

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

Thursday 4th, 11th and 18th July:

*Play readings at the Inn on the Green.
Commencing 8pm.*

Sunday 28th July:

Summer BBQ and AGM, ALL

Sunday 6th October:

*Pantomime dance try outs: 2pm Capel
Village Hall
Read through, 3pm Capel Village Hall*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

October 17th-18th:

Possible autumn production

Sunday 3rd November:

Pantomime rehearsals start

Friday 31st Jan, Saturday 1st Feb:

Week 1 panto performances at Capel

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th February:

week 2 panto performances at Ockley

Summer Production 2019

Congratulations to everyone involved with the recent production, which was very well received by all the audiences. There were a few "firsts" this year: first time we have done three performances in the summer, and first director debuts for Alan and Sheila who both rose to the occasion fantastically. Our total audiences over the three nights was similar to the audiences over the two night last year. Thursday was surprisingly popular whereas the Saturday audience was by far the quietest. Whilst all the bills are not yet in, we have made a modest profit, thanks in part to a buoyant bar and good sales from the kitchen (incidentally, another first, the meal format).

Autumn production

There's just no stopping some folk! Fresh from the adulation of being on stage, there appears to be enough enthusiasm for an extra production in mid October. I sent an email around to all recently, and it looks as though we have sufficient interest to at least explore the option of an additional production. 2 x males and 5 x females plus 2 x back stage have indicated that they would consider taking part.

Play readings

We have three sessions planned (see diary dates at the top). For those of you who have not attended before, these are informal sessions where we sit around and read in full or part a choice of plays. It is all quite informal, the intention is to either find a play that might be suitable for this autumn or a contender for the next summer production.

Future Productions

Now that we have an active and growing membership, it is our firm intention to continue with a summer production next year and also to schedule in a third production. The exact dates in 2020 might be spaced slightly differently from this year. The Chairman is also exploring the possibility that next year's summer production will again consist of three plays, the middle of which will be turned over **completely to the youth of the society!**

Amazon: raising funds for the Society

A reminder from the last newsletter: Many years ago (many, many years ago) back around 2004, the Society set up an associate account with Amazon who will pay the Society a small commission on every purchase. If you ever shop from Amazon, would you consider using our special link? This is how it works: go to the Society's home page www.ockleydramaticsociety.org.uk and towards the centre of the page is an Amazon box. Click on this, it takes you to a new page with a bigger box. then click again and it takes you to Amazon's site. If you do this before you shop then we get a commission from them (it varies between 1%-5% depending on the product bought) on your shopping. ../cont

/cont... At this point, you will be logged onto your own normal page. the Society cannot see who you are or what you purchased, we just get a few pennies every month. Your data is entirely secure. So, you shop as normal, we cannot see anything that you do, but by using this link before you log in, it recognises that you are contributing to our funds. Thanks.

A.G.M. and annual 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 later in the month than last year on **Sunday 28th July**.

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 and siblings are invited.

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

Pantomime 2020:

Because of the way New Year falls next time, we lose a rehearsal, and the committee felt that we were slightly under rehearsed; next year's pantomime will perform one week later: 31 Jan/1 Feb at Capel and 7/8th Feb at Ockley. Read through is on 6th October.

Social:

DDOS' Private Lives by Noel Coward is being performed in their theatre 10th-13th July and tickets through Sheila Gray will cost you £10. She has some tickets reserved for all nights bar Wednesday but needs to know by 30th June if anyone wants tickets. For those unaware DDOS provided quite a few props at no cost to Ockley.

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