

Hello again We have several items of news for you so let's get straight to it!



2023 Autumn Production – a change

You may have seen the article on our website stating that we have had to **postpone** our production of **Ten Times Table** because we have been unable to fully cast the show. We aim to produce this play ASAP. Instead, we are planning to do a one-off Murder Mystery show – keep an eye on our website for the latest!

VACANCY - new secretary required

We are looking for a new volunteer to join the club committee and take on the role of secretary. Responsible for booking venues for productions and social events, organising play licences and contacting members with updates (amongst other tasks) the candidate will join a friendly and enthusiastic team who meet at least once a month, with tea and cake after the agenda is complete! For more information see the article on the homepage of our website. Thank you to Karol, our outgoing secretary, for her work and we wish her well in her new family role!



Our next event – Quiz - with Reg Wheeler

Our ever-popular fund-raising quiz night is back – Friday **22 September**, 19:15 for 19:30 start. With a **ploughman's supper** provided by Sue Grandison, the quiz will be held in the Shenfield Parish Hall. A booking form is available on our website – or is included with this newsletter if you are receiving this by post. Tickets are **£15** and full 2023 club members can attend at a special rate. We look forward to seeing you there – book by 8 September!



AGM – Annual General Meeting – date for your diary

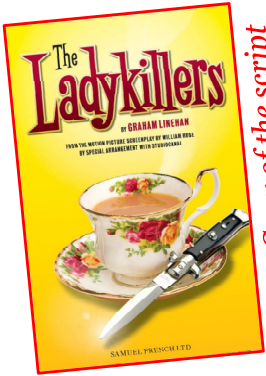
The club's AGM will be held on Tuesday **21 November** in the small room at Shenfield Parish Hall from 20:00. The usual documents for the AGM will be available on the website nearer the time.



Brentwood School – our usual production location - UPDATE

Some members of the committee recently had a helpful meeting with staff at the school to discuss restarting the club's use of the premises in 2024, Covid having caused some upset to usual plans and procedures these last couple of years. We are happy to announce that our regular venue – the Memorial Hall – remains available and new technical equipment for sound and lighting is in place. The school have agreed we can hold our Spring 2024 production there. This is great news as the club has been putting on plays at the school since 1924 – 100 years!

Please turn over for news of the 2024 Spring Production at Brentwood School and our 120th Anniversary event...



Copy of the script

Spring 2024 play – The Ladykillers by Graham Linehan

We aim to perform our long-awaited production of this classic Ealing Comedy at Brentwood School in mid-April 2024. As soon as we have them, the exact dates will be on our website. Happily, most of those originally cast (back in 2020!) remain available for Spring 2024. For the few roles that remain, we will most likely arrange an audition in October – please check the website for news.

120th Anniversary of the Marlborough – gala dinner

On **Friday 15 March 2024**, the club will welcome members and special guests for an evening of **entertainment, good food**, great memories and speeches to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the club's founding in 1904. We have booked the **Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite** for the evening and details on how to book will be available later this year. Please save the date in your diaries!



Photos by Karol Patten

Club members and friends enjoying the Afternoon tea

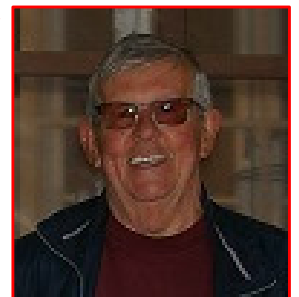
Review: Coronation Tea

Thank you to everyone who came to the special Coronation Tea that we held in the Shenfield Parish Hall on 13 May. A delicious cream tea with cakes and sandwiches was provided by Sue Grandison and daughter Claire and the table was royally decked out with Union Jack plates, flags and serviettes donated by Karol Patten. The event raised over £100, which as always goes into the bank to help pay for our next productions.

New committee member

The club are delighted to welcome George Churchill as the latest member of the committee with responsibility for barn work and set-building. He's been doing this for years already but has finally agreed to formalise his role within the club. Thank you, George! We still need more help with set building, so if you want to support us – please get in touch!

George Churchill



The Barn – Clean & Tidy Day – 18 August, 10:00

We will return to the barn to continue tidying and creating an inventory of our costumes and props. We offer a loan service to other theatre groups locally – more news to come!

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