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THE GRAYSHOTT STAGERS'

Newsletter

Chairman's Note

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter - there is a lot of news to catch up on.

The cast of *Dark Lucy* have been rehearsing hard and if you haven't booked those seats yet, there's just enough time and it's so much easier now with our online booking system through our website. It's an intriguing thriller with an experienced cast, so rally your friends and bring them along for an excellent evening's entertainment.

The *February One Act Plays* have been cast, with a change to the initial programme. As it proved difficult to cast *The Florist*, this has been substituted by *Roman Fever* which is a delightful two-hander by Hugh Leonard. *Red Hot and Cole* has also been largely cast, although 1 or 2 men are still required.

The A.G.M. in September saw a few changes to the committee; Shirley Jelliss and Barbie Badger have resigned and I thank them for their hard work in recent years. I am pleased to say that they remain very committed to their support of the Society. We welcome Sara Rowe and John Dowsett to the General Committee and Jim Hegarty to the post of Treasurer. Pauline Harries takes over the position of Vice-Chairman, vacated by Shirley. Jim steps into the shoes of Stephen Penny, who has served as Treasurer and Committee member for a total of 24 years. Stephen has been an outstanding servant of the Committee and stalwart of the Society for many years, and I am delighted that the Society has awarded him an Honorary Life Membership. He too has promised to continue to support the Society with his backstage skills and extensive knowledge of the Village Hall.

The musical sub-committee have been working hard to choose a suitable show for 2012 and I am delighted to announce that we are to present *Something's Afoot*, an Agatha Christie-style spoof by James McDonald, David Vos and Robert Gerlach. This will be directed by Peter Budd, with musical direction by Anne Bradley, and there will be more details about the production in a future newsletter.

Finally, 2011 marks the Society's 60th anniversary and so we will be celebrating in style in the Village Hall on 16th July. There will more information from our organisers in due course as the event takes shape.

Hope to see you all soon,

John

MEMBERSHIP

Over the summer we have welcomed Elizabeth Wilde, Anne Bradley and Jim Hegarty as new members of the Society. We are especially grateful to Jim for joining us to take over from Stephen Penny in the important role of Honorary Treasurer.

Muriel Smith is now in a Nursing home and unable to continue to be a Patron of the Stagers but we thank her for her support over the years.

We were sad to hear of the deaths of Leila Walker, who was a loyal Patron member, and Jan Bovill, whose death was reported as part of BBC Health broadcasting. She had developed dementia in middle age, over 20 years ago, and her husband Bruce has been working with the Alzheimer's Society to highlight the challenges of being a carer. Bruce has written to the Stagers to say how much they both valued the time they were associated with us and the friendships gained. Jan particularly enjoyed performing in some of our shows, including *Guys and Dolls*.

Please do let me know if you have any news to share and, as always, I apologise if I have overlooked anybody or any events.

Jennifer

DARK LUCY - on this week

DARK LUCY – don't miss it!

When Carol, the highly strung ex-actress wife of the vicar, complains hysterically that she has been assaulted by "Dark Lucy" – an unpleasant old village women who lives in a dirty broken-down cottage – the doctor is inclined to put it down to hallucinations and she is believed by nobody. But, when another young girl disappears Carol decides to investigate what goes on in the old cottage. What she discovers exceeds her wildest nightmares!



Get your tickets now for a great evening's entertainment. Grayshott Village Hall on 18,19,20 November at 7.30 p.m.

CAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY ONE ACT PLAYS

The Allotment

Director: Shirley Jelliss
Margie - Pauline Harries
Norah - Marian Walker
Belle - Sara Rowe
Lorna - Teresa Marsh
Daisy - Jane Clayton

Immobiles

Director: Brezetta Thonger
Chris - John Dowsett
Dietrich - John Hilder
Nikki - Angie Hilder
Mother - Pauline Dowsett

Roman Fever

Director: Hilary Lee-Corbin
Mrs Slade - Margot Tringham
Mrs Ansley - Elizabeth Wilde

Red Hot & COLE

Director: Heather Legat
Musical Director: Robert Gillman

The various roles will be taken by:

Richard White
Rachel Perkins
Ellis Nicholls
Laura Musco
John Hilder
Melanie Tyrrell
Peter Gardner
Susie Dean
David Landau
Sara Rowe
Hilary Lee-Corbin

Most actors will each be playing several parts.

Dates for your Diary

2010

18-20 November, Grayshott Village Hall

13 December, Fox & Pelican

2011

10 January, Fox & Pelican

25-29 January, Farnham Maltings

18-19 February, Grayshott Village Hall

22-23 March, Haslemere Hall

13-16 April, Grayshott Village Hall

16 July, Grayshott Village Hall

Dark Lucy

Society Pub Night

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FAOS' *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

February One Act Play Evenings

Haslemere Players' Guys and Dolls

Red Hot and Cole

Diamond Jubilee Celebration



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