

## **Audition Notice: Cross Keys, Upton Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm**

The Prisoner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

A black comedy by Neil Simon

16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010 Winthorpe Community Centre

Directed by Dawn Bond

The play is set in the 14th floor apartment of Mel and Edna Edison on 2nd Avenue in New York.

It mainly focuses on Mel and Edna who have lived in the apartment for six years. They thought they were moving into a luxurious apartment but all they got was paper-thin walls and a view of five taller buildings from the balcony. Although the play is mainly a two-hander there is a lovely scene involving Mel's three sisters and older brother. I am also making the radio announcer an actor rather than a voice with that person also helping out backstage.

The characters are:

**Mel Edison** — A small man in his 50s or 60s who moans about everything, especially the neighbours, gets fired from his job and suffers a nervous breakdown.

**Edna Edison** — His devoted wife who tries to calm him down and de-stress him. She has to take control and become the breadwinner. She is in her 40s, 50s or 60s.

**Henry Edison** — Mel's older brother. A wise businessman. 60s.

**Pearl** — Mel's sister. Likes to do needlepoint and is more dominant than the other sisters. 50s/60s.

**Jessie** — Mel's sister. The quieter one who cries a lot. 50s/60s.

**Pauline** — Mel's sister. The crazy one. 50s/60s

**Roger Keating** — Radio announcer.

Don't worry about the ages too much as I can always come down or go up, depending who wants to audition for which part. Although the two main characters do have a lot to learn and do I am hoping they will have fun. I expect to rehearse with them three times a week, with the other actors only being required about once a week. For more details please give me a ring on 01636 605824. For scripts please contact José on 01636 706097

Look forward to seeing you at the audition.

Dawn Bond