

Welcome everyone, to the next of our occasional newsletters. These are separate from the Director's weekly updates, which start once rehearsal season is underway.

If anyone wishes to contribute, please contact Martin

**Sunday 2nd December:**

*post rehearsal curry, all welcome. British Raj, Duke's Head, Beare Green, 5.30pm*

**Friday 7th or Friday 14th December:**

*Society Christmas dinner, all welcome*

**Thursday 13th December**

*Visit to Woodfield Entertainers, Treasure Island, Ashtead, 7.30pm start*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Sunday 20th January 2019**

*Full dress rehearsal, ALL*

**Friday 25th, Saturday 26th January**

*Capel Performances, two x evening, 1 x matinee*

**Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd February**

*Ockley Performances, two x evening, 1 x matinee*

### Chaperones

Surrey County Council (SCC) are being more demanding about child protection (which is a good thing) and we are required to have separate, trained, qualified and registered chaperones. Helen Goodman is now qualified and thanks to Amber (Lottie's mum) and Bea (Innes Angel and Sammi's mum) for offering to be trained also (albeit that training places from SSC seem limited at the moment). It would be ideal to have more chaperones trained, if anyone like to be involved, please do let me know. Costs will be covered.

### Ali Baba and the 40 thieves

We had the most fabulous turn out ever for the read through: 34 aspiring actors chasing 26 named speaking parts, and over twenty children for the dance try out too. We are now cast and first rehearsals commenced last weekend, the cast, some of whom have never met each other before, have already started to gel and we are off to a great start. Dance rehearsals start on 18th November, details have been circulated to parents concerned.

Next year, the first Saturday performance, held on the evening of 26th January 2019, will be a joint fund raising exercise with Capel Cricket Club to help continue to raise funds for their new pavilion.

Our friends at the Inn on the Green, Ockley; have repeated their generous 'pre theatre dinner' offer from last year, but this time extending it to both the Ockley evening performances, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd February. Details will be circulated nearer the time.

Repeating last year's success with the matinee performances, we again offering tickets for these performances at £6 per adult with one accompanying child (under 10 years of age) for free.

### Investments

Last year and earlier this year we upgraded some of our lighting, sound and technical capabilities. The committee have approved expenditure for two new 'front of house' fresnel lights, which will be installed before the performances.

### Social

We have previously supported other local societies, in particular Woodfield Entertainers of Ashtead, by attending their productions. Not only does it give valuable ideas but it is also nice to support them too, in return they often return /cont..

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They are putting on Treasure Island and we a number of us hope to join their audience on Thursday 13th December, 7.30pm start at Ashtead. if you would like to join us, please let Martin know.

### Curry after rehearsal

It would be nice for us to get to know our newcomers and each other better, so we are planning to go to the British Raj after Sunday rehearsal one week. How does the 2nd December sound? Lets discuss at forthcoming rehearsals. They open at 5.30pm and Sundays have a 25% off food deal. They have been at the Surrey Hills Hotel, Capel, for several years but relocated just this week to the Duke's Head, Beare Green.

### Christmas Dinner

This has been held on a Saturday night for the past couple of years but this has proved to be a popular night for clashes so this year it has been suggested we aim for Friday instead. Last year he had a lovely night out at the Cricketers' Arms but in the interest of fairness, we plan to alternate in future with the Inn in the Green. This year's dinner will be on Friday 7th or Friday 14th December, date to be finalised in the next few weeks.

### Summer Production

Following the success of our 70th celebrations earlier this year, and now that we have a very active and keen membership, we will be putting on a production next summer, to consist of two one Act plays, with a meal of some sort in the interval. Sheila Gray has offered to direct one of the plays, who would like to direct the other? Interest please to Martin or any committee member. More details once the panto is finished with.

### New Members

We welcome Sheila Anderson, Emma Dampier and Natalie Shimoyama as new acting members of the society, we welcome the return (after several years break) of Sally Maybanks as well as the many children who came along to the dance try-out. Also, Will, Amanda and Monty in supporting roles. We hope you have as much fun as we do!

### Membership

Your annual subs are now due. a membership form is attached to this newsletter, can you please complete and bring along to the next rehearsal, or pass directly to Dave Claydon. Membership validates your insurance cover. Not that we have ever had a claimable incident!

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