



**Shiplake & Dunsden
Dramatic Organisation**

SHADDO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7th APRIL 2003

(This followed on from the AGM)

Committee Members present: Gareth Jones, Hilary Tucker, Liz Thomas, Mel Crowder, Steve Watkins, Neil McAdam, Mark Manson, Neil George, Fredric Lawson, Liz James, Hugh Steele

1. Christmas Production

Hall Bookings

We discussed the booking requirements for the Memorial Hall for the end of January/early February 2004, as there was some uncertainty over the precise dates booked. Gareth Jones and Neil George will check what dates have been booked and report back at the next meeting. Gareth commented there was a need to book more rehearsal time in the hall, at least 3 nights during the week prior to the production, plus all day on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the production.

ACTION: Gareth Jones and Neil George

The Production

We discussed what type of production we wanted to do. It was felt that a Pantomime was the best type for the time of year, but that it might be wise to investigate a variety of scripts, from differing sources, to keep the production 'fresh'. It was agreed that Liz James would talk to the Victuallers and would report back at the next meeting. Others would look for script ideas, and bring them along to the next meeting. Fredric also had a variety of existing scripts at home, and would bring some for consideration. It was agreed that the projected Pantomime production would be discussed fully at the next meeting, including consideration of scripts, the production team, stage sets, directors, ticket sales etc.

ACTION: Gareth Jones, Neil George, Liz James, Liz Thomas, Fredric Lawson

2. Future Productions-Plays

We discussed possible future productions. We felt it would be desirable to expand upon the current schedule if possible. It was agreed that it may be possible to produce two 'main' productions per year to start with, plus perhaps one smaller production.

It was agreed that there was a need for someone to come forward to take charge of organising a production such as a play.

Neil McAdam suggested 'sharing the burden' of a production, maybe producing a 'review' (whereby different people could take charge of separate items) or perhaps involving a dinner alongside a selection of separate items, or maybe involving children (e.g. HYF items).

It was agreed that everyone would consider this further, and that we would return to it at the next Committee Meeting.

ACTION: Everyone

3. Future Productions-Films

Neil George and Mark Manson explained their proposals for themed film evenings in the Memorial Hall. The idea would involve a DVD projector and a large screen, possibly to be hired at first. The film element would be combined with other elements, possibly short drama items, and talks. These proposals attracted positive feedback. It was agreed that there was a need to 'cost' this idea fully, and Neil/Mark agreed they would do this and report at the next Committee Meeting.

ACTION: Neil George and Mark Manson

4. Future Productions-Murder Mystery Re-Run

It was agreed that we wanted, if possible, to re-run the Italian MM. We discussed how best to organise this.

Steve Watkins thought that the Rotary Club might be interested in running this as a joint venture, and agreed to approach them accordingly. He would report back to the next Committee Meeting on whether this was a possibility. Mark agreed to explain exactly what was involved if so requested.

ACTION: Steve Watkins, Mark Manson

As an alternative, we suggested running this as a SHADDO event (probably in May or June whilst relatively fresh in our minds), but with a separate Committee of people in charge of the food and hall decoration. This was felt to be a good idea as long as specific people would agree to take on the non-acting responsibilities. It was felt that sufficient tickets could be sold to make this worthwhile. It was agreed that we would discuss this again at the next

Committee Meeting with a view to reaching firm proposals, by which time we would also know whether the Rotary Club wished to proceed.

5. Next Meeting

We agreed to meet on Monday 28th April 2003 at 8.00pm in the Plowden Arms.

Hilary will circulate minutes of this meeting and a reminder before the 28th. She will also prepare AGM minutes which will be placed on the web site.

ACTION: Hilary Tucker