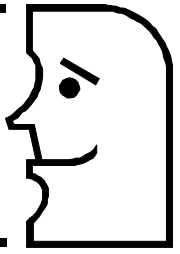




The Guild Players



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Happy New Year

Best wishes to all GP members and friends for a happy and prosperous 2006. We hope you all had a restful time over Christmas and are gearing yourselves up for an active New Year.

Pantomime 2005 - Dick Whittington

A very great success with over 500 people coming to see it and, we think, a large profit made. Our audience filled the *'Friends of Finchley Memorial Hospital'* collecting boxes generously in return for their free programmes, raising £133. Plus the Wednesday performance made about £200 for our two designated charities.

Many people have been in touch to say that they felt this was the best Guild Players panto yet. The whole event was a friendly and rewarding one for us all, and to have such comments from the audience is the icing on the cake.

There is now a gallery of panto photos on the website. I also have the full size originals on my computer (and on CD) if you want copies.

What's Coming Up?

The Committee meets on Tuesday 10th January to decide upon what the Spring Production will be. The performance dates are 4th to 6th May 2006. Although this is slightly later than usual we should not forget that we will have two Bank Holiday periods during rehearsals.

At the same time we will be rehearsing for the Easter touring production which will be a 'proper' one act play entitled *'A Soldiers Tale'*. It has six very nice parts for actors and will be playing in at least three different venues during Holy Week, 11th - 14th April 2006.

We hope to have rehearsals for both productions running side by side .

And Further On?

This is the time when we have to look forward to what we want to be doing throughout the year. We already know about the dates for the Easter and Spring productions, but we should seek to fill in the gaps and need your ideas. For instance, last year, with the invaluable help of Sonia Beldom we performed a *'Summertime Singalong'* of music and monologues in July. We have had a suggestion that we do something similar based on the tunes from Disney movies. Any views?

Also, I feel it would be good for us to have a social get together in the Hall some time - possibly a Saturday evening for some music perhaps. Maybe we can persuade some members of the company to perform!

If you are currently filling in the dates in your new diary, don't forget to add in the Autumn production which will be performed 23rd to 25th November 2006.

All these dates are also on the Guild Players Calendar which can be downloaded from the website noticeboard.

On The Other Hand

Again, over the Panto we saw the need for members to get involved in what we might call 'the other side' of productions. The vital roles such as Direction; Stage Management; Front of House Management; Set Construction; Prompting; Company Management. These burdens all too often fall on very few people, and without them the productions just would not happen.

The Guild Players does not have huge teams of people who love doing these jobs so that others can just 'strut their stuff'. It is only fair that we should all take a turn in helping others up onto the stage once in a while.

There's no need to be worried about doing any of these jobs as experienced help and advice is always at hand.

First Meeting of 2006

8 pm on Wednesday 11th January 2006 at Finchley Methodist Church Hall.
See you all then.

Mike

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