

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2006

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2006!!!!

It's going to be a busy year!

PLEA FOR HELP!!!!

Please can everyone search and hang on to any old paint,(the wilder the colour the better) paint brushes(any size) sponges and rollers. If in doubt let us have it and we can decide whether to keep it or not!!! Just bring them along to any rehearsal and some able bodied committee member will relieve you of them!!!

We are also in need of any old curtains/bed spreads/sheets or fabrics that you might want to give away... you'd be surprised what Lin can turn them into!!!!

SPRING PRODUCTIONS

Rehearsals for the spring production are now well under way. We are delighted to have quite a few new youth members this year and Pete is doing a splendid job in producing two small plays to include the majority of them.

The adult play is taking a new direction of performing in the dark (an improvement I hear you say!!!!) or at least that is what we would like you to believe so put a date in your diary for 18th/19th 20th May to come along and see the performances. Our challenge this year is to try to get a decent profit from the Spring Production so Sell! Sell! Sell! those tickets!!!!!! (will be available on sale early April) watch this space!

Youth Group Spring/Summer synopsis
Both Plays written by Ellen Dryden
They are part of a selection of plays written for Chiswick Youth Theatre

The Press Gang

4 boys and 6 girls

Is set in a School Classroom set aside for use as a copier/publishing/computer room.

The committee of school magazine meets for a report on the first issue. Unfortunately the treasurer announces the profits have gone missing. Tensions rise as the co-founder, Mandy, confronts her once friend and fellow founder Suzi. It seems that not the magazine will fold.

Shadows

1 boy and 3 girls

A man, David emerges from the shadow of an empty old theatre. Soon he is joined by Peggy, fresh from drama school who has come to audition for the part of Cordelia. Peggy begins to perform her audition speech and David joins her, playing the part of King Lear. When Peggy asks who he is, he replies "Just - a jobbing actor" A mysterious, haunting drama.

Bingo night and Beetle drive... details will be available in the next newsletter

MEMBERSHIP

And now for the bad news... please can I remind you that membership is due in January each year and we still have many not signed up. The current rate is £15 for an adult and £10 for a youth member and that covers a whole year (cheap at the price!) . It is not possible to go on stage without being a paid up member as you will not be insured!!! Please can you send you monies to Mike Ford or myself as soon as possible... (I have a list and I will be hounding you!!!!)

FUTURE

waiting for... Panto news... well the good news is Anne has agreed to take on directorship for another year.... The bad news is she can't make up her mind on the panto!!! As soon as it is revealed we will let you all know and issue readings etc... so keep in touch!!!!

WEBSITE

If you haven't heard already we now have a fab new Website (thanks to Karen) where you should be able to find out all sorts of details (past and present) about the club. Visit it as soon as you can so we can get out hit rate up!!! If anyone has any great past secrets or photos etc they want to share please pass them to any committee member or directly to Karen for inclusion. All photos/ info will be returned.

STORAGE FACILITIES

The club is on the look out for new storage premises.... Our current facilities are damp and we cannot renovate due to asbestos ceilings. A working party is undergoing a clear out early March and we will discard anything that cannot be used. Ultimately we will have an idea of what kind of area we need, but if ANYONE knows of an empty dry garage or shed then please let us know ASAP....we are desperate!!

SOCIAL EVENTS

We hope to have a whole exciting calendar of social events for you, following on from the success of our

KATH PRESTON

Many of you will know Kath, who is a long standing club member and wife of our President George. She has experienced major health problems recently and has been hospitalised since early January. She is currently very poorly, is in St Mary's in Portsmouth and is having difficulties walking more than a few paces. Kath is generally very weak and it looks as if she will remain in hospital as she requires 24 hour care. George as you will know has severe mobility problems of his own, but he is managing to spend 5 days a week at Kath's bedside.

I did tell George that he and Kath are in the thoughts of all who know him at the Club"

STOP PRESS - Panto title revealed... 'Babes in the woods' more details to follow