

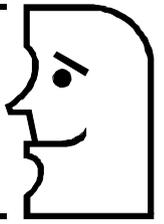


# The Guild Players

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## Newsletter - January 2014

A happy new year to all our members and friends.

### Pantomime

"Jack and the Beanstalk" was another resounding success for the Guild Players with over 450 people paying to come and see the performances in December. A significant profit was realised, some of which will go towards our project to renovate the stage area. The panto was marked by great good humour on the part of the audiences and a pleasing warmth amongst the entire cast and company. We have received many positive comments about the panto and there is a glowing review in the January issue of "The Archer", the East Finchley community newspaper.

### Next Meeting

Our first meet up of the new year will be at 8pm on Wednesday 15th January at Finchley Methodist Church Hall. It will be a chance to meet up, talk about our plans for productions and activities, and to read through a few scripts. If you are interested in taking part in any of our forthcoming productions please come along.

### Spring Production

The committee have asked David Constable to direct the Spring Production. The actual play has yet to be chosen, but the interest shown at the meeting on 15 Jan will help guide the decision. Performances will be on 15th to 17th May.

### Holy Week Tour

Our annual touring production will take place as usual, visiting five venues around the borough from 14 to 18 April. This year the play is entitled "Pilate's Wife" and has a small cast providing some excellent acting opportunities. The script will be read for the first time on 15th Jan.

### Commemoration of the First World War

We have been invited to perform a piece commemorating the anniversary of WW1 in Finchley Central Library on 24th April. This will be an anthology with music entitled "The Glorious Madness", and will require up to four performers. Further information at the meeting on 15 Jan.

### Up-coming activities

In addition to the forthcoming performances, the committee is planning a number of social/fund raising activities during the year. These are planned to include a Sixties Night Summer Hop featuring live music from the Panto House Band; a table quiz; and a summer barbecue. There will also be at least one professionally led training course during the year.

### Membership

To be considered for being cast in any of our productions, or take advantage of member's social activities, you must be a member of the Guild Players at an annual cost of just £20 a year. In particular the training course will only be open to paid up members of the group.

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