

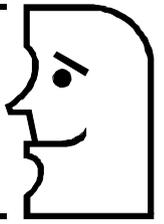


# The Guild Players

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## Newsletter - September 2011

A brief update as we commence the 2011/12 season

### Suddenly at Home

This thriller which was performed from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June (slightly later than our usual spring production) and was seen by almost 200 people. It was well received by the audiences and scored a financial success of over £900. This was the first time Jeff Bengé has produced on the main stage for the Guild Players and we are grateful for the efforts he put in along with the cast and company to get such a satisfactory result.

### Autumn Production (performances 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December)

After having to postpone pantomime last year, we are pleased to announce that we will be performing "Puss In Boots" in December. We are grateful to those people who have come forward to form the basis of a production team to enable this to happen. Further offers of backstage help are always welcome.

Read throughs for casting the autumn production will take place at the start of September:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm - lead roles will be cast

If you want to find out more and to get involved with this production please make sure that you attend these evenings at Finchley Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome.

Note that there will be NO MEETING on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

We will meet again at 8 pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September to look at non lead roles and for those cast in lead roles to read and experiment with characterisation. (Director will be absent.)

Rehearsals will then be on Mondays & Wednesdays at 8 pm from 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### Annual General Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> September)

The AGM of the Guild Players will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, starting at 8 pm. We are normally successful at keeping the meeting duration under 30 minutes. Please help by attending **PROMPTLY**. The meeting will be followed by coffee and then a shortened rehearsal.

All are welcome to attend the AGM but only existing paid up members can vote. Members should have received an agenda and a nomination form with this printed newsletter. Nominations must be made in advance of the AGM.

Betty Robertson has been our Membership Secretary for more years than she would care to remember. At the last committee meeting she indicated that she would like to step down from this position. We are therefore keen to find someone to take on this vital role.

ALL officer and committee roles are up for election at this point every year. If you would like to play a role in the running of the group, get yourself nominated. Please don't assume that someone else will put your name forward!

## Membership 2011/12

It is now time to pay your £15 Guild Players subscription for the 2011/12 season.

A membership renewal form should have been included with this mailing. **PLEASE** submit a membership form with your payment so that we have an accurate record of your contact details. Blank membership forms are available on the website.

We welcome newcomers to come along to a couple of evenings with us to see if we are the sort of group they would like to join before having to pay for membership. Beyond that, it is expected that **EVERYONE** taking part in Guild Players activities should have paid their £15 annual membership. (This fee was last increased in 2008.)

The only additional charge we make is a 'production fee' of around £10-15 for actors taking part in each show. This covers the cost of your script and provision of refreshments at rehearsals.

## Looking Forward

These are the performance dates we have pencilled in for 2012. Suggestions for potential plays are always welcomed by the committee.

Easter Touring Production      Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Spring Production                Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Autumn Production                Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## Contact Us

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