

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting on Monday 18th August 2025 held at Ratham Lane, Bosham

Present: Richard Sanderson, Tony Clark, Jan Copsey, Alan Copsey, Scilla Jutton-Holland, Sue Wilkins, Barbara MacWhirter, Clare Burt and Margaret Edwards

Apologies

None

Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted

Matters Arising

Whatsapp issues will be dealt with in AOB

Treasurer's Report

Tony said that 41 people had paid their subscriptions so one more reminder will go out to the members in the *Newsletter*.

Media Report

Barbara said that different magazines had different deadlines for information to be submitted. She said that one-line mentions were usually free but whole-page items were classed as advertisements and charged for accordingly. Discussion followed on the how far they were value for money. Barbara was asked to check the price before submitting large adverts to certain outlets. It was also discussed where people heard about the next play. There have been surveys of this in the past but it was thought to be impractical to do this as the audience arrive as long queues might form. Possibly people could be asked about it via email when the information about the next play goes out. Barbara plans to contact Russell Bramley who manages the Arts Page.

Health and Safety, Technical Matters

Tony had nothing to report on Health and Safety.

Members Update

There are no new members at present, Margaret said but some of the cast of *People* will be reminded to pay their subscriptions.

Major Productions

• Autumn 2025 *People* directed by Alan

Alan has sent out the rehearsal schedule to the cast. He uses a Whatsapp group created to communicate with them. Alan will meet with Tony to discuss the set. He needs a model of it for the first rehearsal in September to show the cast. They will make an appointment with Katie at CFT to look at the store with a view to hiring some furniture and props. Plenty of flyers will be printed to be distributed. Sue will manage Box Office. She said that as we do not deal with returns now, folk who realise last minute that they cannot attend do not let her know. This can be a problem if seats are sold out but others would like to buy some. It was decided to remove the sentence about returns from the flyer in the hope that she would be told if some cannot attend after all.

• Spring Production 2026

Gill will direct *The Perfect Murder* by Hugh Janes. As the date of the audition for this could be in a few months, rights and scripts will be ordered now. Previously when scripts have had to be printed

there have been long delays in getting them. Performance week will begin on Sunday 12th April 2026

- **Autumn Production 2026**

Barbara said that she might be prepared to direct something next autumn

- **Play Readings**

All My Sons by Arthur Miller on 12th September

Entertaining Angels by Richard Everett on 31st October

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Margaret said that following a successful Actors' Playread on 16th July, ALL ten plays have been cast. This is down to an enthusiastic response and most members willing to perform more than one role.

There are 34 roles in total, including non-speaking and non-learning, and 28 members in the whole AWD6 company.

Rehearsals have begun, and this year we welcome four new directors: Jason Burt, Rebecca Porter, Kia Wilson and Steve Jupp.

The next key date is the Midway Rehearsal, on Wednesday September 24th in the Village Hall.

Social Events

A celebration at Christmas might take the form of a quiz in which members are asked to take responsibility for a round. There could be some food too, perhaps with people being asked to bring a plate and a bottle. They could offer to 'do a turn' too.

Sue asked if she should book the celebratory meal at the College on 15th January 2026 and this was agreed.

Newsletter Items

Subscriptions are due now.

Playreads as above.

AWD: a reminder as above.

People: dates for Bolton Twill

Social Events: The 12th Night date and the quiz event TBC

AOB

Whatapp groups that have finished their purpose can be deleted only by the administrator after all the members' phone numbers in the group have been deleted.

Margaret gave her apologies for not attending the next committee meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

22nd September, 20th October and 17th November