



Spotlight

Binfield Bards Newsletter

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Chairs Update:

By Roger Stapley

Well this is an exciting time for the Binfield Bards and all its members, we're flying high on the back of some very successful past shows, and we've got some exciting and challenging times ahead of us.



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Newsletter

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First of all I'd like to say a big thank you to the 2011-12 Committee for all their hard work over the last year and their support for the fantastic shows, it wasn't without a few casualties but they all did very well to hold it together!

I'd like to welcome three new Committee members : Michelle Reynolds, Mick Godfrey and Sam Cole. Sam also took on the mantle of Secretary and I stepped into the Chairman's role.

So, what plans have I got for the Bards? I'd like to see us increasing our membership database over the coming year. To achieve this I hope that, as a Committee, we pull together to promote the fantastic group we have and continue with the great team spirit.

“ Well done to everyone for the Panto Mother Goose “

We will be actively advertising, as well as representing the group in a number of upcoming events, including Party in the Place in May.

The website is being revamped and our ticket booking / payment process is under review.

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Chairs Update: (cont)

Well done to everyone for the Panto Mother Goose which we performed in February - this show made a handsome profit and will enable us to run the June show!

The next show will be the fantastic Farce 'Chase me up Farndale Avenue, s'il vous plait!' , 7th - 9th June 2012,

We are now well into rehearsals and I would like to wish all the cast and Production team the best of luck to pull off this hugely entertaining show - please remember to tell all your friends and families and put in your ticket orders as soon as possible!

If you have any comments or suggestions for the group, want to join, or want to offer any sort of help (costume making / choreography etc.) then please contact any of the Binfield Bards Committee members listed on the back page.

Roger

Membership

Memberships for 2012/13 became due at the beginning of March 2012 and needs to be paid to Karen Hatt by 31st March. We now have two tiers of membership:

Full Members (£25) can perform in any of the 3 shows we put on each year,

Friends of the Bards (£5) pay a nominal fee to be covered by insurance and will allow them to benefit from any Bards social event at the same price as a full member. However, Friends of the Bards cannot perform in a production.

" Friends membership.... Cheaper than a pack of cigarettes! "

In order to encourage new members we will allow non-members to audition free of charge.

If they are given a part for the show then the full membership will be payable immediately and this will run to the end of the Bards calendar year (current year runs out on Feb 28th 2013)

Website

The Bards website is being revamped to really show what we are and to hopefully encourage people to sign up or come along and meet us.

<http://www.binfieldbards.co.uk/>

Take a look at the new site and let Roger know if you have any suggestions / feedback or things to be included e.g. Photos, posters etc....

Roger Stapley

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Ticket payment

We are also looking to incorporate a payment method / booking area into the website such as PayPal.

This will allow us to take ticket orders online and ensure that we are taking less money at the door, as well as minimising the disappointing no-shows/empty seats!

Next Production

'Chase me up Farndale Avenue, s'il vous plait!'

Oo La La! A farce Francais to make any Frenchman twiddle his moustache!

The women of Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society bring a little 'je ne sais quoi' to a door-slamming farce full of surprises!

A comedy by David McGillivray & Walter Zerlin Jnr
Directed by Roger Stapley

Cast:

Mrs Reece	Helen Nicholson
Thelma	Shelly Reynolds
Felicity	Maria Jubb
Minnie	Lisa Grundy
Gordon	Mick Godfrey



Rehearsals are under way for what will be a very funny production.

Members News

John Fredrick Johnson's Christening

The newest addition to the Bards, John Frederick Johnson, was Christened at All Saints Church on the 11th of March.

The service was admirably led by the Assistant Curate, the Rev. Sir Philip Watts, and was well attended by Family, Friends and members of the Bards.

The last minute change of venue caused a few hiccups but provided a stunning back drop for the service.

Following the service, there was a reception at the Binfield Club . Thanks to Jackie for feeding the 5000...



Ashley, John and Anne-Marie

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date for next Committee Meeting
Thursday 10th May, 7.30pm

Party In the Place
Saturday 19th May, time TBC.
Tickets £10 each

June Set up
Saturday 2nd June, 12pm at Bards garage / 2pm at Hall

Show Dates
Thursday 7th – Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm

Show Curry
Friday 8th June, 10.30pm.

Take Down
Sunday 10th June, 8am-1pm.

Diamond Jubilee Village Celebration
Saturday 16th June, 2pm - late

The Committee

Chairperson	Roger Stapley
Secretary	Samantha Cole
Treasurer	Karen Hatt

Committee Members :
Bex Hatt, Sam Hatt, Lisa Grundy, Mike Mills, Mick Godfrey, Shelly Reynolds



Ticket Orders - 7th, 8th & 9th June 2012

Chase me up Farndale Avenue, s'il vous plait!

Date	Adult Tickets (£6.50)	Concs. Tickets (£5.50)	Total In Party	Total £
Thursday 7th June				
Friday 8th June				
Saturday 9th June				

The Binfield Bards proudly present

" Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue, s'il vous plait!"

A comedy play by David McGillivray & Walter Zerlin Jnr

7th - 9th June 2012 (Half Term)
at 7.30pm
Doors open 7pm
Adults: £6.50
Concessions: £5.50

Call the Box Office on 07541 930997 to book your tickets

Name

Contact Details

NB: we will endeavour to seat parties together where possible when booked on the same booking form