



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 June 2008 at The Shambles,
Schoolfields, Shiplake**

Present:

Steve Matthews, Mark Manson, Angela Cadman, Fred Lawson, Neil George, Liz James, Angela Jones, Gareth Jones, Hilary Tucker

Apologies:

Liz Thomas

1. One Act Plays

The play reading evening had been useful and successful (thanks to Gareth and Ange for hosting this) and three plays had been read.

It was felt that the most suitable ones for a potential production were Gosforth's Fete and Last Panto in Little Grimley.

Both were felt to be funny, suitable and about the right length for an evening involving two plays and a supper/social/publicity interval.

It was agreed that we would like to take these to production as long as suitable dates and directors etc could be found. Liz Thomas indicated (by email) that she would be willing to direct one of the plays subject to suitable dates.

It was also felt that both gave plenty of scope for good lighting and sound effects.

The dates which had been provisionally reserved for the end of September 2008 were felt not to be suitable, due to various factors.

Mark would cancel these dates with Nancy.

The possibility of using another venue was discussed but was rejected.

Mark will now go through other Memorial Hall availability dates with Nancy and will see what is available in October or early November. It might come down to a choice between a Panto and a play evening if the only dates available are late 2008/early 2009.

Mark would bear the Wilf Owen evening and the MM evening in mind when investigating hall dates.

Mark will email everyone with dates when he has them, and will also report back at the next meeting, when a decision will need to be taken about which productions will proceed, and when.

Action: Mark Manson

2. Wilfred Owen Entertainment (8 November 2008)

It was agreed that Shaddo would provide 2 x 10 minute slots for this concert.

Neil George agreed to drive this forward and to investigate potential items for performance.

Ideas discussed included parts of the 'Blackadder' script (which Neil will get hold of), songs from 'Oh What a Lovely War', letters, and other songs (maybe presented in choral format/dress as opposed to costume).

Neil would investigate and report further at the next meeting.

Action: Neil George

3. MM Evening (PPP)

This seems to be going ahead. Even if the Catholic Church does cancel, it was felt that we might take this on ourselves (as we have to rehearse anyway) as a smaller event.

There was discussion on casting and the involvement of some younger Shaddo members to fill the vacant roles. The following was agreed:

Mark would see whether Penny Caudle would be willing to take the role of Angel Roni. Mark would also see whether another person of comparable age (Matt Caudle or Dominic Mayer?) would take on the role of Marco Roni (brother of Angel).

If Penny could not do it, then Zara Milne could possibly be asked.

If this was workable, then Hilary would be happy to swap from the role of Angel to Tara Misu. [If this proved a non-starter then Hilary would stay as Angel and approach Chris Irons to see whether he would be Marco].

Mark would investigate and let us know whether Penny would be interested. Gareth would send out the script.

Action: Mark and Gareth

4. Other Events in 2008-2009

Mark is checking with Nancy re potential Panto dates for early 2009, and will advise as soon as he has done this. We will need to make a decision at the next meeting as to whether we are going to produce a Panto this year or not.

Fred had already offered to direct a Panto as part of a production team, and Steve Matthews indicated that he would be happy to assist with direction. Cheryl Milne had advised Mark that she would be willing to assist with wardrobe.

Mark will get back to us with dates and this needs to be considered at the next meeting in conjunction with the proposals for the play evening and the availability dates in relation to both.

Action: Mark Manson

5. AOB

None

6. Next meeting

This will take place at Ange and Gareth's house on **Thursday 24 July 2008** at 8.00pm. Hilary will send out minutes of this meeting as soon as possible, plus an agenda in advance of the next meeting.

Action: Hilary