



Sleaford Little Theatre

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Auditions

Reminder that auditions for “Round and Round the Garden” will be on Monday 24th May at 7.30 in the Playhouse. Any queries to Alan Robey on 01529-300122.

Quiz

There will be a Quiz evening in the Playhouse on 4th June at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Garry on 01529-304278.

Box Office

Following the closure of the Tourist Information Office we have now managed to make alternative arrangements for the box office. “**Soft Options**” have very kindly agreed to take on the task. They can be found **at 3-4 Market Place, Sleaford** and the telephone number is **01529-410348**

Renovation of Playhouse

The Playhouse will be closed from 5th July to 27th August. During this time the new seating will be installed and the auditorium decorated. So the new seating will be in place for the Autumn production in September.

Membership arrangements

At the AGM some changes to membership categories were discussed. See below for further information.

Community Dividend Card

As you probably know the Co-operative Society is always very generous in supporting charities. They now operate a scheme enabling customers to donate part of their dividend to a charity. For every £1 donated by customers they will give a further £1. This seems like an effective way of donating to Playhouse funds for anyone who shops at Co-op stores and/or is a member of the Lincolnshire Co-operative Ltd. Our Treasurer is very keen for people to sign up to this scheme and I am enclosing application forms with this newsletter. Anyone who receives the newsletter by email can collect a form from the Playhouse or from George Shields.

Patrons, Friends and Members

Some possible changes to the different membership categories were discussed at the recent Annual General Meeting. As instructed at the AGM the Committee has now decided on some modifications to the current system and we hope that they will meet with everyone's approval.

PATRONS

Patrons are very generous with their support and it is felt that currently they receive no benefits other than newsletters, invitations to social functions and to the AGM. We are suggesting that for a minimum contribution of £25pa per person Patrons will receive the following:

- ?? A laminated and named card
- ?? A discount of £1 off their ticket on presentation of the card at the box office
- ?? Priority booking for one week prior to general booking
- ?? Their name appearing in each programme (optional)

MEMBERS

This category includes both those who enjoy being active in productions in some way and also people who simply support the society. The subscription is currently £10pa (£5 for Juniors). It is proposed that in future the subscription should be £12pa but remain at £10 for people who pay by standing order in January each year. At present it is very difficult to keep the membership list up to date; if most Members were able to pay by SO administration would be easier and more accurate. Junior membership will continue at £5 (and of course be paid as cash.)

FRIENDS

Friends receive newsletters and invitations to events. In the interests of simplicity and clarity it is proposed that in future the Friends category be discontinued immediately and that no renewals are accepted. The existing 3 Friends who have already donated for the 2010 year will continue to receive communications as before but will be asked to consider changing to one of the above categories as Patrons or Members in 2011. Those remaining Friends who donated in 2009 are asked to consider changing immediately to one of the above categories for the 2010 year.

The Treasurer is anxious that as many people as possible gift aid their subscriptions/donations. Gift aid and standing order forms will be sent out in due course.