



Shiplake and Dunsden
Dramatic Organisation
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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11 September 2008 at Little Timbers, Baskerville Lane, Shiplake

Present

Chris Irons, Gareth Jones, Angela Cadman, Mark Manson (Chair), Angela Jones, Hilary Tucker, Fred Lawson, Steve Matthews

Apologies

Neil George, Liz Thomas

1. Panto

Steve confirmed that the dates for this will be 22-24 January 2009 (clear up on 25 Jan). The chairs will have to be cleared away on 22 Jan because of the pilates class.

Steve has spoken to Nancy and the bookings are made.

We have the Memorial Hall from 5 Jan 2009. The set build will be over weekend of 17/18 Jan.

Steve has also spoken to Rosemary and we have the Church Rooms from 5 October. We will rehearse on Thursday evenings.

The scripts have been read and Jack and The Beanstalk has been chosen.

Liz Thomas (by email) confirmed that she had obtained the script licences to copy and perform. She added that she was happy to help Steve and Fred with adaptations to create some additional roles and to customise for our audience.

Liz T also offered to assist with casting and auditions if helpful and Hilary also offered to help with this if helpful. Directors will advise Liz and Hilary re this.

Mel Crowder told Mark that she would like to be involved with the set this year. Mark will contact Mel and talk to her about what help she can give.

Steve is going to let Hilary have an email to assess interest in the roles (+ a list of roles) and Hilary will send this out over the weekend to all current members + past members from the last couple of years (which includes some of the juniors from previous Pantos who did not re-join for ACC).

Hilary will ask for replies to Steve by 19 September so that Steve and Fred can arrange the auditions etc.

Angela (J) will put poster in the village shop re the Panto and auditions.

It was felt that we needed a couple of hours for the auditions, splitting the evening (date tbc) into junior and adult roles.

Fred and Steve aim to start rehearsals around w/c 5 October (date tbc).

Then we will need to firm up all the non acting roles. Mark will contact Cheryl Milne who has offered help with wardrobe.

Action: Fred and Steve, Hilary, Angela (J), Liz (T) Mark

2. One-Act Plays

The aim is for these to go ahead next year. Mark has talked to Nancy and has provisionally booked 27/28 March 2009 (Friday and Saturday nights).

Liz T offered (by email) to direct one of the plays if someone will take on the other.

This matter will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

3. Wilfred Owen Concert

Mark has the draft running order and we have 2 x 10 minute slots.

Mark will liaise with Neil George and Angela Cadman re this. Mark will talk to Neil and Angela will email Neil. Mark will go and see John B with Neil to talk it through.

An extract from 'Blackadder' was suggested and Chris Irons suggested a rendition of the song Willy McBride, Chris will circulate details of this song.

Action: Mark, Neil, Angela Cadman, Chris Irons

4. Bells Appeal Concert

We have agreed to put on about 20 minutes of this at the M Hall on 25 October.

We will hand out info re the Panto at the same time.

It was agreed that we will put on a 'read' performance of Last Panto in Little Grimley as if it were on a radio show.

Angela Jones agreed to organise this and will liaise with Pam Hudgell.

Action: Angela Jones

5. MM (PPP)

Mark reported that this is going ahead and Janet Banks says that everyone is very keen.

Mark reported that the M Hall is booked for 22 November.

We will be charging £250 and Mark will liaise with JB – Gareth will look out the contract and let Mark have a copy.

Mark and Hilary will organise an initial read through at which a rehearsal plan can be made.

Action: Mark, Gareth and Hilary

6. NODA Insurance

This is now due for renewal. The scheme has changed a little but Gareth reported that the cover is suitable for us and he will send a cheque to renew this as due 23 September. Gareth will let Hilary have the certificate once issued for the records.

Action: Gareth

7. Membership Renewals

These are now due. Hilary will organise a new form and notice etc before the auditions for the Panto.

Action: Hilary

8. AOB

It was agreed that everyone will give thought to ticket prices for Panto.

9. Next Meeting

This will be on **Monday 27 October 2008** (venue tbc). Hilary will send out confirmation and venue in due course.

Action: Hilary