

Headley Theatre Club
Newsletter – October 2026

Hi everyone ... aren't we a contrary lot – two months ago we found it too hot, and now we are fumbling for our jumpers and muttering about how chilly it is. There is a reason that we Brits can always talk about the weather!! Now on with the Newsletter.

As I write this we are half way through our production of Last of the Duty Free – what a fabulous set they have designed. It is a bit mind boggling what can be done with a little bit of imagination!!! Sorry, we are sold out for the last performance unless there are any returns. But if anyone wants to help with setting up the Hall or serving, you will always be welcome.

Youngsters in Theatre Club

And we are off – we have 11 Juniors who are signed up and will be taking part in the Panto. We are very excited to have this many youngsters and they are all as keen as mustard. All credit to Jenna on leading the charge at local Fete's to raise awareness and interest. Once Panto is finished we will continue with meetings (during term-time) to keep their interest in us. There is talk of a Green Room for them to do their own show to their families and Club members. Also hoping to do some training on Stage Craft and Performing generally. For anyone who knows someone who might be interested in joining please do email us – HTC-Chair@headleytheatreclub.uk.

PANTO 2027!! JACK AND THE BEANZ TALK.

So, Nick has cast the Panto (just in case you missed it – Nick Webb is directing this year). Rehearsals will start at the end of October. Please remember to put the dates for performances in your diaries.

Jack and The Beanz Talk

Performances – Saturday's

16th and 23rd January – 2027.

Matinees at 2.30pm; Evenings at 7.30pm

Book the days now!

November, 2026

Thursday, 5th November - NEW – we are holding an evening of Play Readings on Thursday, 5th November, starting at 8.00pm. They won't be the whole play, but a series of excerpts with the aim of choosing a potential play, or short plays, for next Spring and/or Autumn production. This is a chance for someone to step up and have a go, if they haven't directed before ... or to polish up their directing skills if they haven't directed for a while. If there is a play that you would like to hear, please let us know and we will try to include it on that evening, or on another Play Reading night – as we would like to hold more of them. Don't forget, these can be one-act plays, a full play, a series of skits, a murder mystery – the list is only limited by our imaginations.

Christmas Social

Thursday, 10th December, booked out for an evening of fun and laughter. We ask that you bring a plate to share, and Pru will provide a large cheese board as well. Nick is co-ordinating the food offerings, so if you could let him know what you are bringing we hope to avoid 3 dozen sausage rolls and a round of cheesy whos-its. This is a social evening but will include a few organised offerings for some extra laughter. We will start at 7.30, doors opening at 7.00pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Repeat : A Message from Mel White ...

Autumn is now fully with us, and as we nip out to rake up leaves we start our evenings of Improv again. This is the message from Mel to give you all details ...

We would be thrilled if you could join us for evenings full of fun, laughter and Improv skill building at Headley Down Scout Hut on Friday's, 7.30pm, on the following dates ...

30th October

(not on 7th November as we are away)

13th November; 20th November; 27th November (Scout Hut unavailable, venue TBC)

4th December; 11th December; 18th December

Xmas and Panto break

29th January

5th February; 12th February; 19th February; 26th February

5th March; 12th March; 19th March; 26th March

We hope to work towards an evening of games and short form scenes to be performed at a Green Room style evening for Club Members and friends at the end of March/start of April.

Spring 2027

We are looking for volunteers for Directing the Spring (and Autumn) Show. This links up with the Play Reading evening on Thursday, 5th November. We are using the Play Reading evening so that you can be involved in choosing the play that we will put on in the Spring. Again ... this could consist of two one act plays, or a full show. But we need Director(s) and we need some suggestions for the show to be done. If you are itching to direct, or if you have an amazing script you want to see on our boards, please contact Tina to talk it through. Don't forget – if you have a play you want to do ... it must be available for amateurs to do (ie not on in the West End, or a local professional theatre).

A little bit of something else ...

And, finally, although not strictly Headley Theatre Club, Headley is our home village, and it has been pointed out that the Village Fete Committee are seeking some help. The numbers on the Committee have dwindled and it is in danger of not being possible to stage the Fete if more members are not found (it happens bi-annually). So, if you have a yen to do something for the Village, please pop along to the Village Fete AGM taking place on 30th October (sorry, the date mentioned last Newsletter was for a Social, not the AGM), at the Headley Village Hall.

So, we end the year as we began – busy, busy, busy!!! 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.

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, 9th November, at Nick's.

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

Chair: Tina Wareham

Vice Chairman: Nick Webb

Treasurer: Keith Henderson

Secretary: Pru Harrold

Business Manager – Pru Harrold (assisted by Jo Smith)

Jo Smith, Caroline Stephenson, Neil Hardinge, Karina Farnlucher, Maggie Farnlucher, Jonathan Neil and Jenna Rasburn

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: Jenna Rasburn

Safe Guarding : Jenna Rasburn, Karina Farnlucher & Caroline Stephenson

Wardrobe: Dil Williamson-Smith

Social media & website administrator: Jo Smith assisted by Nick Webb & Pru Harrold

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.