

Season’s Greetings ☺

We wish you all a Happy New Year. We hope you have been able to spend the holiday season exactly as you planned this year! We have some news from the Marlborough Dramatic Club that we want to share with you, our members.



Autumn Quiz Evening – raised £552!

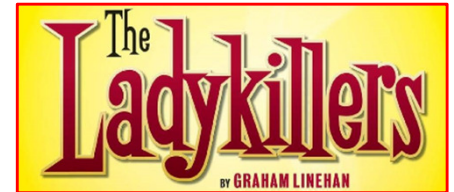
On 29 October, the Club held its popular quiz evening with ploughman’s supper made by Club Chair Sue Grandison. We took over the large room at Shenfield Parish Hall and welcomed 52 people grouped in tables no larger than eight people. Our able quizmaster Reg Wheeler, assisted by his wife Rita, took us through a (sometimes tricky) set of questions that he had collated. The winning table took home bottles of wine. As a fundraiser to help bolster the Club’s funds, the event made a profit of £552. Thank you to all who attended, as well as Reg, Sue and Rita too!



‘The Ladykillers’ – can you help please?

Copy of the script

We still aim to perform ‘The Ladykillers’ on **7-9 April 2022** at Brentwood School Memorial Hall. Whilst the set is greatly advanced in preparation thanks in the main to Kevin Wright and Harry Morrison’s efforts at the barn, (See newsletter 5 July 2021) **we are still very much in need of two violins and one cello – all with cases.** We will look after them and ensure they are insured in case of any damage. Please contact us if you can help – thank you! (See end of the newsletter for contact details.)



Annual General Meeting – held 23 November

We were able to hold our AGM this year (after having to cancel it in 2020 because of the pandemic). 12 members attended as Sue Grandison and Mark Watson-Lee (Treasurer) took us through the Club’s situation. It is interesting to note that general running costs of the Club amount to £900 a year, even when unable to put on any plays. Our membership fees and fundraising events become all the more important for keeping the club afloat. You can find the AGM documents on our website under the main menu - www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk During the meeting the committee also proposed **a new membership structure** for the Club which was agreed. **Turn overleaf to find out more** about the new structure and associated updates to the club rules.

2022 – events proposed

The committee has been discussing what events to hold in 2022 and have noted that it is to be the Queen’s 70th Jubilee year. We are hoping to hold a Royal Quiz and Tea in early July to celebrate. In addition, we’d like to host an Afternoon Tea at Hutton Cricket Club and, separately, a Silent Auction. As we confirm plans and dates – we will update the website – so keep an eye out for more news in the new year!

Please carry on reading for details on the membership structure



2022 – new membership structure and associated updates to the Club rules

At the November 2021 AGM, the committee proposed, and members present agreed, that the membership structure could be updated. The aim is to make fees simpler to understand and more reflective of current costs. The acting / backstage crew fees and script costs were also reviewed and

formalised and at the same time, our treasurer Mark Watson-Lee took on the job of reviewing the Club rules to ensure they were updated to reflect the new membership structure, the website, and life in the 2020s.

The price of a show ticket has increased from £12 to £14.50 per person. All the new

information can be found on our website in the Members menu under an article called 'Members Information.' We have introduced a new level of membership as a trial: 'Subscription Member.' Anyone who helps out at a show or event must have at least

Membership Fees from 2022			
	Cost	Type	Description
M1	£25	Full Membership for one including subscription	Includes a discounted ticket for each of our two shows, and the benefits of the Subscription Membership.
M2	£45	Full Membership for two including subscription	Two Full Memberships at the same address. Two discounted tickets for for each of our two shows, and the benefits of the Subscription Membership.
M3	£5	Subscription Membership only.	Supports the running of club, and you will get Newsletters and notifications of all future shows, social evenings and AGM's emailed to you (if you have an email address) or posted to you. You can also vote at the AGM and attend Social evenings. Does not include tickets.

Notes:

- Membership term runs 1st January to 31st December
- Each individual member will need to complete their own form, except in the case of joint membership where two names need to be captured on one form, against one address.
- It is expected that all Committee members will be Full members.

Acting Fees from 2022			
	Cost	Type	Description
A1	£25	Acting fee, non-member	Acting Fee for non-members, includes £5 Subscription Membership. Does not include script cost or show ticket.
A2	£20	Acting fee, Subscription member	Acting Fee for Subscription members. Does not include script cost or show ticket.
A3	£15	Acting fee for Full member	Acting Fee for a Full member. (The Full Membership provides a ticket for each of our two shows.) Does not include script cost.
	£10	Script cost	Purchased by Acting members if required.

Notes:

- An acting fee is for one show – but the Subscription Membership is for one year.
- Each individual Actor will need to complete their own form
- All who are involved in a show (including stage builders, back stage, technical etc.) must at least have a Subscription Membership (to ensure the insurance covers them). The committee may, at their discretion, waive the fee for certain back stage staff. A script will be provided FOC for certain backstage crew.

Subscription membership as this covers the individual for the necessary insurances the Club purchases.

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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