

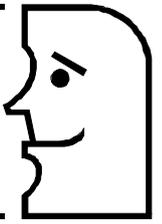


# The Guild Players

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## Newsletter - November 2009

### Autumn Production (26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009)

Sadly we will not be producing a major play this autumn. The author's agents prevaricated so much over the grant of the necessary performance licence that initial delays meant we were left with insufficient time in which to do justice to Blithe Spirit as had been planned. There was then not enough time to find and produce a suitable alternative. Indications that a licence might be available to perform the play in the spring instead also proved to be unreliable.

### The Inn Keeper's Christmas (12<sup>th</sup> December 2009)

Rehearsals for this additional production are going well on Wednesday nights. This re-telling of the nativity story will be performed in Finchley Methodist Church at 7 pm on Saturday 12th December.

- "The Inn Keeper's Christmas" a short alternative nativity play by Mike Sparks
- Interval - coffee & mince pies
- A selection of seasonal poetry and prose plus a sprinkling of traditional carols to sing

No tickets or entry costs, but there will be the opportunity to make a donation to a Church sponsored project in Ghana.

### Play Reading Evenings (11<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009)

Since there will be no Autumn production we will be taking the opportunity to use some of the time available to read some plays which we might consider performing next year. Everyone will be welcome to take part in play reading evenings on Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November. Join us at 8 pm in Finchley Methodist Church Hall.

### Holy Week Tour (30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010)

The Easter Tour will take place at the end of March. This is something which we would hope all members would have a go at. It provides an excellent experience of performing in unusual and challenging situations. Although based on a Biblical story, all are welcome to take part, whatever their belief.

### Spring Production (13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010)

This production will go ahead with Mike Sparks directing as was originally planned. The dates remain the same, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The actual play is yet to be decided.

**NOTE:** Casting for both the Spring and Holy Week Productions will take place simultaneously so there should be something for most people to do. Read through evenings for BOTH productions will take place early in the new year.

## **Committee**

There are currently two vacancies on the committee. If you are interested please speak to the Guild Players Chairman, Mike Sparks.

## **Membership 2009/10**

Membership subscriptions for the year 2009/10 are now overdue. It is expected that everyone taking part in Guild Players activities pays the annual membership fee of £15.

Please submit payments to Betty, our membership secretary, as soon as possible.

Membership renewal forms are available online:  
[www.guildplayers.org.uk/about/membership.php](http://www.guildplayers.org.uk/about/membership.php)

That's all for now, hope to see you again soon.