

Headley Theatre Club

Newsletter – January 2026

Hi to everyone ... and a belated Happy New Year to you all.

Let's look at what we are up to now ...

PANTO – MOTHER GOOSE ... We are in the final countdown to the performances – so hurry and get your tickets now. I can guarantee that there are several aspects that you have not seen on this stage – at least not in the last 40 years, maybe even 50 or 60 years!!!! But you have to come to see it to work out what you haven't seen before!! We have energy ... We have some pizzazz ... and we have ????. And we really want You!!!! We want you to round up friends and family and come and have a fabulous time – as a reminder we will be doing **performances on Saturdays, 17th and 24th January, with Matinee's at 2.30pm, and Evening performances at 7.30pm**, at our traditional home at Headley Village Hall.

Tickets are available through Tina's Hairdressers, Ticket Source, and the Box Office on 01428 717784.

IMPROV – The Improv sessions are proving popular and after the Christmas/Panto break Mel and Steve will recommence the Improv evenings at the Scout Hut on Friday evenings, starting on Friday, 30th January 2026. For those who have not joined in, or have only just found out about us, do feel free to contact Mel and join in. It is a great way to help focus on becoming comfortable on stage, learn how to improvise when things get sticky with 'words', and (importantly) establishing a character that is easy to wear.

SPRING, 2026 ... As mentioned in the last Newsletter, in the Spring we will be part of a group of local Drama Groups coming together to put on an evening of One Act Plays. **Hold the Date - April, 24th & 25th, 2026 ... One Act Play Evenings.**

Chris Millard has offered to Direct our contribution, which will be one of the Jobsworth Set ... "Backstage Drama".

The Read Through will be on **Tuesday, 27th January** and then **Auditions on Tuesday, 3rd February**. To start with he will do one rehearsal a week (Tuesday's), and for the last 4 weeks move to both a Tuesday and Thursday if he feels the need.

July 2026

Jo Smith is gearing up to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Flora Thompson, author of "Larkrise to Candleford". He will be directing his play "Flora's Heatherley" that covers her time living in Grayshott.

This is a Travelling Show, visiting villages in the local area. He has arranged venues to be played, and will pull together a cast from our friends around the area ... and, of course, our good selves.

He will do a **Presentation on Tuesday, 5th May, with Auditions following on Tuesday, 12th May.**

October 2026

And it is decided! We will be doing 'Last of the Duty Free' (provided we get the licence). Tina Wareham will be directing. She plans to have a **Read Through on Thursday, 12th March**, and **Auditions will be on Thursday, 19th March.**

And then we will be back to Pantomime ...

So, again, we will have a full year ahead of us. Remember, we always like to welcome new members. And equally, if anyone wants to have a go at some part of a production ... try out lighting, sound, painting, set design and build, costumes, directing, etc, please talk to the director of the current production – we can see if you can shadow someone in the current play, or plan for inclusion in a future production. We have people who are very experienced at various aspects of a Show, but it is exciting to have others come along and want to join in.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the rehearsals or around and about.

Take care as we head into the rest of a very weird 'winter' – in the last Newsletter I suggested that you leave the swimwear in the drawers for now ... Can someone tell Mother Goose to do so? (To find out more ... you need to be getting your tickets).

All the best

Pru

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.

Next Committee Meeting : Monday, 5th January at Nick's.

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

Chair: Tina Wareham

Vice Chairman: Nick Webb

Treasurer: Mel White

Secretary: Pru Harrold

Business Manager – Pru Harrold (assisted by Jo Smith)

Sarah Horne, Jo Smith, Caroline Stephenson, Neil Hardinge, Karina Farnlucher, Jonathan Neil

Further to these roles, the Committee has decided to continue to have individual members as point of contact for specific roles:

Set coordinator: Nick Webb

Juniors coordinator: Karina Farnlucher

Safe Guarding : Karina Farnlucher and Caroline Stephenson

Wardrobe: Dil Williamson-Smith

Social media & website administrator: Rajula Jasani

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.