



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 April 2008 at The Church Rooms, Shiplake (following the AGM)

Present:

Mark Manson, Hilary Tucker, Liz Thomas, Chris Irons, Gareth Jones, Angela Jones, Rosemary Appleby, Pam Hudgell, Liz James, Angela Cadman, Fred Lawson, Beryl Lawson, Steve Matthews

Apologies Received:

Steve Watkins, Fran Bodenham, Neil McAdam

There was no formal agenda, but the purpose of the meeting was to discuss future events and productions.

The following points emerged from the discussions:

1. Murder Mystery Evening (PPP)

Mark reported that the Catholic Church had asked us to present a MM in October or November 2008 (the same proposal as last year, but it did not go ahead last year).

If this goes ahead, it was agreed that it would be a reprise of Pasta, Passion and Pistols (PPP).

This will be handled as follows:

- Mark will check the hall availability
- Mark will advise Hilary and Hilary will check with all current PPP cast as to who is willing to reprise their role on the suggested date(s)
- Hilary will report back and we will then need to cast any 'gaps' in the cast
- Mark will liaise with the Catholic Church and take this forward

ACTION: Mark and then Hilary

2. Play evening

After much discussion, we agreed to think about putting on a play evening, probably in late September /possibly first week in October (bearing in mind some of us might be involved also in the MM when fixing dates).

It was felt that a good potential format would be two one act plays with a supper in the middle.

This would be a more manageable venture than a single play as each short play (or sketch) could have a different cast if necessary.

This would also be a chance to attract new members by actively promoting Shaddo at the supper break etc.

We would really focus on publicity with a leaflet distribution around the local area, again both re the plays and membership.

We would keep the ticket prices as realistic as possible and maybe do 2 nights (Friday and Saturday).

We would need to start casting etc in May and break for the summer having rehearsed it well, and then pick it up again in early September.

It might not be necessary for a formal director role if each play involved, say, only, 4-6 people.

The 'Little Grimley' plays might be suitable, as they have simple sets etc.

Rosemary suggested a Variety Concert and supper as an alternative.

It was agreed to take this forward as follows:

- Mark would investigate the hall availability and report back
- Angela (Jones) would find out about the Kenton Drama festival and as many people as possible would try and watch suitable plays for suggestions
- Beryl Lawson would also ask her theatrical contacts about potential plays
- This would be followed up in detail at the next committee meeting (see below) as it needs to be actioned soon if it is to go ahead. Everyone to think about this
- The next stage after the committee meeting (if this is to go ahead) would probably be a play assessment/reading evening to choose a suitable script and assess interest from the membership

Action: Mark, Beryl, Angela, everyone

3. Wilfred Owen Anniversary Concert

This is taking place on 8 November 2008 in Dundsen.

Angela Cadman has passed a request to the committee for Shaddo to perform an item at this concert, of about 15 minutes duration.

The possibilities include sketch, song, reading etc.

Liz T will look at 'Oh What A Lovely War' and report back.

Rosemary will lend Liz the video of this.

This will be followed up at the next committee meeting – everyone to have a think.

Action: Liz T, Everyone

4. Pantomime?

The possibility of a 2008/09 Panto was discussed at length.

The problem is that we do not have a director at the moment and this is a key prerequisite before any other team members are appointed

It was felt that many would like to put on another Panto in principle but this cannot be done without a director in place

There was therefore no conclusion re this, but it does not seem that a Panto will take place at the moment

5. Next meeting

This will be an important meeting as we need to progress the play evening

The meeting will be held on Monday 12 May 2008 at Liz James' house (Gateways, Station Road) at 8.00pm