



Shiplake and Dunsden  
Dramatic Organisation  
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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 5 April 2004 at the  
Plowden Arms Shiplake (following the AGM)

Present:

Gareth Jones, Liz Thomas, Neil McAdam, Hilary Tucker, Steve Watkins, Liz James,  
Angela Jones, Angela Cadman, Mark Manson, Fredric Lawson, Neil George

Apologies:

Chris Bichard

In Attendance:

Chris Irons, Jane Edwards, Barry Edwards, Terry James

There was no formal agenda as the purpose of the meeting was to plan social events  
for the forthcoming year.

The following points were discussed/agreed, and they are set out with action points  
where appropriate:

1. It was agreed that Gareth would be added as an additional cheque signatory  
(alongside Hilary and Neil McAdam)

Action: Neil McAdam

2. Gareth stressed that there was still a vacancy for the publicity role. Also for venue  
bookings role.

- Liz Thomas agreed to be responsible for venue bookings.
- Hilary agreed to ask Chris Bichard whether she would be prepared to take on  
publicity (Chris did a very good job with the programme advertising).

Action: Hilary Tucker

3. Events for 2004 were then discussed:

(a) Play Reading- Thursday 29 April

- Liz Thomas is hosting this event at her house.
- Liz has written an invitation letter to the membership (full members).
- Hilary has already e-mailed this out to all full members on database with an AGM reminder, asking for replies to Liz.
- Liz is currently awaiting replies in order to choose a suitable play and will advise further in due course.

Action: Liz Thomas

(b) Play Reading and garden event at Fredric's house-Friday 21 May

- Fredric and Beryl are to host this event.
- **[NB: Please note: update to minutes-this event will now take place at a later date, not 21 May-Beryl and Fredric will advise in due course].**

(c) Safari Supper-Saturday 19 June

- Chris Irons explained the format of this event.
- Chris will be organising this, and he will be e-mailing other committee members in due course re the arrangements and help required.

Action: Chris Irons

(d) Gillotts Music Evening-Saturday 12 June

- We have been asked whether we could produce a 20 minute piece for this evening (sketch?)
- Liz James explained the format of the Gillotts event.
- It was agreed that we might be able to combine this with 'Three Men in A Boat' (see below). It was agreed that we would await details from Janet Matthews (via Liz T) re the Three Men in a Boat proposal to see whether the two could be linked. This matter must be followed up in e-mails and at the next meeting.

Action: Liz Thomas/Liz James/Janet Matthews/Everyone

**[NB: Update to minutes-Three Men In A Boat is not now proceeding-Liz has heard from Janet]. Everyone to think re alternatives for Gillotts Evening.**

(e) An evening with Geoffrey Dench? September or October?

- Mark Manson would like to organise this event.
- It was proposed that it would take place in the Plowden Arms and would include a meal, the approximate cost being £12-£15.
- This idea was well received and Mark would report further in due course.

Action: Mark Manson

(f) Junior Theatre Workshops

- Mark explained the format of the proposed workshops (there is a variety from an hour up to a whole show in a day). Mark has all the details re providers and prices etc.
- This would have to take place in the Memorial Hall.
- It was agreed to note this for now, and maybe target October. Mark and Liz Thomas will check hall availability and group availability and report back in due course.

Action: Mark Manson/Liz Thomas

(g) Christmas/New Year Production-January 2005?

- This was discussed at length. We need to decide what format the production will take. Panto? A different type of production?
- It was agreed that this would be discussed in depth at the next committee meeting and a decision made. Everyone to think of their ideas/proposals and come to the meeting ready to agree this. If anyone has any ideas to circulate, please e-mail all other committee members before the next meeting.

Action: Everyone

Points arising re the Christmas/New Year production etc.:

- Jane Edwards suggested that we consider a production of 'A Christmas Carol' as an alternative to a Pantomime, possibly in December 2004.
- Chris Irons offered to direct a Pantomime, assisted by Ashley.
- Neil George suggested a 'Stars in Their Eyes' production (Neil explained this fully). It was agreed that this might be possible for Summer 2005, rather than

Christmas. Otherwise possibly October 2004? Neil George and Angela to discuss and report back on this idea.

Action: Angela Jones/Neil George

#### 4. Future Committee Meetings

- It was agreed that meetings should be regular, even if not all could attend every meeting.
- It was agreed that meetings would be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in each month.
- Hilary would endeavour to send out a reminder before each meeting!

Action: Hilary

- Hilary will write minutes for the AGM and following committee meeting and distribute to the committee as soon as possible.

Action: Hilary

**The next meeting is Monday 10 May 2004 at the Plowden Arms at 8.00pm**