

**Hello again – we have a few updates for Autumn**

You may be surprised that we are writing again so soon after our last update, but we have a few bits of important news to share.



*Photo by Peter Elgar*

**SAD NEWS: Janet Cass, Club VP, has passed away**

We are very sad to announce that long-term Club member, Vice President and dear friend, Janet Cass, passed away on 29 August 2022. Janet was a key member of the club and gave many years of dedicated service to productions and social events.

Fellow Vice President Margaret Corry wrote the following tribute to her:

*As an actress and director of legend, Janet Cass was a much loved member of the Marlborough over many decades. Artistically gifted, her talents as a comedic actress and award winning singer (Brentwood Operatic Society) gave pleasure to many.*

*As a director she had great understanding of her craft which she imparted to her casts. “Noises Off” was one of the most memorable of her productions.*

*Jan was also a stage makeup artist - especially in enhancing the male actors!!*

*Her abundant floral displays at front of house were much admired by audiences awaiting “curtain up”.*

*She will be remembered with enormous affection by all who knew and worked with her.*



*Photos of Janet Cass: Her official production portrait (above left); At the Club’s 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in 2019 (immediate left).*

*Photo by Juliette Bird*



*One of Janet’s production flower arrangements*

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The Marlborough Dramatic Club extends our sympathy to Janet’s family and friends. **The funeral is on Monday 3 October, 1.30pm at St Peters Church, South Weald**, then at The Eagle pub, Kelvedon Hatch - CM15 0AA. Family flowers only please and donations to either The Lewy Body Society or South Essex Wildlife Hospital would be most gratefully received.

**SAD NEWS: Greta Taylor has passed away**

The Club was notified that long term, loyal and supportive club member, Greta Taylor has sadly passed away. A regular at many of the Club’s productions, she will be sadly missed and the Club extends our sympathy to Greta’s family and friends.

**Please turn over for news of the Club’s next social event...**

**Afternoon Tea at Hutton Cricket Club**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Afternoon Tea on 8 September. A rainy afternoon with some sunny spells, we were glad to be warm and dry in the Hutton Cricket Clubhouse, enjoying the company of good friends. Tea was prepared and served beautifully by Nicola Parry and with everyone bringing along a few items for the Bring & Buy Sale, the Club made £59. Of course, we had learned earlier in the day that Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II, had been taken unwell at Balmoral, so there was a tension during the afternoon as we expected the worst. This sad news of course came later that evening. **God save King Charles III.**



**Our next event: Quiz, 29 October 2022, South Weald Parish Hall**

The Club would like to invite members and friends alike to our next social event, a Quiz, kindly run by Edna Clatworthy. The date may seem familiar – we were going to produce our Autumn play on 29 October at South Weald Parish Hall, but as we have had to postpone that until next year, we decided to keep the hall booking and hold our postponed Quiz instead! There are some changes to the Quiz format this year. We will begin earlier: **19:15 for a 19:30 start.** The fee is lower at **£10 per person**, and will no longer include a Ploughman’s supper. As usual, please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles and there will be a **raffle**. A booking form is available on our website, of which hard copies will be posted to non-email members. Please let us know if you can attend by **booking before 14 October.**



**The Barn: Clean & Tidy Day**

The committee plan to hold a day at the barn to clean and tidy, now that the weather is not too hot! The (now repaired) holes in the walls let in a few birds who roosted and created a mess. If you would like to help us that would be fantastic! Please contact us to find out the date(s).



**Reminder: AGM**

Tuesday 22 November 2022, 8pm, at Shenfield Parish Hall  
Gwendolyn Lewis room

**Spring Production – next steps**

The committee are making headway with the Spring Production. We are waiting to hear from Brentwood School regarding which dates we can book the Memorial Hall. With that information, we can arrange audition date(s), request & purchase a performance licence and buy scripts. More news on ‘Variation on a Theme’ by Terrence Rattigan as we have it!

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