

Hello again!

We continue to hope that you and your family and friends are keeping well during this ongoing pandemic. We want to let you know that the Club’s committee has started to meet again as we look to plan for a much hoped for return to our local stage and arrange some social events. We have a few updates for you, so let’s begin!



Pat Staley



Margaret Corry

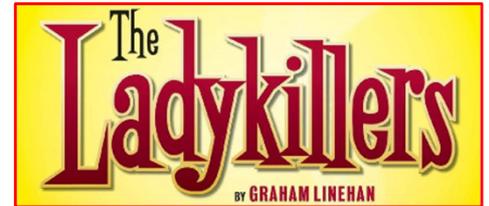
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Vice President appointments

Following the sad passing of one of our Vice Presidents, Joan Scott (see Newsletter Aug 2020), the committee can announce that Pat Staley and Margaret Corry have been nominated to act as VPs for the Marlborough. Both are longstanding club members, with many productions (acting and directing) under their belts and they and the club are pleased that they will accept the roles. They join existing VPs, Elizabeth Prockter and Janet Cass.

‘The Ladykillers’ – our plan for Spring 2022

We now hope to perform ‘The Ladykillers’ in **April 2022** at Brentwood School Memorial Hall. Louise O’Connor, who will direct the play, has been keeping in touch with the cast and crew and work has been continuing on the set (see over). For the latest news, check marlboroughdramaticclub.uk and our Facebook page.



Copy of the script



Our plan for this Autumn, 2021

We are looking at holding a one-night event this coming Autumn, (location and date TBC), so that we can get together as a club for a social – something that many of us have sorely missed these last 18 months! More news as we have it on our website and Facebook page - [@marlboroughdrama](https://www.facebook.com/marlboroughdrama).

The next AGM – Annual General Meeting

The date of our AGM is **23 November 2021, 8pm** at Shenfield Parish Hall. There will be drinks and nibbles available before the meeting begins. We look forward to as many members joining us as possible. If you know anyone who would like to become a club member then please direct them to contact Harry Morrison (see overleaf).

Sad news about some of our members

Over the last year, some of our cherished club members have passed away. Where possible, we add a short obituary on our website as soon as we can. We are sorry to announce the deaths of Marjorie Dunn, who directed many Marlborough plays, Maurice Purver a former club Vice President and actor, plus regular audience members Violet Turk and Jill Bird.

Please carry on reading for a peek at the set for ‘The Ladykillers’!

At the barn – building the set for ‘The Ladykillers’

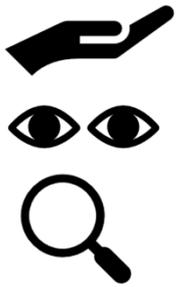
With outside space for the carpentry necessary to set-building, the barn has been one of the few spaces that has seen regular visits by club members, during recent months, to continue work on the set for the club’s next major production.



L-R: Harry with Mrs Wilberforce’s front door; Harry and Kevin set-building at the barn; sneak-peek of the set design model; a key part of the train-related section of the set

Kevin Wright has also overseen some improvement works at the barn, with all lighting changed to LED bulbs – which is better environmentally, as we use less electricity and also more economical for the club’s budget. Visit our website for more pictures of the barn and set.

Photos by Juliette Bird



Begging bowl – can you help please?

To make our productions authentic, we are often searching for certain vintage or specific items. For ‘The Ladykillers’ – do you have any unwanted / unusable string instruments (Viola or Double Bass) with cases that we could have please? We are always on the lookout for old internal doors, paint and rolls of wallpaper – please think of us before taking them to the refuse centre!

Do you have an eye for make-up or a feel for costumes?

We are always on the lookout for new members of the club – whether people want to act or help out back stage. Please talk to your family and friends and let them know – perhaps bring them along to a show. For example we are looking for help with our stage make-up, hair, wigs and costume design and sourcing.

Costume from 2017’s ‘Uncle Vanya’ kindly provided by Sara Thompson



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Check out our website – Mark Watson-Lee has been busy compiling a list of all ‘Shows’ that the club has produced – since 1905!

Contacting you: *If you received this newsletter by post and would prefer to receive it by email (or vice versa), or would prefer not to receive it at all – please let us know using the contact details below.*

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