



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 27 October 2008 at
Little Timbers, Baskerville Lane, Lower Shiplake**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Harriet Thomas

Apologies:

Liz James

1. One Act Plays

There is nothing further to report at this stage, but this will be kept on the agenda for future meetings

2. Bells Appeal Concert

This event made nearly £900 profit for the bells restoration project, an excellent result. The Shaddo contribution (Last Tango in Little Grimley – performed as a radio play by Mark Manson, Liz Thomas, Hilary Tucker, Ioan Havard and Angela Jones) received very positive feedback. Thank you to Angela Jones for organising this.

3. Murder Mystery (PPP)

There have been no further developments. Mark will advise of any that do occur.

Action: Mark

4. Wilfred Owen Concert

Mark reported that the Shaddo contribution is currently being rehearsed, also involving Neil George, Chris Irons, Patrick George and Olly Mayer. This will involve a selected part of 'Blackadder', an extract from a 'Kipling' letter, a poem and another couple of short contributions.

Action: Mark and cast (see above)

5. Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk

Fred reported that this is progressing and that there have been two good rehearsals to date – characters are developing well.

Bob Barnes is to be musical director and Steve will give Bob the music to look at.

Steve reported that he had to withdraw as assistant director but that he will assist with other Panto tasks.

There followed a lengthy discussion regarding various practical aspects of the Panto and the tasks to be assigned/undertaken. The discussion embraced many issues such as the staging of the giant's scenes, how to make the beanstalk and cottage and how to deal with the spider etc.

We will return to many of these at the next meeting.

Some relevant points arising from the discussions are as follows:

- The script will need updating at some point to reflect any scene changes and any changes in stage directions etc
- Specific people will be needed to make the larger props – we will return to this at the next meeting
- Gareth reported that the technical and lighting side appear OK (with help from Steve Watkins, Guy Hart and Ed Peters)
- Mark will explore the options for taking up the stage carpet and re-laying, and report back
- Cheryl Milne has said that she will help with wardrobe – she will need to know who needs to be dressed and the type of costume each person requires etc. Liz Thomas will get in touch with Cheryl to confirm that she will undertake wardrobe duties. Angela Jones and Liz will look in the Tower and see what costumes we already have.
- Fred will let Gareth know what is required for the scenes and backdrops etc so that this can go ahead – we may be able to re-use part of the kitchen scenery but need a new building for the cottage
- Kate Piercey will paint one backdrop (maybe two)
- **Gareth** and Fred will look and see what backdrops we already have and what is still needed – can order backdrops as soon as we know what we want/need
- **Gareth** will ask Hugh and Neil to look at sound effects/special effects

- **Gareth** will ask Mel Crowder whether she will be happy to make a background of clouds out of blue and white pieces of material (stapled on)
- Harriet will ask Mike Shelly whether he still has the sedan chair from Aladdin
- Harriet will also ask Mike whether he can build some set for us
- Mark will ask Ian Robinson whether he will build some set
- Harriet will get in touch with Charlie Howe
- Hilary will deal with the PRS and the music licence

Action: Fred, Bob, Steve, Mark, Lizzie T, Angela J, Gareth, Harriet, Hilary

6. AOB/Next Meeting

There was no AOB

Next meeting will be on Monday 24 November at Ange and Gareth's house (Little Timbers) at 7.45 pm