



The Guild Players

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Newsletter - September 2012

A brief update as we commence the 2012/13 season

Autumn Production (performances 22nd - 24th November 2012)

Our next show will be directed by Alan Jobson and he has chosen the farce "Rookery Nook" by Ben Travers.

Read throughs for the production will take place as follows:

- Wednesday 5th September at 8 pm
- Monday 10th September at 8 pm
- Wednesday 12th September at 8 pm

If you want to get involved in the production (acting & backstage), or just find out more, please make sure that you attend one or more these evenings at Finchley Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome.

Rehearsals will then be on Mondays & Wednesdays at 8 pm from 17th September.

Annual General Meeting (26th September 2012)

The AGM of the Guild Players will take place on Wednesday 26th 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 for the autumn production.

All are welcome to attend the AGM but only existing paid up members can vote. An agenda and a nomination form should have been received with this newsletter. Nominations must be made in advance of the AGM (not at the meeting).

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

Membership 2012/13

It is now time to pay your £15 Guild Players subscription for the 2012/13 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. Membership forms are also 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 (usually around £12 - £15) for the actors taking part in each show. This covers the cost of the script and provision of refreshments at rehearsals.

Looking Forward...

These are the performance dates we have pencilled in for 2013. Suggestions for potential plays are always welcomed by the committee.

Easter Touring Production Monday 25th to Good Friday 29th March 2013

Spring Production Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th April 2013

Autumn Production Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th December 2013

And Looking Back...

- Spygame

This comedy thriller was performed from 17th to 19th May. Audiences enjoyed some excellent performances from the seven strong cast, and many also remarked on the successful set & lighting concept.

The committee spent some time at their last meeting discussing the need for someone to take on responsibility for publicity for each production so that we 'sell' the show better and fill more seats.

- Garden Party

Huge thanks to the Higgins family for hosting a very enjoyable barbeque in their beautiful garden on 23rd June.

- Summer Production

We celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 14th July with "Crown Imperial". This anthology of words and music was enjoyed by an audience of Guild Players friends, and raised funds for the Joseph Fox Youth Trust.

- Working Party

A good deal of paint was distributed on 4th August, and some even reached the walls! Thanks to all those who came along to wield a paintbrush, brightening up the upstairs toilets and staircase.

Committee Meeting

A reminder to current committee members that we will be meeting on Tuesday 4th September.