



Meopham Players Newsletter

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Players' Xmas Xtravaganza

Have you responded to the annual Xmas Knees-up that is being hosted by Liz Rolph this year?

A goodly number have confirmed but we could do with a few more coming along to jolly things along. So oil-up those creaky joints and let Liz know that you are attending and Karen Miles who is organising the food needs to know if you are able to contribute any tasty morsels.

How to get there

From Meopham Village Hall - head south on A227, past the windmill towards Culverstone - about 1 mile. Bus shelter on the right. Turn right where 30 speed limit starts, into Chapmans Hill.

Stay on this road for 1.5 miles, over minor crossroad, go to end.

RECTORY RD - Turn right, Glebe House is first house.

From Vigo. - head north on A227, through Culverstone, past school. Turn left at 40 speed signs into Champmans Hill. Follow this lane for 1.5 miles, over minor crossroads, go to end.

RECTORY RD—Turn right. Glebe House is first house.

Saturday 6 December at 8pm
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Say Who You Are

Auditions, Wednesday 7 January 2015



Two couples in this comedy. Sarah Lord allows her friend Valerie to use her flat on Friday nights for a liaison with her married lover Stuart, unbeknown to Sarah's husband, David. The trouble starts when

Stuart asks to see Valerie's wedding photos! Valerie who is single, pretends to be married to David. Meanwhile, David refuses to go to yet another foreign film and wants to return to the flat! The telephone box plays a very important part in this funny play! David Lord, a travel agent who is not entirely successful, but tries hard Sarah Lord his wife, a not entirely sympathetic character but who loves her husband. Valerie Pitman, friend of Sarah's, a difficult part, a very determined character! Stuart Wheeler, another difficult part who leaves his wife for no apparent reason, but must remain a sympathetic character. Scripts are now available from Sylvie, 01474 812598, or at the Xmas party!



Poltergeists plague party

Paranormal correspondent Spiritus O'Blithe reports on incorporeal happenings of a phantasmagorical nature in the depths of rural Kent



Double, double toil & trouble: Fire burn & cauldron bubble

Knocking pipes that mysteriously began to grumble, Aga cookers that suddenly started spouting steam, ear splitting smoke alarms that spontaneously screeched and sparklers that refused to ignite and then inexplicably burst into flames left the assembled cast of aristocratic bloodsuckers, witches and warlocks trembling in their pointy shoes at the Players' Hallowe'en bash.



Kountess Karen in all her finery, blood dripping from eye and mouth, lured wayward souls into her Kentish Kastle with cobwebs hanging from every nook and cranny, spiders looking to feast on pony-sized strays and every so often dangly

skeletons dropping down from beams to creep the living bejesus out of everyone.

The Kountess stirred her cauldron and stoked her oven with an undead

hand to produce mouth-watering delights which were gobbled up in a frenzy of feasting with two hounds on hand to Hoover up any leftovers.

The Vicked Vitch of Vigo Village VanDame Lesley Boycott together with her escort Barron Billiam of Graves-end made sure that the assorted ragbag of misfits and miscreants kept their noses to the grindstone with a Hogwarts Style Quiz leaving no time for them to make mischief or get-up to 'no good'.



Vicked Vigo Vitch with Barron Billiam

The evening culminated with Raving Rodney Buckland dashing from pillar to post flushing toilets, turning stop-cocks as he cackled and attempted to prevent the build-up of pressure in the plumbing which was getting to alarming levels.



Raving Rodders, the phantom plumber

All in all an evening to remember with everyone departing at the



stroke of midnight laughing their heads off.

Our thanks go to Karen for hosting such as splendid spooky evening.

Puzzle Corner – Guess the

identity of the Bone Man and win a prize. *Answer on page 69.*

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Mysecretlife

Sue Smith, actor & Players' stalwart



My perfect weekend would be to go away somewhere that I have not been before. It would involve staying in a nice hotel or B&B and ideally it would be in a very picturesque place preferably with a sea view and balcony.



Mrs Manningham, *Fanny by Gaslight*

I have just come back from Sorrento with Margaret Winson and two other close friends and that was pretty close to perfect as it was a lovely area. It was a very romantic place but sadly no romantic person with me as I love my friends dearly but not in that way!!

MY FAVOURITE THINGS

- ❖ Family
- ❖ Friends (true ones)
- ❖ Doing something exciting outside my comfort zone
- ❖ Theatre/Musicals
- ❖ Exploring new places/going away

On my ideal weekend I would also like to go to the local theatre and see all the local sights, explore places that are not on the usual tourist map and do something that involves going to the top to get a great view or taking a speed boat to get an adrenaline rush.

Other than that a weekend spent with my family and friends always leaves me feeling happy and makes me grateful for what I have in life

What to do, what to see

Sat 6 December 2014
Christmas Party, Liz Rolph

Wed 7 January 2015
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Sat 10 January 2015
Brick Lane Gala Night – Lesley Boycott

30 & 31 January 2015
Players Music Hall - Lesley Boycott & John Winson

This is shaping up to be a great audience participation show with music, sketches and variety entertainment. Twelve prospective acts have signed-up already. More 'music hall' than 'old time music hall' seating and staging will be arranged in a more relaxed style and the audience will have the opportunity to purchase drinks throughout the show.

21, 22 & 23 May 2015
'Say Who You Are' – Spring Production

May 2015 date tbc
Treasure Hunt – Lesley Boycott.

IN SHORT

- ❖ **Herbal Tea or stiff drink?**
A large hot tea first thing and cold rose later in the evening (also preferably large!)
- ❖ **Dream lunch date?**
Lee Mack, always a good laugh
- ❖ **What annoys you?**
People who are two faced or rude
- ❖ **Desert island disc?**
'I'd be surprisingly good for you' (Evita) – it's a lovely duet
- ❖ **Swanky restaurant or dinner at home?**
Restaurant as there is no washing up but not so swanky I do not relax
- ❖ **What are you reading?**
'A Season to Remember' by Sheila O'Flanagan, an easy read to help relax me before I go to sleep.
- ❖ **Best show on radio?**
Chris Evans on Radio 2 in the morning (I like his jolliness especially as I am not a morning person!)
- ❖ **Your greatest luxury?**
Going out for dinner with friends or going away on holiday.
- ❖ **Best Players Moment?**
I enjoyed Gaslight and Adrian Mole as they were both challenging roles for me and the cast and crew were supportive which made it scary fun.
- ❖ **Irrational fear?**
Fear itself
- ❖ **What are you listening to?**
Lorde - Heroine - cd that my eldest son Rob got for me last year and I have it in my car on standby if the radio gets boring
- ❖ **Which actor most inspires you?**
Julie Walters as she can be so comical and so serious too
- ❖ **What do you love more than anything?**
My sons
- ❖ **Anything your mother taught you?**
Always treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.