



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24 July 2008 at Little Timbers,
Baskerville Lane, Lower Shiplake**

Present:

Mark Manson, Fred Lawson, Angela Cadman, Steve Matthews, Angela Jones, Liz Thomas, Hilary Tucker

Apologies:

Liz James, Gareth Jones

1. One Act Plays

Mark has cancelled the provisional dates of 26/27 September (booked with Nancy at the Memorial Hall) as these are not workable.

There was discussion of other potential dates, but nothing really suitable in October or early November.

It was felt that we could probably put on a play production evening in Spring 2009, within term time and avoiding Easter.

It was agreed that Mark would look at Memorial Hall dates in March and April 2009 in line with the above to see what was available.

Action: Mark

2. Pantomime

Mark had given Nancy the framework of rehearsal/performance dates from previous years and asked for provisional Memorial Hall bookings to be made. This would therefore be for a production in January 2009 (Mark to confirm the exact dates with us).

Fred agreed that he would direct a Pantomime and Steve agreed to be assistant director.

Angela (Jones) agreed to take on Panto publicity. Hilary agreed to assist Angela.

We discussed the need to 'manage' the Panto so that it would result in a workable production. It was agreed that the roles would be limited, and that auditions for children would be handled in the same way as they had been for 'A Christmas Carol' with defined roles being advertised for audition as opposed to 'open' auditions. It was felt important that the number of roles be kept to a manageable level and not allowed to 'grow'. Tight control and planning would therefore be key as we have a smaller team this time.

We need to put together a Panto team - we would ask Steve re his potential involvement in stage management. Maybe there would also be an opportunity to bring in young people on the production side (e.g. Dominic?).

We also need to identify a script. We need to decide the Panto and then narrow the choice down to 3 scripts for the final analysis and choice.

The first task is therefore for the directors (Fred and Steve) to locate scripts. There will then be an evaluation process during which others will also read the recommended scripts and give feedback to the directors.

Suggested ideas are Snow White, Jack and the Beanstalk and Treasure Island.

The directors will ask Gareth for his script evaluation forms.

Liz Thomas and Hilary offered to read scripts. We would also ask Gareth. Others may also wish to join in the evaluation process.

Liz T has a box of scripts and Mark advised re internet ones.

Next steps:

- The directors will decide and confirm re script/audition dates and arrangements by early September.
- In the meantime Steve will make a draft production schedule and email it to Gareth for his comments.
- Liz T will let Fred have the scripts she has.
- Rehearsals need to start about the first week in October.
- The directors will book the Church Rooms for rehearsals (via Rosemary Appleby)
- We need to address all this again at the next meeting.
- Hilary will then be able to write to the members (+ former members) to advise re the Panto, including asking current members to renew their subscriptions (it was felt best to wait re the latter until we had production news).

Action: Fred, Steve, Gareth, Liz T, Hilary, everyone

3. Wilfred Owen Concert

This is going ahead.

Angela Cadman had a concert draft programme and Shaddo has 2 x 10 minute slots, one in each half.

Neil George is dealing with this and researching items for us to rehearse/present.

Mark will liaise with Neil re progress on this and we will address this again at the next meeting.

Angela Cadman reported that John Bodenham would also be contacting Neil re the concert.

Action: Mark, Neil

3. Murder Mystery Evening (PPP)

Scripts have gone out to the cast.

Penny will be Angel Roni and Dominic will be Marco Roni.

Hilary will be Tara.

Steve will be Father Michael.

This is going ahead with the Catholic Church as far as we know (Mark has not heard anything to the contrary) but we may take this on ourselves if it falls through with the church.

We will need rehearsals in October/November as we have not done this for some time and there are new cast members (see above).

Action: Mark/cast

4. Any other events?

Pam Huggell has asked whether Shaddo can help with a Christmas Fayre type village event for the Shiplake bell appeal, maybe doing a 10 minute slot (date and details tbc).

Angela Jones has already spoken to Pam re this.

We agreed that this was something we would like to be involved with in principle and Angela will advise Pam/get more details in due course.

Action: Angela Jones

5. Membership Renewals

Hilary explained that these were due for renewal at the end of August.

We agreed that this should be left until we can write about the Panto etc.

6. Next meeting

This will be on **Thursday 11 September at 8.00pm at Little Timbers.**

Hilary will send out an agenda and reminder nearer the time.

Action: Hilary

7. AOB

Liz T advised that she was holding the Shaddo script library but that this needed a new 'home' now that she was moving.

Mark agreed to store this at his house.