



STAGE WHISPER

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TRINITY NEWSLETTER

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"A BEDFULL OF FOREIGNERS" by Dave Freeman

to be directed by Bob French assisted by Dinah Bowman

Readthrough on Friday Jan 28

Auditions on Monday Jan 31, both starting at 7.30 p.m.

See inside for more details.

PLEASE READ AND CIRCULATE

Now the festivities are behind us please read and come forward to help. Without more help we will come to a grinding halt! There is another play about to go into rehearsal and we need assistance.

WANTED – HELP BEHIND STAGE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Following my request for more people to produce plays, several have now come forward and we have a pretty healthy list for forthcoming plays. We are, however, now restricted by the number of people who can either stage manage, back stage help or assist with sound and lighting. It usually falls to the same few people to willingly do these jobs but it is not fair that they be asked to do every production. So please, do come forward – if you don't know what is required – we know people who can help you. **LET'S KEEP TRINITY BUSY WITH PRODUCTIONS – THAT'S WHAT THEATRES ARE FOR AND MORE PARTICULARLY YOUR SOCIETY.**

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Hello, my name is Mike Buckett, and my role is that of stage director, and as such I hope to start writing a piece each month called Behind the Scenes , to let people know whats happening back-stage, and also to ask for help and materials that people may have laying unused at home, and hopefully to lift the lid on some of the silly things that happen during shows, as well as some light hearted gossip, you'd be surprised what we hear stood behind the curtains !!

My first request is a material request for any old pieces of chicken wire that people may have in their sheds, or garages, just in case they may find a use for it one day, as we need it to construct trees for the forthcoming 'Alice in Wonderland'.I'm quite happy to collect, just call me on 07766410419

President's Notes - January

As I mentioned in December's edition, the weather took its toll on the first week of *The Wizard of Oz* but the rest of the performances went very well with the audiences thoroughly enjoying the show. Thanks to everyone who put in so much hard work and gave so many people so much enjoyment. I say the rest of the shows went well but there was the slight hiccup when we had to evacuate the theatre due to a fire alarm. For those not there, the building was evacuated in a very calm manner within five minutes. Thanks to everyone who was involved, especially front of house staff who cleared the auditorium very effectively and also got the audience back in again.

Alice in Wonderland rehearsals are now in full swing (tickets available online at www.caods.org.uk). There are also the readthrough and auditions for *A Bed Full of Foreigners* at the end of January to look forward to.

Nicholsons will be starting work on roof repairs in January. The upgrade to the clubroom is continuing with the floor being cleaned and polished. This is a much cheaper alternative to having it sanded and polished professionally and it will still improve the look of the floor considerably.

The official handover of the Co-Op grant cheque was cancelled due to the weather before Christmas. This will probably now happen in the next few weeks. We do however have the real £12,500 in our account which we are very grateful for. Our application for an "Awards for All" grant to help with the costs of the upstairs toilet refurbishment has been sent in. We should hear something around the end of January.

Over many years the society has had to take loans for various projects. The most recent was when the heating and air conditioning was installed. In 2002, we had about £39,000 outstanding in various loans but now I am very pleased to say that all our loans are now cleared having paid off the last £1,200 of the heating loan. The loans have been from banks and individuals associated with the society. We are particularly grateful to the individuals who have been so generous in helping the society.

As you can see from the diary the theatre is being used more by external groups. We obviously need to do this to generate income and to raise the profile of the theatre in the community. Many of these events need little input from ourselves but some do, so please give a helping hand with these if asked to.

On the social front, the weather caused the cancellation of the Carol Singing and the postponement of the Christmas Party on December 18th, however, the party did take place on New Year's day and was very enjoyable, especially the visit from Santa Claus.

Happy New Year.

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MAKE A DATE! COMING SOON on 23rd. - 26th. FEBRUARY
SOLENT G&S COMPANY Presents

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
& TRIAL BY JURY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Saturday 15 th January at 7:30pm	Ghost Evening - External hire
Monday 24 th January at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting
Friday 28 th January at 7:30pm	A Bed Full of Foreigners - Readthrough
Monday 31 st January at 7:30pm	A Bed Full of Foreigners - Auditions
Friday 4 th February at 7:30pm	Rotary Club Fashion Show - External Hire
Saturday 5 th February 10am to 2pm	Bag Packing at Cowes Co-Op
Friday 11 th February at 7:30pm	Ghost Evening - External hire
Monday 14 th February at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting - to be confirmed
23 rd to 26 th February at 7:30pm	Pirates & Trial by Solent G&S
Saturday 12 th March 10am to 2pm	Bag Packing at Cowes Co-Op
Monday 14 th March at 7:30pm	Committee Meeting - to be confirmed
18 th to 20 th & 25 th to 27 th March	Alice in Wonderland

And don't forget work nights every Wednesday 7pm to 9:30 pm except when shows are on.

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I am hoping to produce the above play, and Dinah Bowman will be assisting me. There will be a **read through on Friday Jan 28** followed by an **audition on Monday Jan 31**, both starting at 7.30 p.m.

The play is a comedy and will be produced on **May 25 – 28 Incl.** The play is set in a French Hotel near the German border.

The characters are:

Karak – The Head Porter – Slav accent – 40/60

Heinz – Hotel Manager – slight German accent – 35/45

Stanley Parker – on holiday with his wife – 30/40

Brenda Parker – 30/40

Helga Philby – late 20s/early 30s – has slight German accent

Claude Philby – pompous English businessman – 35/50

Simone – Claude's mistress – slight French accent – 25/45

All ages are only an indication. Books will be available from me after January 10th. I look forward to seeing you on 28th.

BOB FRENCH – tel: 295248

Thank you to all the contributors who have helped make "Stage Whisper" lively and informative in the past year.

All entries (in writing please) for the February edition of "Stage Whisper" should be sent to Rosie Collard, Editor, 5, Battery Road, Cowes by Monday 7th. February.

E-mail contributions welcomed. No attachments, please!

Please note that my email address is **stagewhisper@caods.org.uk**

Thank you, Rosie