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Panda News



Panda Players

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Treasurer

David Martin has been treasurer now for 8+ years and is planning on retiring from this post in 2020. This means that we are looking for someone who can take over or maybe would be prepared to train with him for the next year and a half with a view to eventually taking over the role. If this is something that might interest you please let David know (treasurer@pandaplayers.co.uk).

Executive Committee

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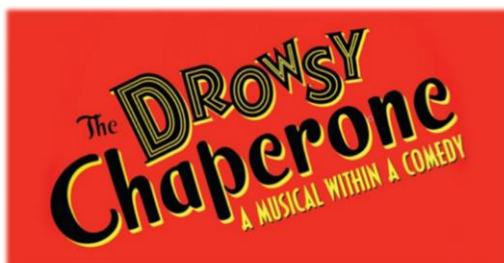
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Marion Raeburn-James

Social & Fundraising Co-ordinator

Amber Dye



The Drowsy Chaperone

Ticket Sales

Tickets are available directly from the Elgiva:

<https://elgiva.com/shows/the-drowsy-chaperone/>

Publicity

We're only 2 weeks away from show week! We really need to push ticket sales hard now, we all want big audiences to perform to. We have attached along with this newsletter, our Drowsy Chaperone Flyer for you to print or forward and share with family and friends to spread the word. Please think about how you can encourage tickets sales - post flyers through neighbours' doors, use your social media accounts etc. We have plenty of flyers available. The following dates have been arranged to hand out flyers in Amersham, Chesham and/or Berkhamsted, please let David Mundy know if you can help, even half an hour will make a difference.

Saturday 23rd Feb and Saturday 2nd March

If you have any other ideas for advertising, please speak with David Mundy our Publicity Manager (dmundy@mellersh.co.uk).

Front of House Help

We still need a few more people to help with Front of House. If you have people watching, perhaps they can help for a little while before the show starts?

Please let Julia know: julia.holroyd@gmail.com

Honorary Members

Please don't forget to claim your complimentary ticket from the Elgiva Box Office!

Concert Group

The Panda Players Concert Group is looking forward to the summer season under the guidance of Naomi Luggar. Rehearsals commence on Monday 18th March at 8pm in the Sholl Room at St John's Church, Woodside Road, Amersham HP6 6AN, leading to concerts during June and July. Please contact Julia (julia.holroyd@gmail.com) if you would like to join us. We welcome new members.



We've just confirmed that our Summer show this year will be MID-LIFE! - The Crisis Musical on Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July at Ballinger War Memorial Hall and will be directed by Kerry Middleton (MD to be confirmed). It is a series of scenes and sketches that poke fun at the

frustrations of mammograms, love handles, weekend warriors and proctology exams with cleverly crafted songs that celebrate forgetfulness, reading glasses and menopause, but also touch on the sentimental wisdom that the later years afford us.

MID-LIFE! is a hilarious romp with an honest humour about the trials and tribulations of the unavoidable aging process that strikes a chord with anyone regardless of age.

SHREK



We are delighted to announce that Amber Dye will be directing our next main show SHREK. Amber has worked with Panda Players many times before and we are very fortunate to have her directing this exciting show for Panda Players. We are also excited to announce that our musical director for this show will be Peter Allanson. Some of you will already know him too. Lots of preparation work has already been going on behind the scenes.

SHREK has many parts for every interest and ability and we'll be kick starting our SHREK journey with a Fairy-tale disco in early September. Following this, we will also be holding pre-audition workshops involving character work, tap and puppetry. So, watch this space!

Social Events

The Panda Players Annual Quiz night was a fantastic success. Many thanks again to David and Janet and their fabulous as ever quiz and for the very hard work which took place in setting up the hall, buying and preparing all the food and running the bar. You all do a truly tremendous job and we're all very grateful. ☺ Keep an eye out for future events!

Give As You Live

This is a quick and easy way for everyone to earn a little money for Panda Players at no cost to you! Simply use this link <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/refer/R9UuZQs0in5KIO7BZlbyqg7aikKmMt4-3D> to create an account on their website (or app), select Panda Players as your charity then login via www.giveasyoulive.com select your store and start spending!!

A percentage of your transaction, at no cost to you, will be paid to Panda Players - every little helps! Please ask a committee member if you need more info.



Our Next Shows

March 2019 The Drowsy Chaperone
 Summer 2019 Mid-Life! - The Crisis Musical
 March 2020 SHReK - The Musical

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CMTC's Fiddler On The Roof
 When: 10th - 14th April 2019
 Where: The Elgiva, Chesham
 Tickets: www.elgiva.com
 Please support them and buy tickets to watch their fabulous production.

A MUSICAL WITHIN A COMEDY
 When a die-hard theatre fan plays his favourite cast album, the characters come to life in this hilarious musical farce.

6 - 9 March 2019
The Elgiva, Chesham HP5 1HR
 Wed to Sat 7:45pm & Sat 2:30pm
 Box Office: 01494 582900 www.elgiva.com

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The Drowsy Chaperone
 A MUSICAL WITHIN A COMEDY

Music & Lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar

Original Broadway production of The Drowsy Chaperone produced by Kevin McCollum, Roy Miller, Bob Boyett, Stephanie McClelland, Barbara Freitag and Jill Furman.
 An amateur production presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)
 All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.MTIShows.co.uk

CHESHAM Musical Theatre COMPANY
 Presents

Fiddler on the Roof

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Pan

Book by JOSEPH STEIN Music by JERRY BOCK Lyrics by SHELDON HARNICK

Produced on the New York Stage by Harold Prince
 Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)
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10th to 14th April 2019

MID-LIFE! Panda Players
The Crisis Musical 11, 12 & 13
 July 2019
 Book, Music and Lyrics by Bob Walton and Jim Walton Ballinger Village Hall

MID-LIFE! The Crisis Musical was first produced by Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, Chanhassen MN
 Originally presented in the New York Musical Theatre Festival

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