

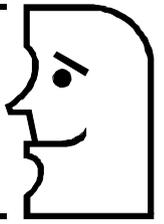


# The Guild Players

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## Newsletter - September 2014

An update as we commence the new 2014/15 Guild Players season.

### Autumn Production

For our next show we are planning to present the classic three act farce "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas, first performed in 1892.

We will be holding our first read through evening on Wednesday 3rd September at 8 pm in Finchley Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome to come along to find out more. We will continue with read throughs, and then rehearsals, at 8 pm every Monday & Wednesday.

Performances will be on Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd November 2014.

**Please note the change of dates from those previously announced.**

Important note to newcomers (and a reminder to old stagers). The director will cast the production from those who show interest and turn up to the initial read throughs. We do not hold auditions. In addition we also require a full production team to stage the production.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Guild Players will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm. We are normally successful at keeping the meeting duration to under 30 minutes. Please help us achieve this again by attending **PROMPTLY for an 8 pm start**. The meeting will be followed by coffee and then a shortened rehearsal for the autumn production.

Everyone interested in the Guild Players is invited to attend the AGM but only existing paid up members can vote. An agenda and a nomination form should have been received with this newsletter. Nominations must be made in advance of the AGM (not at the meeting).

ALL the officer and committee roles are up for election at this point 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 automatically!

### Membership 2014/15

It is now time to pay your £20 Guild Players subscription for the 2014/15 season.

A membership form should have been included with this mailing. It is **ESSENTIAL** that you submit a membership form with your payment so that we have an accurate record of your contact details. Further copies of the membership form 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 £12 - £15) for the actors taking part in each show. This covers the cost of your script and provision of refreshments at rehearsals.

## Quiz Night

We are holding a fund raising Quiz Night at the hall on Saturday 4th October. Please mark the date in your diaries and look out for further information soon.

## Looking Forward...

These are the performance dates we have provisionally pencilled in for 2015. Suggestions for potential plays are always welcomed by the committee.

Easter Touring Production      Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

Spring Production                Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Autumn Production                Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## And Looking Back...

### - Garden Party

Huge thanks to Richard Hardinge for hosting our annual summer garden party at his home on the 7th June 2014.

### - Training Course

We very sadly had to cancel the professionally tutored drama training course that we had planned to take place over four evenings in late July. This was due to the lack of response from members signing up and paying for the course by the publicised deadline. The low numbers would have made running the course impractical and uneconomic. If there were any reasons why you didn't want to take part (cost? dates? content? unaware?) please let Mike or other committee members know so that we can take these into account when planning any future training sessions.

## Extra Event

If you are around on Wednesday 27th August, you would be most welcome to join us for an informal play reading evening. Mike has recently completed writing a new play and would like to hear what it sounds like when read aloud. Come along to the hall at 8 pm to read "The Necklace", a short 2 act play.