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Carver Theatre Newsletter

February 2012

A bumper edition this time round - a thousand thanks to everyone that rallied to my cry for information to pass on. We really are a busy society - and all the activity mentioned here is carried on top of the regular theatre activities! Read on, enjoy, and if the spirit moves you, get involved. If you don't do anything else this year, please respond positively to the "wouldn't it be wonderful" invite mentioned below. We all need to look ahead from time to time, even us!

In the short term however, our next production is in full swing at the theatre as I write this. As Paula writes on Facebook, "What a spectacular night, well done to all those involved in *Come Blow Your Horn*, it was sensational!" (quoted without permission, I hope you don't Paula!). Still a few nights of the run to go so don't miss it!

Save the date!!

We would like to announce a very important event for all Carver members that will take place this March at Murillo's, 7.30pm, Thursday 22nd March.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if..."

This will be an evening of fun but with the intention of gathering ideas from all members about the future direction of the Carver over the next 5-10 years.

We would love as many members as possible from all generations and all views will be welcomed with open ears.

The steering group for the event are: Mike Strivens, Gary Fielding, Phil Kiernan and Joanna Bircher. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible and will be sending out formal personal invitations soon. The evening will also involve food and drink in case additional incentive is required.

Production Secretary update

'Come Blow Your Horn' is now well into rehearsals and rehearsals for 'Brassed Off' begin in the middle of March. We have done our very best to put as many members into the parts they have requested this season, although sometimes this isn't possible.

If anyone feels unhappy, left out, or that they have not been well treated, could they please contact me and explain how they feel rather than let discontent grow. I sincerely hope no one feels disgruntled but if they do please contact me, either by e-mail or phone (I am however away until the 28th February).

Bernice

Carver online

I would love to draw all members' attention to the Carver Facebook group -there are 92 members of the group so it is a great way of informing our younger members (and not so young members surely - ed.) and supporters about things that are going on. Our most

active members on Facebook are Steve Johnson, Gina Hargreaves (who puts on some great photos) and Mike Strivens. I recommend anyone with a Facebook account to join!
Joanna

Finance

Will you ask members to either put their invoices into my pigeon hole or post them to me please.

Audrey

Putting it Together

Following their very well received production at the theatre last year, Marple Moments will be back in July with a collection of Stephen Sondheim songs. Putting it Together is a revue of songs from various Sondheim shows including Sweeney Todd, Follies and A Little Night Music. Running from 9th to 14th July 2012, evenings 7.45pm, Sat Matinee 2.30pm. Tickets available from 0161 427 7998. Further details at the Moments website, www.marplemoments.co.uk. Proceeds from the performances this year will be split between St Anne's hospice and Independent Options, two very deserving local charities.

Rotary in India

Most members I am sure will know that Mike regularly takes groups of Rotarians to India to support the mass immunisation against polio. We are leaving on the 5th February to travel to India where Mike is once again organising a group of 44 volunteers from all over the U.K. helping with Rotary International's immunisations against Polio where 170 million children will be immunised in the weekend of the 20th. In the 12 months to 13th Jan 2012, there has not been a single Polio case in India for the first time and in recognition of this fact, Fergus Walsh, the BBC Health Correspondent and a film crew will join them and will be broadcasting their report live from the Delhi slums on Breakfast TV at 7am on Monday 20th Feb with further reports in the 6 and 10 o'clock news. (hope you caught it - ed.)

The following weekend we will be attending a Polio Summit with delegates from the Government, World Health Organisation and Pakistan and Afghanistan members of Parliament aimed at preventing the re-infection by travellers from those countries crossing the border into India.

We will be back at the end of February, so no calls to my mobile during this time please!

Updates from Exec

Panto committee elected now - Chair -Gary Fielding and committee members are Joanna Bircher, Nick Bradley, Debbie Durr and Matthew Kayes.

Exec request that National Anthem is re-introduced prior to plays in 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee. (I'm sure we'll all support this!)

Volunteer Wanted: to manage the Carver Cleaners

The Executive is seeking a volunteer to manage the theatre cleaners. The work entails creating a 6-monthly schedule according to the Carver programmes, lets and other

events; liaising with the cleaners and checking their work and ensuring sufficient supplies are available for them to do that work.

6-monthly schedules: these are now from past work available electronically for ease of creation [time involved about 3 hours every six months]

Liaison: monthly paper communication logs are created upon which cleaners indicate that their work is completed, any problems they have experienced, and upon which the Carver puts forward any specific requests or comment upon poor performance [time involved about 1 hour per month plus a brief visual check of the log / work done after every cleaning event].

Supplies: ensuring that stocks of paper towels / toilet rolls and soap products etc. are held and asking for new supplies via D Davies / Hollins Building Supplies [time involved - minimal].

Brian Bircher has been doing this job since August 2008. Any questions about the work can be answered by Brian on 427 5472 or email bircherb@aol.com. He will, of course, help any volunteer take over this work.

And finally.....

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Who Let The Dads Out

Saturday 17th March 2012

10am until 12pm In All Saint's Church Hall

155 Church Lane, Marple, SK6 7LD

A time for Dads, Granddads' and Male Carers to have fun with their Children / Grandchildren and make some Mothers Day Craft and Chat to fellow Dads over Coffee & Cake.

For further information contact Matt Kayes on 07748115274

Dates for your diary

Come blow your horn, Neil Simon

24th February - 3rd March

Gang Show (Scouts)

15th - 24th March

Brassed off, Paul Allen/Mark Herman

11th - 19th May

Putting it Together (Moments)

9th - 14th July