

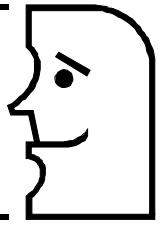


The Guild Players

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Newsletter - September 2008

A brief update as we commence our 2008/09 season.

Autumn Production performances 10th - 13th December 2008

Our autumn production is the pantomime 'Aladdin', directed by Mike Sparks. We held a couple of read through evenings in July, allowing Mike to cast most of the roles. A production planning meeting was held on 3rd September for all cast and crew. Everyone notified that they have been given a part should collect copies of script changes as soon as possible.

The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 10th September when the cast will start to read through in character. This does not mean that anyone else interested in helping in any way should not come along. There are some nice little walk on parts yet to be assigned.

Rehearsal in the following week will only be on Wednesday 17th but after that we will be reverting to our usual process of Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 pm. Some Saturday rehearsals will also be mixed in, plus the likelihood of other evenings if things don't go strictly to plan. A full rehearsal schedule will be available from Monday 22nd September.

All this pre-supposes the fact that we can find sufficient backstage staff. The situation is serious because at present we lack a Musical Director, a Stage Manager and a Props person. If anyone is interested in helping with any of these roles Mike would appreciate a call.

Easter Production performances 7th - 10th April 2009

Following on from "The Inn Keeper's Tale", "The Soldiers Tale", "The Gardener's Tale" and "Peter's Tale", Mike has yet another script up his sleeve for our next touring Easter Production. This will be rehearsed in parallel with the Spring Production.

Spring Production performances 14th - 16th May 2009

The committee have yet to make a decision on the Spring production. If you have a suggestion for a possible play, please pass it on to a committee member.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Guild Players will take place on Wednesday 24th September, starting at 8 pm. Please make every effort to attend **PROMPTLY**. We try to keep the meeting short as it will be followed by a rehearsal for the autumn production.

Members will have received an agenda and a nomination form with this printed newsletter.

All officer and committee roles are up for election at this point every year. Please don't be hesitant to get yourself nominated if you would like to play a central role in the running of the group. A reminder that nominations **MUST** be made in advance of the AGM.

Membership 2008/09

It is now time to pay membership subscriptions for the coming year. A membership renewal form should have been included with this mailing and you are kindly requested to return it promptly, along with your payment, to Betty.

The level of Guild Players membership fees was raised at last years AGM. Following a number of discussions at committee meetings it has been decided that membership for 2008/09 will be £15 - this works out as just £1.25 per month or 29p per week!