



The Guild Players

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Newsletter - September 2009

Autumn Production (26th - 28th November 2009)

It is good to see that Ian is back in circulation after his serious accident the week before performances of 'Hay Fever'. He will be directing our Autumn Production, to be performed in late November. The actual piece we will be doing has yet to be decided. Ian has some interesting ideas in mind but it partly depends on who turns up to the read through evenings.

There will be three meetings at Finchley Methodist Church Hall starting at 8 pm on:

Wednesday 9th September

Monday 14th September

Wednesday 16th September

ALL are welcome to these evenings, whether you are an old hand or a complete newcomer to the Guild Players.

It is important that anyone interested in taking part in the production in any way should make certain that they get to all or some of the above meeting dates.

Come along, but remember there can be no production without some members being willing to take on back stage and front of house roles - we cannot operate on actors only! Give these other roles a go, who knows, you might enjoy yourselves!

What's Been Happening During The Summer?

Although we have not been meeting, important things have been happening for the Players. Most important has been the demolition of the old wartime air raid shelters behind the Church which were used for storage until they became too leaky and damp. In their place we have installed a large concrete garage to form our brand new storage space. Thanks go to Dave, Mike, Andy, Ann, Martin, Ian, Jeff, Paul, Jenny, Judith and Stuart for their help in emptying the old shelters, filling skips, preparing the area for the new unit and overseeing its delivery. We have also been making arrangements for the re-laying of the pathways around the new unit to prevent possible flooding and make access easier. This work should be completed in the next few weeks.

This has all taken up a great deal of time but should be beneficial to way in which the Players operate. The next step will be for us to get together to fit out the new unit and transfer some of our assets into it.

Annual General Meeting (23rd September 2009)

Along with the printed version of this newsletter you will have received formal notification of arrangements for the Guild Players AGM. This will be held at 8 pm on 23rd September at Finchley Methodist Church Hall. Please make every effort to attend **promptly**. The meeting usually only takes about half an hour and precedes a rehearsal evening.

Annual General Meeting (continued)

The AGM is an important event which gives you the chance to find out what is going on and how things operate. Please make every effort to attend.

All officer and committee roles are up for election at this point every year. Please don't be hesitant to get yourself nominated if you would like to play a role in the running of the group. A reminder that nominations **MUST** be submitted in advance of the AGM.

Remember, to vote at the meeting or stand for election, you must have been a fully paid up member this year.

Membership 2009/10

It is now time to pay membership subscriptions for the coming year. A membership renewal form should have been included with this mailing and you are kindly requested to return it promptly, along with your payment, to Betty.

We welcome newcomers to come along to 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 the Players pays their membership fee.

Membership is £15 per year - this works out as just £1.25 per month or 29p per week!

The only additional charge we make is a 'production fee' of around £10-15 for actors taking part in each show. This covers the cost of your script and provision of refreshments at rehearsals.

Looking Forward

The committee met at the start of September and has been considering plans for the next year. These are the proposed production performance dates for you to put into your diary.

Easter Touring Production Tuesday 30th March to Good Friday 2nd April 2010

Spring Production Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th May 2010

Autumn Production Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th December 2010

Time to give some early thought to perhaps taking part in the Easter Touring Production. This is very good training and always provides a stimulating experience. The Spring production will be directed by Mike Sparks – his first straight play for some years – and is likely to be a thriller of some sort.

The Guild Players Committee and the Church (of which the Players are part) are looking at the possibility of putting together some sort of community production as the Autumn show just before Christmas next year. This would involve the Guild Players and Finchley Methodist Church members working to engage a variety of people to perform a show together.

That's all for now, hope to see you on 9th / 14th / 16th September.

Copies of this newsletter, membership forms, AGM agendas and nomination forms are all available on the Guild Players website www.guildplayers.org.uk/diary/noticeboard.php