



Shiplake and Dunsden  
Dramatic Organisation  
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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2012 at RiverLawn, Lower Shiplake**

Present: Pip Collings, Angie Cadman, Pam Hudgell, Liz James (Chair), Hilary Tucker, Beryl Lawson, Fred Lawson, Harriet Thomas, Simon Classey

Apologies: Rosemary Appleby, Ashley Irons, Neill Wilkinson, Gareth Jones

In attendance: Chris Irons, Bob Barnes

### **1. Trial By Jury and Memorial Hall Variety Fundraiser**

Bob Barnes confirmed that he was willing to act as Musical Director for Trial By Jury in conjunction with Tom Barnes. Bob would start off the process and would then hand over to Tom, who is currently away at University. Bob would take the initial rehearsals. He would hold these in his home at first and then at the Church Rooms. Bob would also organise the musicians.

There was a great deal of discussion about the format of a Trial By Jury production as it only lasts about 40 minutes and is always done with another item such as HMS Pinafore. It was felt that it would be a good idea to perform TBJ as part of the Memorial Hall fundraising evening on 29 September 2012, subject to Tom's availability and sufficient interest from members to cast all the TBJ roles. It was decided that we would aim to do this if we could.

It was felt that it would be possible to combine TBJ with a one-act play such as a proposed Little Grimley, or alternatively with other proposed acts such as music and magic. No firm decision could be reached at the meeting as Bob needed to check with Tom and we needed to see who was interested in TBJ first.

If it was not possible to do TBJ in September as part of the fundraiser we would still proceed but would have to look at alternative dates and formats.

Chris and Bob agreed that they would work together on TBJ and would liaise this week about starting off the process. Chris would be director and Bob/Tom would be musical directors.

The next steps were for Bob to talk to Tom and get in touch with Chris to confirm whether 29 September would be a possibility for the production. Bob would also advise Liz.

Pip would get in touch with the members to assess interest in the TBJ roles.

There were expressions of interest at the meeting (e.g. Chris, Hilary, Angela Cadman, Simon) and Bob and Chris noted these.

It was suggested that it would be good to have 2 nights for the production – the Friday and the Saturday (28/29 September). Harriet said that rehearsal time had been booked for the week ending 29 September but more time could be required if TBJ goes ahead. Bob said that he would liaise with Pip re this.

It was decided that we would wait and see what happened re TBJ and fit around this with the other acts/rest of the evening once a decision to proceed with TBJ on 29 September (or not) had been made.

**Action: Bob, Chris, Liz, Pip**

2. Matters arising from previous meeting

(a) Book of the Panto

Pip reported on the production checklist which had been produced. She would complete the list of names. Pam and Rosemary would have a look at the list of groups and advise Pip of any further details and contacts. Gareth would then update the website.

**Action: Pam, Rosemary, Pip, Gareth**

(b) Flyer for new members

Pip had produced a leaflet to go into the PO and other suitable public locations to try and attract new members prior to the Panto casting process (i.e. to put up in September). Once the Panto had been decided, Pip would add an image to the leaflet.

**Action: Pip**

(c) Costumes

Ashley to be requested to send the list of costumes to Pip, plus a list of the items under the stage.

**Action: Ashley and Pip**

(d) Donation

Liz had sent the agreed donation of £500 to Guy Van Zwanenberg with a letter and had received a nice letter in reply from Bob Partridge.

(e) An Inspector Calls

It was agreed that we would have to leave this at the moment but would maybe come back to this in 2013. Liz had emailed Steve to advise about the current position and would forward a copy to Pip for the records.

**Action: Liz and Pip**

3. Pantomime 2013

Gareth and Hilary had looked at script sources on the internet and through NODA. Beryl and Fred had located the hard copies in the current Shaddo script library. It was agreed that we needed to press on with looking at suitable scripts now. It was also agreed that a script sub-committee be formed to tackle this and to meet and discuss possibilities/recommendations.

Harriet agreed to convene a script meeting and would contact Gareth and invite him to take part in this process.

The following agreed to be on the script sub-committee:

Pam Hudgell  
Harriet Thomas  
Fred Lawson

Angie Cadman  
Hilary Tucker  
Gareth Jones (to be asked)  
Simon Classey

Harriet would send out details of the meeting, guidance and what each person should read in advance etc.

Pip would send out Gareth's evaluation guidance for use prior to the meeting.

**The script sub-committee meeting will be on Thursday 14 June 2012 at Harriet's house, 19A Station Road, Henley at 7.30pm.**

In particular, it was agreed we should assess the following:

- Is the script funny?
- What parts are there? Ages/number of roles etc
- Are the set changes and scenery demands suitable/adaptable?

**Action: Harriet and script sub-committee (as above)**

#### 4. Other matters

##### (a) Production checklist

Additional items to go to Pip over the next week please.

**Action: All, Pip**

##### (b) Little Grimley

Liz to discuss the above info re the variety fundraiser and potential Little Grimley with Gareth. Liz to advise Simon as to whether to contact Neil George (possibly Mark Manson) re possible MC duties/comedy turn etc.

**Action: Liz, Simon**

##### (c) Henley Fringe

Pam reported that this was taking place July 16-21. Simon would add this to his social events list.

**Action: Simon**

##### (d) Next committee meeting

**Next full meeting of the committee will be Monday 2 July 2012 at 8pm at Liz James' house, Gateways, Station Road, Lower Shiplake**

The meeting closed with our thanks to Beryl and Fred for hosting.