



Carver Theatre Newsletter

October 2014

What a great show last week – well done to all involved! The sight of one of the pillars of Marple society giving a ‘V’ sign on stage will stay with me for a long time! And on the theme of drama at the theatre, I hope we have had a positive response to Mike’s plea for someone to do props for the next play – if you feel this is something you could help with please contact Mike Galloway at

Michael.galloway@virgin.net. On a similar vein, I gather the search is on for male actors for Arsenic and Old Lace. If this appeals to you then contact the Production Committee via production@carvertheatre.co.uk.

It’s an exciting time for the Panto team as auditions took place recently for chorus and principal roles – good luck to all looking to be involved in Aladdin this season. Talking of opportunities, there was an appeal for extras to take part in a BBC production recently – I’d be interested to hear if anyone from the Carver went along, newsletter@carvertheatre.co.uk.

From the society’s website I note that the minutes from the AGM are now available for members’ perusal and also the Alzheimers Society are the charity of the year for this season – supported through sale of raffle tickets at Carver performances. Do buy generously and support this great charity – and you might even win a box of chocolates or a bottle of wine! What’s not to like about that!

And finally, our thoughts go to Pat Bircher and Audrey Ward who have both undergone surgery since the last newsletter. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

Foyer and Corridors

First of all I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help paint the foyer and corridors before it was decided to employ a professional due to the timescale involved.

Secondly my thanks go to everyone who came to help mount all the picture frames on the walls and for an excellent job done; and also to Heather Baguley for her calligraphy on the blackboards.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to my team members (namely Joanna Bircher, Matthew Simon and Liz Rigg) for all their hard work and help in designing and completing the refurbishment of the foyer and corridors. I would also like to thank Andy Tinsey for his advice and help with the lighting and fixtures and acknowledge all his hard work on this project. Last but most certainly not least a big thank you also goes to David Alexander for his advice on frames and for all his wonderful photographs.

We hope you like the new look!

Pam Mainprize

New members’ evening

New Members’ Evening – a date for your diary! We wish to invite all members who have joined us during the last season to an evening in the bar at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 8 October. We hope as many of you as possible will come along to meet the more established members and the executive committee, get to know us a little better and find out a little more about how to get involved. We also hope that as

many members as possible will come along to meet them and make them feel welcome.

Membership update

Jenny Smith has returned to the theatre and will be appearing in Ladies Day. Her interests are lighting and the bar in addition to acting.

Unfortunately Pat Hammersley will not be renewing her membership due to ill health and we wish her well. Also Shelly Johnson will not be renewing her membership.

Dave Davies' memorial

We are still accepting donations for Dave's chair which will have a gold spot showing where he was born in Wales. We plan to have a presentation later in the year tied to a social event. Please contact Mike Strivens, treasurer@carvertheatre.co.uk

Social Events

Following the success of our social events last year, we intend to organise events on one of the Fridays in any month when we don't have a production.

First event

Friday 24 October 8.00pm - Midnight

Musical magical mystery tour with supper.

Price £5.00 to include admission, entertainment and food

Please let Mike Coleman know if you are going to join in the fun, either by responding to this email or calling him on 0161 427 6985 or 07855 666646.

Friday 12th December Carver Christmas Capers with Supper £5.00 includes admission, entertainment and supper, Carver Youth members welcome with parents.

Dates in 2015 to be announced. Please let Mike Coleman know if you have any ideas for a social evening or would like to help with organising one.

Dates for your diary

New members' evening	8 th October
Musical Magical Mystery Tour	24 th October
Oh what a lovely war, Theatre Workshop	7 th – 15 th November
Carver Christmas Capers	12 th December
Aladdin, Peter Denyer	9 th – 17 th January
Arsenic and old lace, Joseph Kesselring	27 th Feb – 7 th March
Move over Mrs Markham, Ray Cooney and John Chapman	8 th – 16 th May