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Carver Theatre Newsletter

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Well here we are at the holiday season once again. Another successful year behind us, four great plays put on, a packed out pantomime, a Junior show, big outside lets such as the regular Gang Show and the second Moments production, not to mention teas served, sets built and unbuilt (sorry I know that's not a real word, but it feels as if it ought to be!), costumes made, lines learnt etc etc etc. It's a wonder we find time to do anything else!

Congratulations to everyone elected to roles at the AGM. I seem to say it every year, but societies like ours just cannot function without the unseen work undertaken on our behalf by the many committee members; it's often thankless but always vital work that they undertake to enable the society to continue to excel in what it does - producing quality entertainment for the people of Marple. Thanks too on behalf of all the members to all the committee members standing down this time.

Congratulations to Bethan Greer for her special Adjudicator Award at the GMDF awards ceremony on 30th June for her portrayal of Dandini in the abovementioned panto. Congratulations also to Norman King who won the Julie Emmanuel Trophy for best comedy performance in the GMDF one-act festival at Brookdale Theatre. He was in a play put on by Heald Green Theatre, but we won't hold that against him! (perhaps the Carver could look into taking part in this in the future - just a thought for the new committee to ponder!) Snake in the Grass also had 2 nominations for awards; Kate Millward for her role as Miriam, and the production as a whole for its simulated realism (with a special mention for the plants!). And finally, congratulations must go to the Carver Juniors and their supporters for their Carnival entry, they won prizes for best dressed adults walking (really? Who are these well dressed Carver adults?) and 2nd prize in the children's walking category. Well done to all!

However, we mustn't rest on our laurels! Already work is going on in preparation for next season. The Calendar Girls are rehearsing assiduously and the stage and theatre are being prepared for the new season, and so the cycle begins again! Much work has also been done on the theatre's website and I would urge everyone to have a look at it, and to keep referring back to it as time goes on, as there are great things happening there, one of which will be a repository of past newsletters, so if the gap between them seems too long, you can always re-read old editions!! There will also be a members area, to which you will need to log in and I know Mike has already notified members about how to do this.

Best wishes to all from the newsletter team, have a great summer, and I look forward to catching up with you all again in September (or perhaps at the theatre next week - see below for more details).

Carver AGM

The main points arising from the AGM are as follows (thanks to John for providing the information):

1. 47 members attended.
2. Cheque for £600 presented to Marple Brass Band by Ken.
3. Band also collected £1,200 in buckets during the run of Brassed Off.
4. New Chairman is John Woodruff.
5. Ken thanked for all his work for the society as Chairman over the last 4 years.
6. Treasurer announced good financial performance and healthy cash reserves.
7. Registrar reported on membership numbers (total of 155).
8. Registrar announced new website details.
9. Rule changes approved by members for new Pantomime Committee and allowing Juniors to become student members from age 14 with full rights and responsibilities (but excluding anything concerned with the bar).
10. New ticket prices announced £8.00 (£7 for concessions), season full price £31 (concessions £27).
11. Members agreed that subscriptions should be held at current levels for 2012/13.
12. Members approved subscription increases for 2013/14 for Full and Supporter
13. Members to £20 and £15, respectively; approval given by members to retain Junior subs at current level of £10.
14. Outline design ideas for refurbished theatre on display and members comments were invited on post-its.
15. Most Committee and Section Secretary positions filled, except social Secretary and Team. Tonia Williams (the outgoing Secretary) cannot continue for personal family reasons but will help with a longish handover to any new incumbent. Any takers?

Maintenance and set building

Although we are in the holiday season, work at the theatre continues apace. If members can spare some time next week they are urged to turn up at the theatre to help with either set building for Calendar Girls, or general maintenance work. The close season is the only time we get an opportunity to undertake vital maintenance work at the theatre and it would be fantastic if we could make inroads into the list of little jobs that need to be done, but which for one reason or another there isn't time during the season.

From 6th August please just turn up at the theatre ready to do your bit, 7.45 til 9.30ish Monday to Thursday. Contact Brian Bircher if you need any more information.

Calling all G & S buffs.....

Woodley Players is a long established local society and puts on a musical each year in the Hatherlow Church Hall (next to the 'Spread Eagle') SK6 3DR. Its production next spring will be Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Patience'. Additional singers are required, particularly in the chorus. Performance dates are 23-27 April. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, starting 3 January. To give people an advance idea of the

production, there will be a 'sing through' in November (provisionally Thursday 1 November) in the Hatherlow Church Hall - why not go along and see whether this is for you.

More details are available from the Woodley Players' website [www.woodleyplayers.co.uk] or you can join its email list (contact Mike Bailey via mike@baileyterry.freeserve.co.uk).

And some snippets from the Carver Facebook group

Dear all, The theatre stage summer maintenance starts tonight at 7.30pm and on wednesday too? All help gratefully received. Also we will be painting the drops white so any painting ability is welcome. Thanks Matt Kayes

The new Carver Theatre website is up and running and now allows members to create their own user code to access the members' only area of the site. See all at www.carvertheatre.co.uk. Mike Strivens

really enjoyed "Putting It Together" on Friday. Though you might like to see my blog post about my visit <http://alisonsadventuresintheatreland.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/putting-it-together-carver-theatre.html>. Alison Mee

[Liz Galloway](#) Thank you, Alison, for your kind words and excellent review. I'm so glad you enjoyed it-the show was certainly a challenge, both musically and to stage (as SM I'm well-placed to say this!). The good news- we raised £3000 for the 2 charities.

Dates for your diary

Calendar Girls	21 st -29 th September
Bedroom Farce, Alan Ayckbourn	9 th -17 th November
Jack and the Beanstalk	11 th -19 th January 2013
Secret Rapture, David Hare	22 nd Feb-2 nd March 2013
Unoriginal Sin, David Tristram	10 th -18 th May 2013
We'll Always Have Paris, Jill Hyem	September 2013