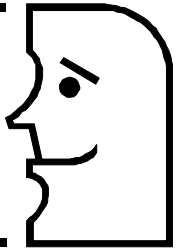




The Guild Players



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Tons of Money (17th - 19th May 2007)

Another excellent performance from among the players. A happy mix of new recruits and 'old stagers'. A first major production effort from Dave which delivered the goods. Initial results are very good. Audiences totalled 228 - not at all bad when you realise how many other productions were on at the time. The total profit looks like being around £850.

Thanks to all the cast members who turned out to help take the set down on the Wednesday after the production. A good team effort.

Holy Week Production (3rd - 6th April 2007)

Again we had an first class performance from Helen and her team. All 5 performances were well received with around 200 people in total turning out to see 'The Gardeners Tale'. Another happy amalgam of old and new players. All the venues have asked us back again for next year.

Understage Clearance (30th May 2007)

It was very disappointing to find only four members willing to turn out to help clear out the understage. Thanks go to Dave, Mike, Paul and Alan. Because of the shortage of help it not only took all evening but two of us had to spend half the next day as well to ensure that the area was clear for the asbestos removers to do their work.

Everything from understage is now stacked on stage and throughout the green room. This will all need sorting out before replacing.

However, we cannot tell how long it will be before we can put the stuff back because the replacement of the Church heating system requires the area to remain empty so that the pipes running through can be accessed. This work could take up until the end of August to complete.

The asbestos clearance has been completed and as a result of which there are now gaps in the sides of the stage and alongside the stairwell. These have got to be paneled over the next few weeks. When the heating works are complete we will then have to replace shelving in the understage before any contents can be put back.

Summer Activity

Usually we try to put on something during the summer period, but with everything mentioned above it has been decided that we will not be running any summer programme this year.

However, we will be meeting on Wednesday evenings to start sorting out the furniture, equipment, props etc in preparation for the time when we can put them back understage. It would be great if we could get all our stock of small props sorted into small boxes so that they are both protected from damage and easy to find.

'Wednesday Working Evenings' will commence on 27th June at 8.00 pm.

Pantomime

Because of the uncertainty over when we can finally sort out the green room and understage, the committee has decided to postpone pantomime until next year.

If there is any delay in finishing the heating works and we cannot get our stuff back understage until September or later there will simply not be time to undertake the major task of producing a pantomime. Of course, the building work might not take that long, but we cannot take the risk. The work of sorting out the understage stuff will also take some time - particularly if only four of us turn up to do it!

Autumn Production (6th - 8th December 2007)

Instead of panto there will be an alternative production which Mike will direct and which is being decided upon at present. This is likely to be a fairly small cast piece depending upon the time available to rehearse.

As usual the normal backstage, front of house and set building roles will need filling as well. If you have enjoyed acting in recent productions make sure you also take your turn taking on the less glamorous but vital jobs required to make a Guild Players production happen.

Annual General Meeting (26th September 2007)

Advance notice that our AGM occurs near the start of the Guild Players season. Further details will be distributed nearer the date.

Dates of all activities can be found on the website: www.guildplayers.org.uk/diary

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