

Red Spider Company



The Web

Newsletter of the Red Spider Company Christmas 2019

As we head inexorably towards the shortest day of the year and then on toward both Christmas and the end of the 2000 and teens, we promise not to mention anything about either elections or the B word. However, we do wish you well and whatever you wish yourselves for the future. We also thank *Spiders*, both past and present for their friendship and support.

Workshops

We have been able to provide four outstanding Workshops over the last couple of months, run by Anthony Richards, which, it was agreed by all involved, were both instructive and enjoyable. Those who attended, including some individuals who had never previously been involved with *Red Spider*, found the afternoons extremely worthwhile.

Our sincere thanks to the trustees of Bratton Clovelly Festival, who provided a grant of £500, which enabled us to meet the costs involved in running the workshops.

The Wheel of Life

Sadly, it has proved difficult to cast this play, which, as you will be aware, we had hoped to produce in March 2020. Therefore, after a great deal of discussion, it has been agreed that the best course of action is to postpone this production. Hopefully, it will prove possible to stage the play at some time in the future.

However, the good news is that we are able to produce **Wheel of Life** as a radio play. This will enable those of us who either do not wish to take a part on stage, or now have difficulty with learning lines, to take part. Watch this space!

Mary Jordan



Sadly, we have to report the passing of Mary Jordan at the beginning of December. Mary and Reg were involved with *Red Spider* from its inception; Reg often having a part and Mary selling tickets and helping with front of house. Most recently, she was also involved with researching and planning the exhibition which accompanied the production of **Fine Young Men** and was responsible particularly for the Bratton Clovelly display (see final page for images).

Although already undergoing treatment, she was able to attend our most recent production: **Dangerous Corner**. We would like to extend our sympathy to Reg and to their daughters Sandra and Rachael, son-in-law Roger and Nicholas, their grandson.

Mary, although never persuaded to be active on the stage, was an invaluable member of the *Spider* team. We will miss her greatly.

AGM

Our AGM will be held at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th January 2020, in the Blue Lion, Lewdown**. There will be some light refreshments. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Both Maureen and Frances will be standing down from the Committee, so a new Chairperson(s) will be needed. (We will also need a new writer of *The Web*.)

Details of the AGM agenda etc will be sent early in the New Year.

Next Production

As indicated above, we are now unable to go ahead with our next planned production in March 2020. In consequence, we are looking for suggestions of other possible plays, which can be discussed at our forthcoming AGM (see above). If you would like to put forward a suggestion in advance of the AGM, please contact either Frances or Maureen. Alternatively, come along to the AGM and suggest it there.

Contributions

If you would like something included in a future edition of *The Web*, would you please get in touch either with Amanda (amandakgreen@hotmail.co.uk), or with Geoff (geoffrey.cooke@btopenworld.com).

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