



WTW NEWS

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There is a great deal of activity over the coming weeks. It is important that you look at the **DIARY OF EVENTS** now and make sure that you have the dates firmly in your diary so you do not miss out on any of these exciting events.

If you have not paid your Membership Subscription; please send to Wendy Roberts asap as it is long overdue.

Major forthcoming events include 'Of Mice and Men', 'Bugsy Malone' and 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves plus regular Monday evening members nights. The 'Mini Drama Festival' which took place on Monday 29th September was an outstanding success. Details of all below.

Of Mice and Men

8th to 11th October

Many thanks to Joy Haynes who has taken on the time-consuming task of Box Office.

Ticket Sales are strong, but we still have some tickets available for all performances. We notice that there are many Members who have not yet purchased tickets. Please support this major production. Contact Joy: Tel. 940 3962, or Email maureen@joypep.force9.co.uk

Bugsy Malone

19th to 22nd November

This is one of the most exciting WTW productions in recent years, the first full scale *Musical* that we have put on for almost 20 years and the first ever with a *live orchestra* including keyboard, drums, bass guitar, clarinets, flute, trombone and tuba.

It is a fast moving, unsentimental and very funny play that has been specially adapted from Alan Parker's popular film. Featuring an extensive cast of young male and female characters with great costumes and memorable songs this show is enormously entertaining and will appeal to everyone irrespective of age.

We have a hard working and enthusiastic young cast under the direction of Ann Roberts and Chez Payne Annetts with valuable support from Lauren Priestnall and Andy Mckay. The Musical Direction is being led by Angela Pengilley, who will be playing the keyboard and rehearsing the young musicians.

Musicals are expensive to put on and we need to sell at least 300 tickets to break even. Please ensure that *you* support this production and spread the word. A **Ticket Order Form** is enclosed - please use it now to buy the best seats.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

21st - 25th January 2009

Guy Heiser has found a wonderful original script with some fantastic parts. The Pantomime is the highlight of the WTW year. The 2009 production marks Guy's directorial debut and promises to be a great success and enormous fun for all those involved. Please make sure that you attend the Reading and the Auditions in the Green Room.

Reading - Sunday 19th October - 7pm
Auditions - Thursday 23rd October - 8pm.
Sunday 26th October - 7pm.

Mini Drama Festival

Monday 29th September

A packed Green Room enthusiastically enjoyed two short plays by Tom Jensen, a local playwright, presented by members old and new as a mini-drama festival. It was an excellent evening demonstrating the depth of talent within our Group. The author congratulated the cast and directors and was delighted to see his work presented.

Contact information:

Chairman: Stephen Farrow; Secretary: Susannah Todd; Treasurer: Linda Daman; Membership Secretary: Wendy Roberts (940 3092).
Committee: Joe Haynes, Mike Watt, Lauren Priestnall, Emmajane Dean, Martin Lorenz, Judi Rowlands

The first play 'HOME NEWS' was the directorial debut of our Chairman Stephen Farrow and acting debut for Eden Murta, Lloyd Scrivener (nice legs) and Graham Wheale, ably supported by Tony Moul, Susannah Todd and, for once casting off her 'costume girl' role, Judi Rowlands. The witty script was well performed by the cast, with some marvellous special effects, inspired costuming and clever staging.

'COLD CALL', directed and acted by Jane Moore with Jon Foster and Martin Lorenz was a lovely and highly amusing script that allowed these three experienced actors gave full rein to their comedic skills.

The performances were followed by the chance for all members to socialise with complimentary drinks and nibbles provided.

The evening was the idea of our hard-working Chairman, Stephen Farrow and Stephen is keen to promote similar future Member's Evenings.

Members Evenings

The Mini Drama Festival is part of an initiative by your Committee to provide a programme of interesting and varied events for regular weekly member's evenings to be held every Monday evening. This is an opportunity for members to drop in for a relaxed evening in The Green Room and get involved with whatever is going on, or even to bring along their own ideas. The idea for a mini drama festival for members and friends gave an ideal opportunity for members to try their hand at something new and proved to have achieved that objective with some aplomb! Meetings were held through July and restarted in September with play readings, screenings of recent productions and other interesting items, workshops etc. Support has been mixed, but it is hoped that this will evolve into a regular 'club night' from which new initiatives will evolve. Please look at the **EVENTS DIARY** below for details of plans for October. An experienced Speech and Drama teacher has agreed to run the Workshop on 13th October. This is a must for all interested in Drama and Verse Speaking.

Beyond that we have plans through November, December and beyond for a make-up workshop, pre-Christmas 'social' with entertainments and sing song, Theatre Royal Windsor backstage tour & meet the cast, lighting workshop, Improvisation with bag of costume bits, karaoke, Sound/pyrotechnics, quiznight, debating, sorting photo/programme/poster archives etc., etc.,

We are working hard to make this a success, so why not turn off the tele on a Monday night and stroll down to the Green Room to find out what is going on.

Contact Susannah Todd 07961 813352 for more details.

Wardrobe Hire Service

This is a valuable and highly regarded service both for members and the general public. Judi and Maureen do a magnificent job but urgently require more Saturday morning helpers. Can you spare up to six Saturday mornings a year 10.30 -12 on a rota basis? Phone Maureen Fennemore 0118 9402888.

Diary of Events

Put them in your diary now!

6 th October	No Members meeting - production week
8th to 11th October	OF MICE AND MEN
13 th October	Verse Speaking/voice projection workshop - Tanya Wilkie
19 th October	Panto Reading
20 th October	Reading of a selection of 1 Act plays for possible spring '09 Drama competition entry
23 rd October	Panto Audition
26 th October	Panto Audition
27 th October	No Members meeting - Buggy Band rehearsal
19th to 22nd November	WEDGE Production of BUGSY MALONE
21 st - 25 th January 2009	Pantomime - Snow White & the Seven Dwarves