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Carver Theatre Newsletter

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Another packed newsletter this time - thanks once again to all the contributors! In addition to the intended contributions I have added one or two bits from the Carver Facebook page to share with the wider membership. The Facebook pages provide an excellent way of keeping up to date with fellow Carver members, and also a way of finding out what's happening at the Carver on a more informal level.

Please give serious thought to the Situations Vacant section in the newsletter, there are a couple of opportunities to get more involved in the running of the society without taking on too much additional work. Support is available in the roles if needed.

Finally, I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing Bernice a speedy recovery after her recent accident and we look forward to seeing you up and about and back to your old self very soon!

Exec updates

Huge thanks to everyone for coming to Murillos. Strategy team are meeting again soon to plan the next steps. (Attached is a list of all the ideas and a brief summary).

National Anthem will be played before plays during the Diamond Jubilee year.

Moves are afoot to change the name of 'Carver juniors' to 'Carver Youth' and that all youth members will be invited to become student members once they become 14 - this requires a rule change which we will propose at the AGM. This will mean they will be invited to open forums, play readings, will receive newsletter and can also go on the tea/programme rota etc.

We are forming a partnership with the Faculty of Art and Design at MMU. The refurbishment/design of our public areas is going to be taken on as a second-year student project...exciting stuff! We should have some designs ready for the AGM.

We are creating a Carver 'code of conduct' to help promote the smooth running of relationships at the theatre.

The website is soon to be transferred to a different host (due to necessity as the current one is being withdrawn) and this will provide an exciting opportunity. The new system we plan to use has lots of great functions like sending out/storing newsletters and multiple people being able to edit it. It can also have a 'members only' function. Anyone who would like to have editing powers please email Joanna.

We have partnered up with the Commercial Photography department at Stockport College to produce our own Carver Girls Calendar -featuring the cast of the September play. All proceeds will be going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma research in line with the original story. We have a professional art director who has offered her services for free and I am hoping to get sponsorship from local businesses to support the production costs. Unfortunately Marple and Cheadle 6th form were unable to help on this occasion but we will look out for future opportunities. The calendar will be ready for sale at the opening night of the play.

Joanna

Situations vacant

Programme editor, full training provided - just imagination and basic IT skills needed. Enjoy working with directors and cast to explain each show to the audience, researching background to shows, designing covers, and liaising with local businesses who love advertising with us to show their support. Job can be shared, as at present - team of three.

Matthew Simon

Needed for "Brassed Off" - middle-aged/older "man in a suit" for one entrance in the final scene to present a cup to the winners of the band competition. No lines - just a walk on. Contact Beryl Swann for more details, 0161 427 1430 or e-mail

briardale1@hotmail.co.uk

Liaison with cleaners. The Carver Executive still needs a person to manage the theatre cleaners. The work is not onerous, but requires some regular attention to ensure: Formal liaison with the cleaners and checking their work [1 hour per month & after every clean]

Availability of sufficient supplies for the cleaners to do their work [minor time involved].

Creation of 6-monthly schedules according to the Carver plays, lets and events [3 hours per 6 months]

Computer access for provision of the above duties.

The volunteer would need to have some daytime availability [rarely needed].

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.

Note: this is the 2nd request for help in this matter via the Carver Newsletter: maybe we can appeal to the member's spirit so evident at Murillos?

Greater Manchester Drama Federation - Awards Night and Dinner

This year the dinner will be held on 30th June at The Last Drop Village Hotel, Bolton. Tickets are £27 each and always go like hot cakes. If you wait to see if we have any nominations before booking tickets, you may be too late! Anyone wishing to attend should contact GMDF via their website, www.gmdf.org or email to jude@gmdf.org. More details, including menu can be found there.

Award nominations will be published on the GMDF website by 28th May 2012 but they always say not to wait until then because tickets go fast.

To book a room to stay overnight, book directly with the hotel. There are fantastic facilities available at the hotel, visit their website for more details,

www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6634-mercure-bolton-last-drop-village-hotel-and-spa/index.shtml

Audrey's contact details

Audrey asks me to remind members of her recent change of e mail:

a.bramwell@hotmail.co.uk.

Alternatively contact her by text 07837671109.

Carver Juniors

The Summer Show is on the 22nd and 23rd of June at 7.30pm - the show is The Best of British (known as BOB) and celebrates the Juniors' interpretation of all things British. We would love to see you in our audience. For the show we need 4 old style deck chairs (the wooden frame type) Do you have any we can borrow? If so please let Eve know - claytonjohn1@sky.com

This year Marple Carnival's theme is the Best of British, the carnival takes place on the Saturday the 16th of June. Some of the juniors and adult leaders are entering a walking float. Our walking float theme is Pantomime so we will be dressing up as various Pantomime characters. Please join us - the more the merrier! For further details contact Eve.

We could do with a banner to walk behind to let everyone know who we are - if you have the time and are ready and willing to make / help make a banner again let me know.

Thanks for your support, involvement and assistance in advance.

Eve & the juniors. (0161 427 0396)

John Sims

We are sad to announce that long term member John Sims recently passed away.

John was a member of the increasingly forgotten team that converted the Carver from a flat floored, drafty, ill equipped and cold hall into the theatre we have today.

John moved to Marple in 1976 and joined the Carver shortly after. He held many positions within the theatre but was not one to tread the boards, although during one production of Jack and the Beanstalk his voice was heard booming out the well known giants cry of 'Fee fi fo fum'. If you need more details of that story, Andy Tinsey will be happy to supply them!

From Carver Facebook

I miss the carver, somehow its nearly 3 years already since I was on stage there! hope everyone is really well! Enjoyed watching the shows i saw there last season :-) Ben Maloney

Thanks to all members who came to Murillos on Thursday night for our 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if...' night. It was great to hear so many exciting ideas and constructive feedback. The strategy team have written it all up (thanks to Mike for transcribing all those post-its!) and will be getting back to you all soon. To all non-members in the FB group - we'll be after opinions from our audiences soon -watch this space! Joanna Bircher Looking forward to seeing what everyone had to say. It was a great evening, well organised and well attended. Thanks to you and the rest of the team for orchestrating it... Catriona Duncan-Rees

Dear all

My friend Rachel has asked if I can publicise an event her daughter Emily has arranged at Romiley Forum. Emily is this year's Mellor Rose Queen and all proceeds are going the Rose Queen Charity Shuktara which supports disable street children in India.

Emily's godfather is comedian Chris Addison (from 'The Thick of It' , Mock the week etc and he's putting on a gig at the forum to raise funds.

All details are on the poster.

Please support them! It promises to be a great night out.

Joanna

Does anyone know what date calender girls starts? Debbie Durr

It's on 21st-29th September. Joanna Bircher

Marple Moments - Putting it together

Tickets are now on sale for this production taking place at the Carver Theatre, 9th-14th July. Priced £8.50, contact John or Debbie Woodruff on 0161 427 7998. Group discounts are available.

Dates for your diary

Brassed off, Paul Allen/Mark Herman	11 th - 19 th May
Open Forum	13 th June
Marple Carnival	16 th June
Reading, Secret rapture	20 th June
Carver Juniors - summer show	22 nd -23 rd June
Reading, Panto	27 th June
Reading, Unoriginal sin	4 th July
Putting it together (Moments)	9 th - 14 th July
Reading, Bedroom farce	18 th July
Calendar Girls	21 st -29 th September