

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016



CHADWICK STREET,
MARPLE

EDITORIAL

We are both fresh from an intense period at the theatre, both having been involved in Ladies Down Under – Joanna on stage and Adam creating the AV material and operating the sound. It was a truly great experience. It reminded us what a wonderful community theatre the Carver is. It was such a happy show, both on stage and off. A big thank you from both of us to everyone involved...and to the audience who seemed to enjoy the show so much.

We would also like to pass on thanks from the Exec and all members to Nick and Marjorie Bradley and team who will be stepping down from their roles of organising the Front of House and Teas rotas at the time of the AGM in September. Nick will be stepping down as House Secretary. They have dedicated so many hours phoning round members to fill the rotas and thereby ensure our audience continues to have a good experience of the theatre. THANK YOU FROM US ALL. We will need someone to fill the role of House secretary and organizer of the rotas –so have a think now if you feel able to contribute in this valuable way to the running of the theatre.

Adam will be heading off to Edinburgh University in September to study History, so we will also need a new newsletter editor. If you like the idea of keeping in touch with the membership, please put your name forward at the AGM in September.

The Summer BBQ is planned for a sunny day in July (weather booked, promise) and don't forget your tickets for Shakespeare Rocks – this year's Carver Youth Production in June.

All the best! ☺



Joanna and Adam Bircher (Editors)

LONG SERVICE AWARDS –MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

I have recently contacted everyone for whom I do not have a joining date with an invitation to apply for the Long Service Award which was approved at the last AGM. This is for those of you who have thirty years unbroken membership and who meet the criteria set out in my letter. I would really appreciate those of you who have received an invitation but who joined after 1986 letting me know your joining date so that I can update the register. This will avoid any future Registrar contacting you unnecessarily year on year.

The closing date for applications is 31st July 2016.

Pam Mainprize, Registrar

OUR RECENT PRODUCTIONS/EVENTS

LADIES DOWN UNDER



We had some lovely feedback by email during the recent run of Ladies Down Under:

Please would you pass on our heartiest congratulations to the cast and crew for this week's performance of Ladies Down Under. My husband and I have been season ticket holders for over 20 years and thoroughly enjoy the Carver's performances, but this was one of those that not only uplifted us throughout the evening, but on the journey home and even now when we think back to Tuesday evening. With life's ups and downs, stresses and strains this was heaps of fun and made us all feel great. With thanks, Elaine and Chris Ascott

And thanks to Terry for his feedback:

Just to mention Ladies Down Under... didn't think the previous Ladies could be bettered but did. It made me realise how much I am missing the BUZZ . Terry Lee

PRODUCTIONS NEXT SEASON

The Decorator by Donald Churchill

16th-24th September 2016

Directed by Rod Goddard

A comedy with 3 actors (2 women and 1 man)

Auditions Wednesday 29th June 2016 8pm
in the Library



Born in a Hamper written and directed by John Stirling

4th-12th November 2016

The cast is large with varied ages, including young children/young people.

Auditions Wednesday 8th June 7.30pm in the Library. Other auditions for the young actors will be arranged at a later date.

Robin Wood and the Babes in the Wood by Peter Denyer

Directed by Chris Sturmey, assisted by Richard Bircher

13th-21st- January 2017

Lots of parts and lots of fun for all.

Auditions are usually the second Sunday in September but this is yet to be confirmed.

Dick Barton, Special Agent by Phil Willmott

3rd -11th March 2017

Directed by Steve Stubbs

This is a comedy with music. There are parts for men and women of varying ages.

Best if they can hold a tune, but professional singing voices not required.

Auditions already taken place.

Straight and Narrow by Jimmie Chinn

Directed by Sheryl Haydock-Howorth

12th – 20th May 2017

A moving comedy for the modern world. There are 7 parts (3 men, 3 women aged 30s-70s).

Auditions Wednesday 30th November 2016 7.30pm in the Library.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Auditorium Refurbishment – Summer 2016

Following on from previous works to refresh the public areas, this summer we are undertaking the largest refurbishment of the theatre in recent years. We are replacing the auditorium seats, decorating the auditorium and public toilets, replacing the radiators in the auditorium, replacing the wall down-lighters and putting in new carpet also in the auditorium. Clearly this is a massive job and all of this work will be done by contractors, at a cost of around £28k if anybody is interested.



However we need to remove the existing seats and stack them neatly on the stage until I can sell or otherwise dispose of them. We also need to remove the existing carpet. To that end we go dark after the theatre let on Sunday 3rd July. We need as many people as possible in the theatre from 10:00am on 4th July to remove the seats. A full week has

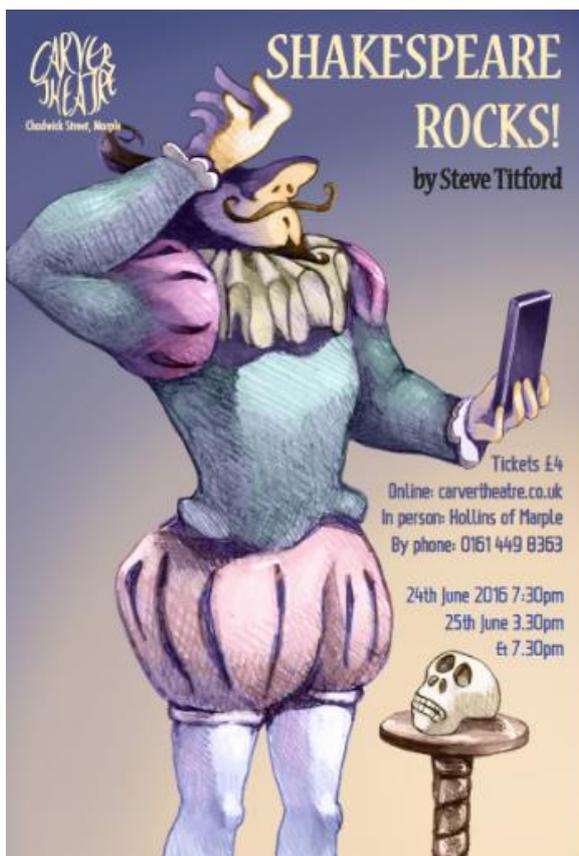
been allocated for this task but the more who turn up the quicker the job is done. Some of you would prefer daytime working and some evenings, both can be accommodated. I shall be there all week. Some tools will be provided but it would help if you have some screwdrivers and/or spanners you could bring along. The seats seem to be fixed to the floor and together with a number of different fastenings.

Clearly this is a large job and we need as many people to help as possible. Your help is required.

We also have various other annual maintenance jobs to complete and rather than trying to blitz them over one weekend we shall fit these in with the major works above. I would prefer to do it this way as many people complained that they couldn't do the designated weekend as they were on holiday and frankly I don't have the energy any more to spend a whole weekend doing hard graft at the theatre, a common complaint I understand.

In due course I shall be collecting availability from you for week commencing 4th July through until end of August. There are tasks for EVERY SINGLE member.

Dr Mike Strivens
Treasurer



SUPPORT OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS – THE FUTURE OF OUR THEATRE

Tickets are on sale for “Shakespeare Rocks!” by Steve Titford. A fantastic production by our Youth Section.

24th-25th June 2016

7.30pm (Sat 25th 3.30pm)

Aubrey, The Rough Shakespeare Company’s pretentious director, obtains what appears to be William Shakespeare’s lost diary. Along with Al, his assistant, the pair decide to embark on an exclusive adaption of the flamboyant Bard’s personal journal. “Shakespeare Rocks!” is a funny and up to date look at the life and times of William Shakespeare, with a cast of hilarious historical characters, amusing glimpses into some of his works and how he came ‘To Be’.

DICK BARTON MYSTERY –WHO HAS NICKED THE SCRIPT?

A copy of 'Dick Barton' was left in the pigeon hole marked 'for the attention of Janine Royle', but disappeared within hours of being left there and before Janine could collect it.

Prior to calling in any Special Investigators we have declared an amnesty for the next week. If the script does not turn up I will have to approach Dr Strivens for another £10 to replace it, a task I do not relish. ☺

Bernice

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR NEXT SEASON AND AGM DATE CHANGE

Just to remind you that your membership expires at the end of June and you will soon be receiving reminders to renew your subscriptions. This year we are adding the facility to enable you to pay by direct debit, with all the usual DD safeguards. This is the preferred payment option for us as it removes the hassle for the Registrar having to send out numerous reminders and chase around collecting



your subs. Your subs are due by 31st July 2016. If you have not paid by 30th September your membership will expire.

Please also note that the AGM has moved to the end of September each year to avoid the summer holidays and hopefully more of you will be able to attend. The date for this year is 28th September. If we had kept to the end of July this year you would all be standing and have paint dripping on your heads, see my other notice about summer works.

Dr Mike Strivens
Treasurer

TIPS FROM MEMBERS – THE INTERNATIONAL THEATRE STUDIO NEAR MARBELLA

I was recently in San Pedro de Alcantara (near Marbella) and was invited to a production of “Ghost Writer” by David Tristram performed by the International Theatre Studio. We enjoyed an amusing play with sinister twists performed by a skilled amateur cast. Front of house, lighting and sound were all of a similar good standard. We had a great night.

This society is mainly ex-pats seeing culture. They put on 2 plays a year in a disused disco in the grounds of a big hotel which sounds dubious but is actually lovely setting. A circular room with a stage (put up for each play by the society) at one end and small coffee tables with comfortable chairs to sit on and watch the performance whilst having a drink! Most civilised! However, it made me realise how fortunate the Carver Theatre is to have it’s own auditorium, rehearsal rooms (I.T.S rehearse in each other’s houses!) and bar.

I.T.S also have a broader social side with trips to filmed plays, ballets etc. and other societies’ plays.

Theatre is alive and well in Southern Spain! If you happen to be in the area - Google them!

Serena Botterman MBE

Social Events



Carver Summer Capers Saturday: 2nd July, at 4:00pm

Mike Coleman will once again host a BBQ at Ridge Avenue, and this year will have a Caribbean Theme.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016/17

WED 8TH JUNE, 7:30PM

AUDITION FOR BORN IN A HAMPER

24TH-25TH JUNE

CARVER YOUTH PRESENT
SHAKESPEARE ROCKS!

WED 29TH JUNE, 8PM

AUDITION FOR THE DECORATOR

SAT 2ND JULY, 4PM

CARVER SUMMER CAPERS - BBQ

16TH-24TH SEPTEMBER

THE DECORATOR

28TH SEPTEMBER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4TH-12TH NOV

BORN IN A HAMPER

30TH NOV, 7.30PM

AUDITION FOR STRAIGHT AND NARROW

13TH-21ST JANUARY 2017

ROBIN HOOD AND THE BABES IN THE
WOOD

3RD-11TH MARCH 2017

DICK BARTON, SPECIAL AGENT

12TH-20TH MAY 2017

STRAIGHT AND NARROW