

Happy Spring!

We hope that 2022 has been kind to you and your family and friends so far. We have some updates for you, and unfortunately some rather sad news too.

Kevin Wright



SAD NEWS: Kevin Wright has passed away

We are very sad to announce that committee member, and dear friend, Kevin Wright, has passed away on 21 February 2022 at age 59 from cancer. Kevin was a driven member of the club and would have been the new House Manager at our next productions.

Secretary Harry Morrison wrote the following tribute to him:

He joined the Marlborough in 2018, becoming a Committee member, with special responsibilities for set design and build, and began transforming our barn scenery store at Padhams Green into a safe

and practical place to work. Along with my other colleagues George Churchill & Steve Bearpark, we spent many happy hours there with Kevin. I remember him teasing us about extended tea breaks (when tea HAD to be made in a teapot !).

I remember visiting him at home, and almost always finding him surrounded by theatrical library books on staging, set design, lighting etc. He was always looking for fresh ideas, and enthusiastic about starting new productions – and I used to nickname him Mr. Motivator ! He shared his home, with his beloved dog and cat (Chloe & Lola respectively) who both came from a rescue sanctuary, and I always joked they were better fed than him !

When anyone was in need, he was a friend indeed, and I, for one, will always be grateful for his help and kindness. When we lose a family member, friend or colleague, they always leave a gap, and the one left by Kevin will be incredibly difficult to fill.

God bless him.

Kevin’s funeral will be held at Bentley Crematorium on 31 March at 9.30am.

SPRING Production: The Ladykillers postponed – NEW EVENT planned

We are sorry to announce that our planned production of The Ladykillers is to be postponed until at least 2023. We have a beautiful set (designed and built by Kevin and the Barn Boys) and we will aim to give the production and set its due justice, as a fitting tribute to Kevin, once the current restrictions at our usual venue are lifted.

We know our members and friends will be keen to get back to the theatre so...

Dates for your DIARY:



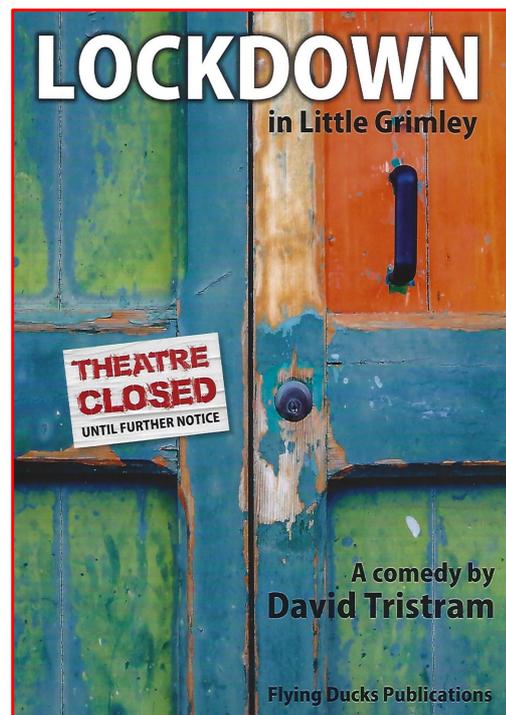
- **29 April:** Our spring production (evening)
- **Late June / Early July:** Royal Quiz and Supper
- **Early September:** Afternoon Tea at Hutton Cricket Club
- **29 October:** Our Autumn production (matinee and evening)

... carry on reading for details about our NEW SPRING PRODUCTION



SPRING EVENT: 'Lockdown in Little Grimley' by David Tristram and supper

On the evening of **29 April 2022** the Marlborough will be holding a one night only event which includes a showing of the short play 'Lockdown in Little Grimley' followed by a ploughman's supper. To be held **from 19:30 at Shenfield Parish Hall**, there will be a raffle included and this event will be **free to all full members**. Non-members and subscription members are very welcome to book a place for £15 and the booking form can be found on our website. The play is being directed by James Biddles and the actors are Roy Hobson, Juliette Bird, June Fitzgerald and Bill Wells. If you will be attending, whether member or non-member, please **book your places** (via our website or the form that will be sent to you) **by 15 April please**.



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Thank you to those members who have paid their subscription fees already. Information about the new membership fee structure was sent out in December 2021 and featured in the last newsletter. You can find out more about joining by visiting our website www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk and clicking on the 'Members' menu and then the 'Members Information' article below. We really appreciate the continued support of longstanding members and warmly welcome new faces!



Photos by Juliette Bird

The Barn: damage from the storm, newly secured door

Update from the Barn

A few of the committee members ventured to the barn after the storms of late February to check any damage sustained. Unfortunately we found that a few weather boards had been ripped off by the winds. However we also found that our landlord, Lord Petre, had repaired our barn door to make it more secure and animal proof. We have advised Lord Petre about the storm damage which is in need of repair.

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