



AMATEUR PLAYERS of SHERBORNE

NEWSLETTER
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Dear Member

Well, another Season is under way and what an exciting Season it promises to be.

First of all, our thanks must go to our Chairman, Patricia Harris, and the Committee for providing such an entertaining evening of fun for Opening Night with material by Noel Coward and also to Gill Manns, who on 5 October supplied us with an excellent playreading - Hobson's Choice. It was nice to see so many members turn out on such a wet and windy evening.

We have an enticing programme of events for your pleasure this Season but, of course, if you haven't paid your subscription, you won't know what they are. Money is always a difficult topic to tackle but our small society really needs the support of all its members in order to survive and £8 per person is not an unrealistic price to pay for a year's membership and entertainment. So far already this Season, our expenditure stands at £637 on the General Account with an income of only £438 raised from only half the membership having paid their subscription plus a few generous donations from Life Members. This income only just covers the insurance premium that the Society has to pay for your benefit. Anyone who wishes to pay their subscription can do so at the next Player's evening on **Thursday 28 October** when Jill and Bob Service present "**Life Upon The Wicked Stage**" or you can send it to the Membership Secretary at 2 Greenhill Court, Sherborne.

Autumn Production - THE HEIRESS

Vivian reports that rehearsals are well under way with the following cast:

Dr Austin Sloper	-	Lance Salway
Aunt Lavinia Penniman	-	Jill Hudson
Catherine	-	Sue Francis
Mrs Almond	-	Madeleine Lambert
Marion Almond	-	Marie Le Billon
Arthur Townsend	-	Kieran Millar
Morris Townsend	-	Stuart McCready
Mrs Montgomery	-	Janet Vincent
Maria	-	Joanna Higgs

Help is still needed backstage and Stage Manager, **Margaret Field** (815427) would like to hear from anyone interested, particularly with regard to the weekend of the Move-in.

Priority Booking for Members

Tickets go on sale to the general public on 15 November price £4 but members will have the opportunity to buy tickets at **£3 on 12 - 13 November** provided they produce

their membership card. Local schools and colleges will be able to purchase tickets at £2 for parties of 10 students or more on application to the Treasurer.

Tony Field (815427) would like to hear from anyone who would like to help run the Box Office which will be situated in the SACA office, Digby Hall.

Snippets

- * How lovely to see **Meg Whittingdale** fit and well again after her illness. We have missed her greatly and look forward to seeing her back amongst us.
- * Sadly, **Stephen Kettle** has found it necessary, for personal reasons, to resign from the Committee.
- * Congratulations to **Marie Le Billon** who has been nominated by the Bristol Evening Post for the Rose Bowl Award as Best Actress in a Dramatic Role. The nomination is for Marie's performance as "Perpetua" in Margaret Field's production of "Venus Observed" and the awards will be presented at a dinner in Bristol on 24 October.
- * **Gill Manns** is narrowing down her choice of play for the **Spring Production** which looks likely to be a modern comedy. Auditions will probably be held before Christmas.
- * Sue Tolley's evening on **10 November** has been replaced by two rehearsed One Act Play readings and is being organised by **Tony Field**.
- * The next event presented by **Jill and Bob Service** will take place on **28 October** and is entitled "**Life Upon The Wicked Stage**". This promises to be an excellent evening so let's give Jill and Bob all our support.
- * Watch the **Noticeboard** at the Post Office for further information on forthcoming Players' activities.