



Shiplake and Dunsden  
Dramatic Organisation  
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 MARCH 2006 IN THE PLOWDEN  
ARMS SHIPLAKE (FOLLOWING THE AGM)

PLEASE SEE AGM MINUTES FOR LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing future events for 2006-2007 and there were no other agenda items.

Pantomime

There was much discussion as to whether we should do another Pantomime this year, or whether we should move to doing a Pantomime every other year. The majority view was that the Pantomime should be an annual event, but subject to there being willing and available directors on board!

Mark advised that Neil George had expressed interest in directing a Pantomime (with support from others), and Mark agreed he would contact Neil to find out whether he was still interested in this. Mark would report back.

**Action: Mark Manson**

Chris suggested that a suitable student might be able to assist a director (e.g. perhaps Kimberley would be interested).

It might also be possible to bring in an external director from another source (e.g. through HAODS).

This would be discussed again at the next committee meeting.

Steve reported that he had made Hall bookings ready for a Pantomime as follows:

8-12 January 2007

15-19 January 2007

20-28 January 2007 (performances would be 25/26/27 January 2007)

Further production for 2007-play

There was much discussion about what other production we might do during 2006, and the best timing for this in view of the Pantomime etc.

It was felt that the best time to present a play (or similar) would be after the Summer holidays, but allowing enough time for people to get back into it after the Summer (i.e. the best time would probably be late September or early/mid October). This timing would also have to take account of the start of Pantomime rehearsals.

The key was felt to be the learning of lines so that all parts knew their lines at an early stage, to then enable character development and stage movement etc.

If the script could be sorted out and parts cast by June, then all lines should be known by September (when we come back from Summer holidays) so that no scripts would be used.

Fred Lawson kindly offered to direct a play in September or October and it was agreed that we would aim to put on a suitable play at this time (2 nights), with Fred directing.

It was agreed that the Hall would be needed for 2 consecutive weekends and a week in between (for set build and rehearsals), plus a couple of additional evenings in advance of this.

Steve would check the Hall availability for this time of year and report back.

**Action: Steve Watkins**

The choice of play was discussed and a comedy/farce thought to be the preferred option.

Liz Thomas agreed to circulate the play library list to the committee

**Action: Liz Thomas**

Mark would find out about 'Allo 'Allo and report back to the committee as this was thought to be a potential choice.

**Action: Mark Manson**

Everyone would have a think about what plays might be suitable and send ideas to Fred (through Hilary).

Liz Thomas would host a play reading evening on April 24<sup>th</sup> to test some ideas and to discuss further details

<p><b>NOTE: THIS DATE IS BEING RE-ARRANGED AND THE PLAY READING EVENING WILL NOT NOW BE ON 24 APRIL. PLEASE CANCEL THIS DATE FROM DIARIES! LIZ WILL ADVISE AN ALTERNATIVE DATE.</b></p>
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We will discuss this production further at the next committee meeting (9 May 2006) and everyone to come with ideas if they have not previously e-mailed Hilary (so that she can advise Fred).

**Action: Everyone, Hilary, Fred**

Fred and Beryl will host a play reading evening on Monday May 22 to test out ideas for plays and to discuss the production further. Fred will advise Hilary of the details and she will put out a note to all members. This should be a general note prior to the next committee meeting so that members reserved the date in their diary, followed by a more detailed note re choice of play(s) etc after the committee meeting

**Action: Fred and Beryl, Hilary**

**The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 9 May 2006 in the Plowden Arms.**