
WDG NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

Audition and Read Through for Abigail's Party

We are excited to begin our next production *Abigail's Party* by Mike Leigh. The play, which celebrates its 50th year next year, will be directed by Marian Cox at Warton Village Hall. The dates of the play will be **Wednesday 31st March to Saturday 3rd April 2027**. Rehearsals will be



begin in January. In the meantime on Sunday 11th October 2026 at 1.30pm-4pm, Marian will be holding a read through of the play. Auditions will be on Sunday 25th October from 1.30pm-4pm. Both these are at Margarets house, 78 Main Street, Warton. These events are open to anyone interested in taking part in this production.

A WDG play-reading in August 2022 for *The Railway Children*

We would like to hear from people willing to help with props, staging and front of house for the show. This production will require the construction of an exciting set and WDG's staging/seating units, so we will need fit and able members and friends to help out with the 'get in' which will be in the week prior to first night.

It's Annual General Meeting Time!

Our AGM (plus EGM) will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd September 2026** at Warton Village Hall, Back Lane. You will receive details via email and we encourage you to vote, attend

and volunteer for the committee. All positions must be reelected and we will be discussing a few minor changes to our constitution in the EGM part. It will be short and sweet — we promise, there may even time for a pint afterwards?

Stage Props Photoshoot

Some members of WDG recently met at Brad's house in Warton for a photoshoot of stage props. Phil, David, Arden, Jo and Alex donned various costumes and masks whilst posing with theatrical stage cigarettes for a company who supplied our last play Hay Fever. Much fun was had and Brad worked his usual magic to produce some really interesting images. Brad also made the masks.

There are lots more images to look at on Brad's website <https://bradverts.co.uk>

The Heron Theatre

Our friends at The Heron in Beetham have an interesting programme of shows, events and live music concerts. Check out their offering here: <https://theherontheatre.com>

Members get a 20% discount and a copy of their brochure and newsletter. Single membership is only £10 a year and Joint membership is £20 for two people at the same address.

WDG Website: New & Updated

We are indebted to Phil for maintaining our website which was recently the target of a cyberattack! Phil's attention and quick action lead to him take down the website for a short time and then completely rebuild it on a different platform. Big thanks to Garry too who has also put in many hours updating and sorting out the layout. Garry suggested a new section for the website called "People" and this now features some of our members. We are planning to add more people to this section in the coming months. If you would like to be featured, send Jo or WDG admin a short piece about yourself and a suitable photo. We hope this section helps to bring the group alive and highlight some of the great people in our group. A link to our website is in the list below.

Links

Email: admin@wdg.org.uk

WDG Website: <https://www.wdg.org.uk> (new and improved)!

WDG Facebook: Search Warton Drama Group, plus a private Facebook group 'WDG Cast & Crew' ask Jo if you would like to be added.

WDG Instagram: [wartondrama](https://www.instagram.com/wartondrama)

Chairperson, Jo's email: joleeman98@gmail.com

