

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017



CHADWICK STREET, MARPLE

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Well here we are. In the depths of winter but feeling hugely cheered by what was a very successful Pantomime. Chris, Matt, Richard, Nick and Chloe (our 2016 panto committee) along with the hours of hard work put in by Lynsey, the musicians, costume team, make up, back stage did an amazing job. Thanks to a good turn out from our members and the Scouts and Guides we sold 94% of our tickets, and even had a good turn out for the Thursday night after my desperate pleas that our cast deserved an audience. Whilst mingling with the audience I heard some fantastic comments with many feeling it was 'the best panto ever!'. The 2017 Panto committee has been 'voted in' and comprises Matt Kayes, Chloe Kayes, Fay Waiting and Lynsey Legg and they will be soon choosing next years' show.

Just to make sure the dark nights and grey days don't get us down, Steve Stubbs and his cast and crew are busy preparing to entertain Marple again with the musical version of Dick Barton (I know Richard has been asked to learn to tap dance, so I can guarantee it is going to be very funny indeed...). Get your tickets now ☺

We had a discussion at the last exec meeting about the Carver licensing laws on member's evenings and realise that we may have been forgetting one of the rules we need to adhere to related to non-members who come as our guests on Wednesday evenings. We are supposed to sign in all non-members who come on non-production nights when the bar is open. The visitor's book is in the shelf to the left of the bar (or sometimes up high about the bar hatch). Please can members sign in their guests and bear in mind it is the member who is allowed to buy the drinks. Non-members can only buy drinks on production nights when we are open to the public. It's well worth a look at the visitor's book to browse through the names. I found my name in it from 1999 when I came to a reading of the Play 'Time and the Conways' having been away from the theatre with 13 years.

Also at the last exec we invited Chris Sturmeay to tell us about his experience of arranging theatre open days when he was a member at Partington theatre group. We became really enthused about opening our doors to family, friends and the people of Marple to share more about what is involved in putting on a show. We have put together a subgroup of me, Chris, Pam and Caroline to start to put together our very own Carver open day. The date we have in mind is Saturday 1st July; worth 'pencilling' into your diaries.

Again my thanks go out to all the members who help in whatever capacity they feel able – every little helps, and the more you can do, the more the work is shared. Save the carverhelpers.co.uk to your internet 'favourites' and keep checking if you can offer a shift on FoH, teas or bar during each play.

Lets have a happy theatrical 2017...

All the best
Joanna
Your Chair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined us this season:

Lindsey Barker	Who has 18 years experience in plays and musicals (appeared in BiaH)
John Bintliff	Interested in acting, set building and painting and back stage work
Peter Gaskell	Who we saw recently in The Decorator. Also willing to do bar work.
Freda Goddard	Willing to help out in most areas but who also has over 40 years acting experience.
Melissa Jarvis	now taking student membership - appeared in BiaH
John Jenkins	Interested in acting (seen in Born in a Hamper)
Chloe Kayes	Also a current member of the juniors taking student membership (BiaH)
Jane Martin	Has joined us as our Child Protection Officer
Joe Mihranian	Studying performing arts interested in acting and bar work (BiaH)
Andrea Nolan	Who is interested in helping FOH, teas and bar and possibly acting
Bea Pratt	An ex junior member joining specifically to do make-up
Chris Pugh	Who is an actor and has just appeared in the pantomime
Tracy Ridgway	An experienced actress last seen in The Decorator. Also willing to help with Front of House, Refreshments and Bar.
Jess Sanchez (nee Bray)	Jess is well known to us and willing to help with most aspects of the theatre
Hettie Smith	Who is a student member interested in acting (BiaH)
Pauline Walton	Interested in acting and FoH duties.
Liam Wilks	A performing arts student interested in acting, prompting, FoH, publicity, Bar work and Juniors. Appeared in BiaH

I am sure everyone will do their best to make them feel welcome.

Pam Mainprize
Registrar

PRODUCTION NEWS

The Production Committee has some new members this season and no time has been wasted in getting stuck into making difficult decisions as to which plays should be included in the new season. We have tried to put together a broad range of genres that we hope will inspire Carver members to be involved in putting the plays on and inspire our audience to come to see them. The committee have read a number of plays before narrowing down our choices to those we think we will provide some contrast to the season, be suitable for our stage and our group of actors. We hope you enjoy them! We have found some fantastic Directors who will now be looking to cast the plays and work with the stage crew to get the new season off to an exciting start.

That time has come for the 2017/2018 season at the Carver Theatre to be announced and the Production Committee is excited to share the details of the plays for the coming season. The new season launch will take place on Wednesday 5th April 8pm in the Bar area and is an informal evening where details of the new season plays are shared with the theatre membership. Everyone will be able to meet and talk to the talented Directors that are joining us next season and there will be lots of opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. Caroline and Jane will also be providing a delicious supper afterwards too. The 2017/2018 season plays really do offer something for everyone so put Wednesday 5th April in your diary!

SET BUILDING HELP NEEDED

It's that time when we start building the stage sets for the next production which is Dick Barton. We will be starting the construction Tuesday 31st Jan from 7.30pm. And will continue week nightly until built. Any help wielding a hammer is welcome. Just turn up.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016/17

3RD-11TH MARCH 2017

DICK BARTON, SPECIAL AGENT

12TH-20TH MAY 2017

STRAIGHT AND NARROW

23RD-24TH JUNE 2016

ALI BABA AND THE BONGO BANDITS (JUNIORS)

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please can all contributions be sent by 25th March for distribution on the last day of March.