

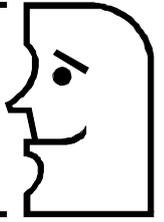


The Guild Players

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Newsletter - January 2011

A belated happy new year from the Guild Players. The committee met in early January to plan our programme for the next few months. This newsletter will give you an update of how you can get involved, whether you are an established member, new to the group or thinking about joining us.

'Club Nights'

One of the items the committee discussed was how to keep members engaged & involved if they don't have an active role in the current production. We have decided to hold a monthly 'club night' when anyone can drop in for a coffee, see how rehearsals for the current production are progressing, and take part in activities such as play readings. They would also be the first point of contact for potential new members who want to find out more about joining the Guild Players. We are currently calling these 'club nights' as we haven't yet come up with a better name! If you have suggestions for club night activities or would like to run a play reading, please contact Mike Sparks or any of the committee.

The first 'club night' will be on Wed 19th Jan at 8 pm and will include a reading of Jack's script for the Easter tour.

During February & March we intend to run fortnightly 'club nights' taking the form of training led by Laurie & Alan on 'voice' and 'stagecraft'. These sessions are open to all. They are currently pencilled in for 2nd & 16th February and 2nd & 16th March.

Further details of the 'club night' programme and dates will be announced soon.

Extra Production (25th - 26th February 2011)

We are running an extra production at the end of February, "Contacts", a new play by Mike Sparks. We are able to perform on the stage as the hall is available on a Friday evening due to half term. There will be two performances on Saturday, a matinee and in the evening. Due to the very short production period it wasn't possible on this occasion to hold our usual read through and casting evenings. The production is cast and rehearsals are already underway.

Easter Touring Production (18th - 22nd April 2011)

Just prior to Easter each year we take a small scale production out on tour for a week to Churches in the surrounding area. The final performance is always at Finchley Methodist Church at 8 pm on Good Friday. Jack has written a script for this production which be performed from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April 2011.

Spring Production (16th - 18th June 2011)

Due to Easter being so late this year we have pushed our Spring production performance dates back to June. Jeff will be directing although the play has yet to be decided. Performances will be on Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th June 2011.

Read Through Evening

A read through evening for the Spring & Easter productions will take place on Wednesday 2nd March at 8 pm. Everyone interested in taking part in those productions should attend. We will publicise it again nearer the time.

Autumn Production 2011 (8th - 10th December 2011)

We are hoping to produce a pantomime this year, however it will depend on people coming forward to fill ALL the production team roles by the start of September.

During our 2010/11 season we are hoping that all members will take the opportunity to get involved with a production area they have not tried before, or to build on existing skills. Having gained some experience they will in future be able take on responsibility for jobs including designing & building sets, stage management, front of house management, publicity, etc.

New Members

We often receive enquiries from people asking how they can join the group. The best way is simply to turn up and see for yourself if we are the sort of people you want to spend your evenings with! We are a community group and welcome anyone who wants to get involved in putting on productions whether they have lots of amdram experience or none. Come along to one of our 'club nights' to find out more.

Contact Us

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