



The Guild Players

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Newsletter - August 2015

An update as we approach the start of the 2015/16 Guild Players season.

Annual General Meeting

The Guild Players AGM will be held at 8 pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 in Finchley Methodist Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only paid up members may vote. The agenda and nomination forms should have been emailed to members with this newsletter. Annual membership subscriptions (£20) also become payable at this point in the year. The meeting usually only lasts for 30 minutes (so please don't be late!) after which we will be rehearsing for the Autumn production.

Hall Renovations

The main Church Hall is being completely renovated and re-carpeted over the summer. The stage area is also being redecorated, new curtains hung, and new lighting bars are being installed.

A big thank you to all the members who turned up to help clear the hall and stage so that the work could begin in July.

The work to the stage will greatly benefit our productions, but it is a fairly major expense. The Church has kindly loaned us a large part of the cost of the new lighting set up, therefore it is important that we make as much profit as possible on our forthcoming productions to enable us to re-pay this debt.

Autumn Production

Arrangements are being put in place for us to perform a pantomime as this year's Autumn production. Performance dates are Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th December 2015.

To make sure this goes ahead we will need the help of as many members as possible - front of house and wardrobe support being key areas. A full job spec for front of house manager is available for anyone interested in taking on the role.

All the off stage roles are just as important as those performing on stage, and are good ways to become completely involved in the 'pantomime family'.

The Panto is likely to be a version of Treasure Island, and will be directed by Mike Sparks.

Read throughs for casting will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 9th September, Monday 14th September and Wednesday 16th September, all at 8 pm. All are welcome to find out more and get involved.

'One Night Only' Production

Andrew Baker's production of 'The Dumb Waiter' will be in the Church Hall for two performances on one day only - Saturday 26th September 2015 at 3.00 pm & 7.45 pm. Publicity will be out shortly.

Future Performance Dates

These are the performance dates the committee have provisionally pencilled in for 2016. Suggestions for potential plays are always welcomed by the committee.

Easter Touring Production	Monday 21 st to Good Friday 25 th March 2016
Spring Production	Thursday 21 st to Saturday 23 rd April 2016
Summer 'One Night Only' Production	Saturday 16 th July 2016
Autumn Production	Thursday 24 th to Saturday 26 th November 2016

Membership 2015/16

September is the time to pay your £20 Guild Players subscription for the 2015/16 season.

As we are currently without a membership secretary (any volunteers?), it is **ESSENTIAL** that you submit a membership form with your payment so that we have an accurate record of who has paid and your up to date contact details. A membership form should have been included with this newsletter mailing, & further copies are available via the website.

We welcome newcomers to come along and spend a couple of evenings with us to see if we are the sort of group they would like to join before having to pay for membership. Beyond that, it is expected that **EVERYONE** taking part in Guild Players activities should have paid their £20 annual membership fee. The only additional charge we make is a production fee (usually around £10 - £15) for the actors taking part in each show which covers the cost of your script and provision of refreshments at rehearsals.

Committee

The Guild Players Committee meets every couple of months to organise the running of the group on behalf of the members. All the officer and committee roles are up for election at the AGM every year. If you would like to play (or retain) a role in the running of the group, you need to get yourself nominated - don't assume that someone will put your name forward!

Nominations must be made in advance of the AGM (not at the meeting) using the nomination form or by emailing the Chair with all the details.