

Headley Theatre Club

Newsletter – May 2025

Hiya everyone, and it's getting warm – long may it last!!

I can say with certainty – I am really glad that I wasn't cooking for the Murder Mystery show this week, instead of last week. Twenty-two syrup sponge cakes and 15+k of chicken ... my kitchen would have been wayyyyy too warm. But it was so worth it. What a cracking show.

Now on to what is happening, and a date change due to circumstances beyond our control. But you need to read all the way through to find them.

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that our **AGM** is taking place on **Thursday, 22nd May**

Please let Tina know if you are interested in joining the Committee

This will take place at Headley Village Hall with doors opening at **7.00 for a 7.30** start.
There will be Cheese and Wine following the formal part of the evening.

Reflecting on 'School Reunion' – Murder Mystery ...

This was a resounding success, with both audience and cast thoroughly enjoying themselves. We are indebted to both Steve and Mel for encouraging us along this journey, and I think we all discovered some hidden aspects of ourselves along the way. Steve is very keen to do more workshops, and maybe some small Improv sets. More information will come when he/we have sorted some ideas out. But be assured (those who are asking for more), Improv isn't going away.

'As Time Goes By' - our Summer Show : 11th and 12th July

As mentioned before, Nick and Jo are pulling together this Show. And it's not too late to join in, so please do come up with ideas, and let Nick and Jo know you are interested. We want to include as many of you as possible in this production.

Jo is running a meeting on 6th May at the Village Hall starting at 8.00pm to show what is potentially in planning, and another meeting on **8th May, again at 8.00pm**. Please e-mail Jo at wordsmith@johnowensmith.co.uk (Nick will be away on holiday, so just Jo for now) with ideas, and especially if you are interested in being involved but unable to make either 6th or 8th May. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

- **May, 5th, 2025** ... the Village Hall is celebrating 100 years. Rehearsals are in progress for two short playlets, and an excerpt from a previous show. I think they will be fun for the audience, and the participants as well. Please do come along and support us ... 2 of the playlets are totally new to us, so you will have to guess the ending (but no murders happened in the rehearsing of these playlets, lol).

- Sat, 26th July – Barn Dance ... Save the date!**
As mentioned last time, Barbara Parry and Rough Ditch Folk will lead us in this fun evening of Barn Dancing. Bring a bottle and some nibbles to keep you going. The last couple of these evenings have been very popular, so make sure you book tickets in plenty of time. Tickets will be £10/person again ... and bring own drink/glasses/nibbles. We had great fun last year and hope you will all join us again for a fun evening.
- Please Note – Another Date Change - Walking Treasure Hunt – 14th September**
We have changed the date as one of the key contributors is unable to make the original date. No more changes, we promise you (hopefully). More details will come closer to the time, but the basic plan still remains to hold a Walking Treasure Hunt around the Petersfield area starting from Petersfield Square at 11.00am. Teams set off walking with their clues, and after a period of time they hopefully solve all clues and congregate back at 4.00pm at Primrose Patch (my place) for picnics and libations. The Teams hand in their work-sheet, scores are counted, and winners are announced. Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon ...
- October, 11th & 18th, 2025** – it is decided! There will be two plays, both comedies, with a supper separating the two halves of the evening. The first play – ‘Streuth’ ... will be directed by Ellie Pope, and the second ... ‘Mum’s Army’ ... will be directed by Jonathan Neil. The evening promises to be great fun, and we look forward to seeing a lot of you for the read-throughs and auditions. The Read-Throughs will take place on 27th May, with auditions for ‘Mum’s Army’ taking place on 3rd June, and auditions for ‘Streuth’ taking place on 5th June. More details will follow nearer the date.

Still in planning – 2026 ... yes, you read that right, 2026!

- January, 17th & 24th, 2026 ... Panto** - it has been decided!!! We will be putting on Mother Goose, and I will be directing. So, find some friends and come on down. Read-through and Auditions will be arranged and should be in the next, next, Newsletter. (I had been a little bit tied up with the Murder Mystery and hadn’t got everything together in time for committee meeting – my apologies).
- April, 24th 25th, 2026 ... One Act Play Evenings** – We are GO for having an evening of One Act Plays with some other societies involved. So far CADS and Grayshott Stagers have expressed interest, and now the logistics will be looked at. The evening will include food as well. This is a great opportunity to see and work with other local drama groups, to make new friends, and share experience. We will let you know more details in a few months’ time, when arrangements are more settled.
- BREAKING NEWS** ... We have a new Web Site going live during the next 10 days. I will send out details as soon as we are 100% sure it is up and running. Jo, Steve, Mel, Raj (together with a local guru) have all been working hard on building a new Web Site for Headley Theatre Club. We’ll let you know as soon as we are happy everything is hunky dory (that’s a techie term from olden times, lol).

Reminder - Please Note – Most Important

The Committee have made the decision that all future productions will be ...

Doors Open = 7.00pm; Show/Production Start Time = 7.30pm

Please keep this in mind when booking tickets and let your guests know the new timings.

Don't forget to get these dates in the diaries, tablets, I-phones, or bits of paper around the house. And, if you find the gremlins have eaten your Newsletter, you can always find a copy on the Headley Theatre Club web site.

We need your support and involvement, both on and off stage. If anyone has something they want to talk through, then please let a member of Committee know, and we will see what we can work out.

Well, that is all for now (I think), and I join you in hoping that these sunny days will bring warmth and a great summer for us all.

Take care and see you all soon.

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And as a final reminder ... your Committee Members are :

Tina Wareham (Chair), Mel White (Treasurer), Maggie Farnlucher (Secretary), Nick Webb, Sarah Horne, Jo Smith, Martin Wellen, Neil Hardinge, Karina Farnlucher & Pru Harrold

Further to these roles, the Committee has decided to have individual members as point of contact for specific roles. So these are as follows :

Nick Webb – Vice Chairman & Set Co-ordinator; Business Manager – Pru Harrold (with Jo Smith's as he has been doing this for some time); Karina Farnlucher for enquiries about Juniors.

Non-Committee Co-ordinators :

Social Media – Rajula Jasani; Wardrobe – Dil Williamson-Smith

This doesn't mean that they will be responsible for every set design, web design, promotional activity, wardrobe decision, etc, it means that they are a point of contact and will take the lead in these areas when required, work with a team for specific projects, or help others when they need advice.