keeping it up to date. He has added a 'People' section to help bring our group to life, featuring amongst others Margaret Welbank and Arden Chandler. There will be more people to come, so check it out here <https://www.wdg.org.uk>

## Committee News

The committee of Jo, Marion, Phil, Danny, Neil and Marian continue to meet every couple of months to keep the group on track. Recent meetings have focused on reviewing finances and our constitution. We've also talked about current and future productions, more news on the latter very soon!

Please note that anyone is welcome to attend committee meetings and contribute to discussions, in the (unlikely) event of a vote non committee members cannot vote. Future meeting dates are Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 30th July at Jo & Davids house in Hest Bank. We will be looking for new committee members at the AGM including a Publicity Officer, please consider standing. Notifications with more details will be sent out via email a few weeks before each event.

## WDG AGM: Tuesday 22nd September 2026

**“Absolutely loved the performance this evening! So funny! Must be such fun to perform! Everyone was great!”**

- HAY FEVER AUDIENCE MEMBER



Back stage at Hay Fever

