



Shiplake and Dunsden
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Meeting of the SHADDO Executive Committee

Date: 3rd May 2018
Place: Croft Cottage, Northfield Avenue, Shiplake, RG9 3PE
Present: Gareth Jones (GJ), Neill Wilkinson (NW), Rosemary Appleby (RA), Cheryl Milne (CM), Peter Crowther (PSC), Henry Loud (HL), Rebecca Strong (RS), Liz James (LJ), Neil McAdam (NMcA)

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| <p>1. Booking the Memorial Hall The existing provisional booking of the Memorial Hall for 21st – 27th January 2019, and the two weekends prior to that (12/13; 19/20) would be confirmed. The first weekend would be used for building the set, including the stage extension, to allow for subsequent fuller rehearsals.</p> | GJ |
| <p>2. Rehearsal Venue Because the main problem with the Church Hall was obtrusive background noise, it was agreed that preliminary read-throughs of scripts, with the cast sitting in a circle, could still be done satisfactorily in that place. However, at such time as the cast would be assuming their movements and stage positions, the Memorial Hall would be used. It was agreed that this would start two weeks before Christmas.</p> | |
| <p>3. Memorial Hall Stage 3.1 <i>Curtains:</i> The new curtains were already in place. 3.2 <i>Stage Floor:</i> It was agreed that lifting the carpet for a performance would be impractical, and this idea was dismissed. The possibility of changing the stage flooring would be discussed with the Memorial Hall Committee. If no progress were made with this, the possibility of replacing the worn-out temporary floorboards would be considered. 3.3 <i>Seating:</i> Health and Safety regulations require that seats be linked together. The purchase of new plastic clips was estimated at £300, and old clips would need to be removed. It was agreed that SHADDO members would do the fitting of the new clips, and SHADDO would consider making a contribution to the cost.</p> | NMcA |

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| <p>3.4 <i>Half-stage backdrop</i>: This was judged to be of low priority and not necessary for pantomime productions.</p> | |
| <p>4. Auditor NMCA agreed to take on the rôle of auditor for the period 2018-2019.</p> | <p>NMCA</p> |
| <p>5. Binfield Flower Show (BFS) & Shiplake Picnic (SP) It was agreed that SHADDO should participate in both the BFS and SP as they provided a good opportunity to promote our drama group. It would useful not to limit the scope of our presence to acting, but to encourage people to come along and assist with props-making.</p> <p>Videos of previous productions would be played on the SHADDO stalls.</p> <p>A letter to the SHADDO membership requesting participants would be sent out, following which an activities rota would be drawn up.</p> <p>Full costume would be worn by some members, but only for short periods, not for the full duration of the events. CM agreed to manage the costumes for the events, but was of the opinion that we should not rely solely on costumes to attract publicity.</p> <p>To allow for costume-changing to take place, the co-ordinators of the events would be requested to provide a tent for SHADDO's use.</p> <p>Advertising flyers would be produced.</p> <p>NW volunteered to teach a magic tricks to members of the public attending.</p> <p>Details of SHADDO's participation would be decided at a meeting of the Committee closer to the date.</p> | <p>NW</p> <p>CM</p> <p>NW</p> <p>LJ</p> <p>NW</p> |
| <p>6. Frederick Lawson Memorial A Hallowe'en event, including a Dracula murder mystery and NW's mentalism show, was thought to be an appropriate activity to remember Frederick's significant contribution to SHADDO over the years. Whether or not a profit were made, a contribution would be made to a charity (yet to be nominated) following the event.</p> <p>It was the opinion of the Committee that any contributions to OXSAR, the organisation that did much work in searching the Thames for Frederick, should be limited to an individual basis at this stage.</p> <p>Food would be prepared for the event.</p> <p><i>Post-Meeting Note</i>: A request to book the Memorial Hall for Fri/Sat 26th & 27th October has been submitted.</p> | <p>GJ</p> |

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| <p>7. External Events The Committee would be kept informed of London events including Magic Circle and Interactive Theatre.</p> <p>Mutual benefit might be obtained from supporting other local AmDram groups. Information on the activities of these groups would be circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>Information on Woodley Players, Sonning AmDrams, and the Kenton Theatre would be sought.</p> | <p>NW</p> <p>NMcA</p> <p>PSC, NW, NMcA</p> |
| <p>8. Storage Trolley This had already been purchased and would be assembled in the near future.</p> | <p>GJ</p> |
| <p>9. Other Productions This overlaps with Item 6 to a large extent.</p> <p>RS agreed to co-ordinate the assembly of ideas for small cast 1-act plays or variety shows for a November production. Participants would be requested from the SHADDO membership. A list of short 1-act plays previously reviewed would be sent to RS (Appdx A of minutes of Exec Cttee Mtg 8th Feb 2018).</p> | <p>RS</p> <p>PSC</p> |
| <p>10. AOB</p> <p>10.1 <i>2019 Pantomime</i>: The SHADDO membership would be requested for ideas for the pantomime, or perhaps some other type of production. RS put forward the suggestion of our performing Sleeping Beauty or Rapunzel. She agreed to provide more information on these pantomimes.</p> <p>10.2 <i>2018 Pantomime</i>: Videos of Alice in Wonderland were currently being edited.</p> | <p>NW</p> <p>RS</p> <p>NMcA</p> |
| <p>11. Next SHADDO Exec Committee Meeting Tuesday 19th June at Liz James' house: 'Gateways', Station Rd., Shiplake.</p> | |
| <p>12. Thanks The Committee thanked NW for his generous hospitality.</p> | |