



AUDITIONS

Rose Weakley will be Directing our next production - Anybody for Murder? By Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner.

'Max is planning to murder his wife, Janet, collect her life insurance and enjoy life with his girlfriend when Mary and George arrive on their Greek island with news: Mary and Janet are beneficiaries of a huge fortune. Plans and plots hatch and soon everyone is bent on murder. All that stands in their way is the presence of a neighbour who knows a thing or two about murder, crime writer Edgar Chambers.'

Auditions 8pm at the Pavilion on 10th and 13th June.

Show dates are 17-19th October

"Confusions"

Congratulations to everyone involved with the spring production. An exciting idea to put on 5 playlets with a link between each one. Moving and thought provoking and funny.

We raised £86 for the Saturday raffle and collection boxes. Together with a donation from Chinnor Players, we are pleased to be sending a cheque for £140 to the 'More than just a choir' part of Harrow Rethink Support Group in memory of John Sanger.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

* Over the summer we are going to be preparing more new flats - so the Greek villa in the Autumn play should look like a new build! We are also working on arranging a date to clear out the chicken shed. For anyone who has been there, it definitely needs some attention.

* One item we discuss regularly as a committee is how we encourage more people to come and see our productions, particularly the plays. Once people come to one, we see them time and again so any ideas to 'break the seal' are very welcome. We are setting up a new Facebook page which will be public and concentrating on promoting the performance dates and information about the shows - a bit like the business pages you often see and intended to complement the group page we have now. The new page will also be linked to Instagram to get our message through as many channels as possible. We also discussed leaflet drops to the new estates - as Chinnor has a lot of newcomers to the village, we would very much like them to see our shows. We often hear how impressed people are when they do come, not at all what they had in mind for an amateur group, so we know we have a good message to spread.

* We like our front of house to be an efficient affair and serve as quickly as possible. We don't measure our wine glasses but fill them up. Our wine glasses are now all large measures and yet our prices have remained at the levels when we served in small glasses. We will therefore be increasing the wine prices from October. Only modestly, still only £3 for a large glass of red or white. Prosecco has also proved a big hit so that will continue to be on the list. And, after small trial at the last play, we can now take card payments as well as cash.

* A recent change over the past couple of years has been that we pay for our rehearsal room hire. This has meant we struggle to break even on the plays. The committee have been considering increasing the ticket prices, however, decided to keep them at £8.50/£6 as they have been for many years and concentrate on increasing our audience numbers. Hence all the ideas and activities to try and do just that.

* Our last set build was one that all worked out in the end but the journey was a little fraught at times. As a result, we have a couple of changes to make sure to tackle some of the challenges. For the plays, we will now be booking the Friday nights to put down the stage. This is always a physical job and having it done on the Friday allows more time and muscle for the set at the weekend. Last production we were not able to get in the hall on Friday night and it did make a difference. So good news from October, we will book the hall for the extra time. And secondly, our Spring productions coincide with Compost Corner's annual jaunt. This means that we are already 4+ members down for set build and, as we know, every person counts. We will therefore be moving our Spring productions to mid June, meaning we avoid this clash and also avoid 1/2 term when some of our audience may be away. Hopefully this will be from next Spring.

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