

CROAK

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NEWS



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FROM THE CHAIR

July is here!!

Not much information to relay to all you lovely people but some of it is important, so here goes...

The upholstery/carpet cleaners have been in and cleaned lots – auditorium seating, carpets, rehearsal room carpets, bar and café carpets, etc – and all anti-bacteria-fied as well!

Henry, our vacuum cleaner, remains missing so it looks like another one will have to be purchased. This is really annoying as someone must know his whereabouts – no ransom demands have been received.

The really, really, really important bit <drum roll please> Committee elections are coming up! Although the AGM isn't until October, you all need to be aware of what's happening. Jon Manley will be standing down as Chairman (Gasp! Shock! Horror! ... the inhumanity of it all!). After four years (should've been three but extended due to covid), I need a break – the last 16 months or so has been exhausting; thankfully the incoming chairperson won't have the same issues to cope with. Alan Tanner has expressed his wish to stand down as Treasurer at the earliest opportunity (Gasp! Shock! ... oh hang on, I've done this one already). Alan is happy to remain in post until another member, or members, wishes to be elected to the post. Also, as most of you know, Martin Waddington now lives in The Netherlands, thus creating another committee vacancy.

I think that's all for now – as always, keep safe and well.

Jon Manley (chair and tables-man)

ATTENTION : IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TOAD FOLKS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any vacant committee positions are open to ALL full TOADS members. Please don't think, for example, you have to be on committee in order to stand for Chairperson – any full or life member has the right, subject to two nominations, to stand for the post.

WEDNESDAY CLUB NEWS

We re-started face-to face meetings on 23rd June, as this would have been after the initial date for lifting the restrictions. No trouble, though, we are adaptive, so brought our own chairs and refreshments and met in the car park.

It was good to see the jolly crew again and to hold a catch-up meeting. There was a lot to talk about! Some people even listened. Next season the Wedders' weekly fee will be going up to two pounds... it's been at one pound for twenty one years. The extra pounds will be held to pay for professional entertainers for our Memory Café.

Last week we invited Dave Harding to entertain us with some of his verse. I'm thankful he hadn't brought his robot lie detector with him when he asked me if I'd enjoyed his reading.....

We will continue to meet each Wednesday, with one of the following options; inside in the Coffee Lounge as soon as we are allowed to; outside in the sunshine if we can't meet inside; meet via Zoom (thank you, Nigel) if it rains.

Each Wednesday morning I will send out an email to say which of these options will apply for the meeting.

Come along and see us if you're stuck for something to do. You will be made welcome, well, most of you will.... well one or two of you might.... OK perhaps you'd better stay at home and contemplate your novel.

Regards, John Miles.

Tennis umpires are in short supply, so Wimbledon has been recruiting from the local kindergarten. You may have noticed these new recruits; they sit in their high chairs and keep shouting for juice.

Milton Jones