

Dear Member,

This newsletter comes to bring you news of your society and in particular of the events which may affect you before you receive your Membership Card and Programme for 1982/83.

Firstly, the society itself. In case you were not able to attend the AGM and have not had a chance to see the Secretary's notice on the board in Cheap Street, we shall start by listing your Committee for the coming season:-

Chairman
Hon. Secretary
Hon. Treasurer
Members

Christine Hatch
Meg Whittingdale
Madeline Farrant
Wendy Farley, Pam Richardson,
Eileen Snelling, Jonathon Black,
Stuart Carter, Andrew Cross,
Bewsey Dyke, Tony Field,
Tony Harrison, Hrolf Trump

Our first topic concerns the Players' entry for SHERBORNE CARNIVAL on August 28th. You will recall that our float won the competition last year and, of course, we aim to repeat that success. This year the theme will be "Hardy's Wessex" and will feature a market scene based on that in the "Woodlanders" and including an Ale House, "The Hintock Arms". Jonathon Black will be coordinating our entry and he requires a "cast" of yokels and peasants (but some gentry), an innkeeper, market traders etc. Anyone from 18 to 80 is welcome - please contact Jonathon on Yeovil 22048 if you are willing to help in any way.

Our OPENING NIGHT this year will be on September 11th in the Club Room, and a special night this will be. Firstly, there will be an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting at 7.30 pm to discuss the proposed change in the Constitution necessary to permit our AGM to be held in September (in conjunction with the Opening Night) rather than in June/July as our rules now require. This will be followed by a PATE & PUNCH PARTY to celebrate "The Woodlanders" winning the Bristol Evening Post Rose Bowl Competition. Now, in order to calculate how much food and drink to provide, will all members intending to be present let Meg Whittingdale (Sherborne 2022) know by September 6th. So, do come along at 7.30 pm and make our Rose Bowl Evening a success.

On September 21st, John Sutherland Smith is organising a PLAY READING starting at 8.00 pm. This will be an unrehearsed reading so there will be a chance for most of those attending to take part.

An initial meeting of those interested in the making of VIDEO FILMS will be held at Gainsborough House, South Street, the home of Jim Schofield, on September 27th at 8.00 pm. All are welcome.

The JUNIOR AMATEUR PLAYERS are presenting "A Murder is Announced" by Agatha Christie, on October 1st & 2nd in the Gymnasium of Lord Digby's School, at 7.30 pm each evening. Your full support is requested to promote this production as it will not be possible to advertise it locally or to charge an admission fee.

The AUTUMN PRODUCTION this year will be Noel Coward's "Private Lives", produced by David Webb and staged on October 21st, 22nd & 23rd. If you missed the first audition evening on July 27th, take heart - a further audition evening will be held in the Club Room on August 3rd at 8.00 pm. Copies of the script are available from David Webb (Sherborne 2914)

Many of you will be involved in some way with the COMMUNITY PLAY (November 23rd to December 12th), however we do require a volunteer to "sell" the APS at the pre-production "Fair" on the evening of Thursday, December 2nd (when we share the floor with The Friends of Coldharbour Hospital). Anyone willing to organise this chance to publicise the society should contact Meg Whittingdale as soon as possible (Sherborne 2022).

Finally, a mercenary note - subscriptions for the coming season (& 2.00) are due to the Hon Treasurer on September 21st.

On behalf of your committee, may I wish you all an enjoyable season in 1982/83

Yours sincerely

Tony Field.