

Dear Members

As we swelter in the July heat, our programme of events and productions for the next 12 months is materialising from the haze.

But before we get to future events, many thanks to Susie and David Gow for hosting this year's BBQ. A super afternoon in the sun with convivial company and perfect food.

The Grayshott Stagers AGM - 9th September 2026, 7:30 for 7:45 pm

Find out what's been happening both on stage and behind the scenes in the last year, and chat with your fellow Stagers over the free refreshments. This is where we elect the Committee for the next year and we'll be looking for some fresh faces! If you'd like to know more about the Committee roles and commitment please speak to any member, or email secretary@thegrayshottstagers.co.uk or chair@thegrayshottstagers.co.uk

75th Anniversary Open Day - 10th October 2026, 10 am - 4 pm

This ambitious and exciting event will be an opportunity for anyone interested in getting involved in local theatre to "have a go"! We'll be opening up our rehearsal and performance spaces to the public so they can see and experience what it's like to produce a show. We'll help them to direct, stage manage, set-build, rehearse the actors, operate sound and lighting, use costumes and make-up etc, to put on two short plays in front of an audience - one in the morning and the second in the afternoon.

Alongside the play preparation, we'll be running singing and dancing workshops for young people and adults, and offering refreshments in our café.

If you'd like to be actively involved in any of the many roles needed in staging a short play, please contact me secretary@thegrayshottstagers.co.uk. Otherwise, make a note of the date for what's sure to be a great day out for all the family.

Fondly Remembered - 19th-21st November 2026

The brilliant cast for our November play have started rehearsing, under the expert guiding hand of director Andy Boughton. The box office is open at grayshottstagers.littleboxoffice.com or via our website www.thegrayshottstagers.co.uk, where you can find more information about the play and the cast.

Supper Evenings with One Act Plays - 12th & 13th February 2027

We've chosen 3 plays this time *Rambles on Radio* by Robert Scott; *Absent Friends, Present Dread* by Mont Blanc; and *Can You Hear the Music?* by David Campton. They'll be directed by Helen Parrdew, Stephanie Wilson and Val Shears respectively. You can find more information about the plays on our website.

The combined read-through and casting evening will be on **Wednesday 30th September** starting at 7:30 pm.

Jekyll & Hyde, The Musical - 26th-29th May 2027

As announced in the previous newsletter, our May musical for 2027 will be *Jekyll & Hyde*, adapted by Leslie Bricusse and Frank Wildhorn from the Robert Louis Stevenson novella. With its powerful rock/pop score packed with 1990s-style power ballads, the show clocked up over 1500 performances on Broadway and was nominated for multiple Tony awards.

Alongside the co-directors Tony Carpenter and Philip Hutchinson, we're delighted to announce that Anna King has agreed to debut as our Musical Director.

The presentation evening will be on **25th November**, with auditions on **5th December**.

If you'd like any more information about any of the above, check with the website thegrayshottstagers.co.uk or contact me.

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