

## Blog post promoting event

### Controversial Wednesday Play returns

Saturday July 18th, 2015

Lydbrook, Forest of Dean

In 1968 a Forest village became home to film as actors, directors, cameras, costumes - and a bear! spent a week there making Potter's Wednesday Play, *A Beast with Two Backs*. Using local school children and adults as extras, and the local pub as hair & make-up HQ, on-location filming took place in the village and surrounding area. Now nearly 50 years on the play is returning for a day of recollection, talks, exhibition, and the first ever theatrical screening of the play itself. Join us for this free event, with exhibition from 10.30am, and screening at 2pm, at Lydbrook Memorial Hall, Lydbrook, Gloucestershire, GL179PP.

This is an event put together by the partnership of University of Gloucestershire and University of Warwick, with the support of the British Film Institute, Forest of Dean Local History Society, and Dean Heritage Museum.

### Schedule for the day

*drop in at any point or join us for the whole day...*

10.30: Exhibition Opens, Tea and coffee served

11.00: Welcome, preview, and short talk: The importance of the Forest to Dennis Potter

11.20: Open mic: Is Potter important to the Forest of Dean?

11.40: Working with the community on the Remembering Dennis Potter book

12.00: Memories, and the experience of being Interviewed

BREAK 12.30-1.30 (buffet of sandwiches and cakes) Tea & Coffee served

1.30: Why a Beast with Two Backs? Controversy and what the critics & the audience said

2.00: Film screening of *A Beast with Two Backs* (70 minutes)

3.15-3.45: Over to the audience: Your memories, stories or thoughts on *A Beast with Two Backs*

3.45-4.00: Thank you and feedback forms