

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 20th May

*set building at Ockley VH: all day:
10am -5pm*

Sunday 27th May

*Reserve set building at Ockley VH.
Noon - 3pm*

Sunday 10th June

held in reserve for more set decorating

Sun 10th June

technical rehearsal both plays

Tues 12th June

dress rehearsal both plays

Thurs 14th June

rehearsal both plays

Fri 15th Saturday 16th

Performance, arrive by 7pm

Sunday 17th May:

Strike 10-noon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 1st July

Annual BBQ/Social/Agm 4pm

Sunday 7th October

*Dance auditions and panto read through,
1.45pm Capel MVH*

Sunday 4th November

First rehearsal

Dates for your diaries

Ever since I took over as Chairman and started this current series of newsletters, there has always been a right hand column in this newsletter, coloured pink, entitled 'dates for your diaries'. Some folk have confessed that they never even noticed it so it is now at the top of the newsletter. I'm sure you have not overlooked it but just in case: SEE ABOVE!

70th Anniversary

Plans are going well, both plays are cast (sort of, with some challenges) and Yvonne and Phil are doing a brilliant job at leading their teams. The format of the evenings will be as follows:

Doors open at 7pm

7.30pm: a few introductory words from me

7.35pm A world without men

8.20pm: break. We will be serving a cold supper, consisting of various cold meats, pates, salad, cheeseboard and so on. We will be having a special celebratory cake baked, one for each performance. At some point in the break I will say a few more words and, with an assistant, cut the cake. this will later be served as the 'desert'.

9.15pm or so: Half an Idea

10.15pm or so, ends, chance to mingle in the hall.

The audience will be seated around long tables eight seats to a table. We are restricted to 72 tickets for each performance. We are inviting as guests of honour all known and notable former members of ODS to one of the performances, we hope many will attend.

Tickets will cost £15 ea to include the meal as above. Nic Belfrage has kindly agreed to run Box Office, tickets on sale and publicity begins about three weeks before production. Call her on 01306 628255.

John Dendy, one of our guests, celebrates his birthday on the Saturday. Not only was he born in Ockley and has lived his entire life here, he was an original member of ODS in 1948.

Chaperones

Surrey County Council (SCC) are being more demanding about child protection (which is a good thing) but, despite only having three children aged under 18 taking part, and despite two of them being on stage with their parents, we are required to have a separate, trained, qualified and registered chaperone. Helen Goodman has already agreed to attend a SCC training session and to obtain the required qualification ready for the pantomime, although this cannot happen in time for this production. (cont/..)

../cont) but it would be ideal to have a second, or more, chaperones trained as well. Would anyone like to be involved, please do let me know. Costs will be covered.

AGM and BBQ:

The format of combining these into a social event at Martin and Lynn's garden will be repeated again this year by popular demand. This will be slightly earlier in the month than last year on **Sunday 1st July** - which is just a fortnight after the summer production, so it can serve as a post production get together too.

The format will copy previous years: we will provide and cook the meats and everyone is invited but asked to contribute a dish too (such as a salad, or breads, or cheeses, or drinks or deserts etc). details to follow slightly nearer the time but 4pm start.

All members and (in the case of child members) their parents are invited.

Menu will include the smoked meats and pulled meats, back by popular demand plus a vegetarian option too.

New Members:

We welcome Liz Richardson to the Society: we hope you have as much fun as we do!

Social events:

People keep saying that they would like to add to the social opportunities but this needs someone, or a series of someones, to organise something. We can discuss more at the AGM. The other main social event currently is the ODS Christmas Dinner but attendance was poor last year, again we can discuss whether or not to continue.

Until then,

Martin

P.S.

Did you all notice the 'dates for your diaries' this time, esp you Mr x (you know who you are)?

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