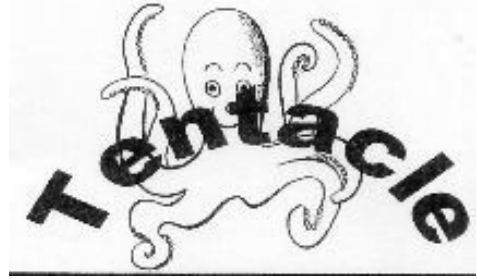


Octopus



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Dear Octopus members,

Just like buses, you don't see a Tentacle for ages, then 2 come along in just over a month. I hope everybody had a great Easter and this is an update on a number of things.

Summer Play

Rehearsals are well under way for the June play – Try Anything Twice. It is being directed by Gil and is a hilarious farce suitable for all ages. Please get the dates in your diary and make sure you bring along some friends.

October Show

We currently have 2 ideas for the October Show.

1. A traditional show based on the rich heritage of Liverpool. Songs, sketches and a playlet with opportunities for lots of members to take part. Jenny Dennis has come up with the idea and wants to produce the show.
2. A Murder Mystery. We still need to work out details, but this would probably involve a relatively small number of members.

Please let us know what you think of the two ideas and, more importantly, whether you want to take part.

The October show traditionally raises money for charity: our last show (Obamarama) raised £1,000 for St. Peter's Hospice and breast cancer research.

We have had a request to support ACT (Arts and Community in Thornbury) this year. ACT is a registered charity and is now working hard with a number of groups to convert the Armstrong Hall. I think it is a good idea to be seen to be helping the arts locally, but we would always welcome ideas from the membership.

Social Dates

We have set aside Saturday, 29th May for a social in the hall. The plan would be to have our own 'World Cup', as a curtain raiser to the minor event in South Africa!!! It will be based on playing bar football and we will ask members to form their own teams. The team name does not have to be a country, anything inventive will do. There will be a World Cup trophy for the winning team and prizes for the best-dressed team. A playing team is 4 people, but you can have substitutes – you may also want a manager, a team doctor, etc. Be creative. Food will be served during the tournament and the cost will be £5 per head. We are still trying to source a sturdy bar football table, so any help there would be appreciated.

Karen will be chasing up for team entries.

Future dates for the diary:

1. JUNE PLAY: Gil Gilroy to direct “Try Anything Twice” a comedy June 9th to 12th.
2. OCTOBER SHOW: Date of show is 6th to 9th October.
3. PANTOMIME 2011: Abi Ingham is writing Cinderella.

Social Events:

Saturday 29th May – Octopus World Cup.

In the same vein, it was suggested that we get at least one youth representative on the committee. So, if any of you younger members would like to help shape the direction of Octopus, please let a committee member know.

Pat Morrissey (Chairman)

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