



## AMATEUR PLAYERS of SHERBORNE

NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Member

We begin this Newsletter with our congratulations to Gill Manns and her team for the splendid production of "Moving" staged recently in the Digby Hall. Audience numbers were doubled, a handsome profit paid into the bank and a favourable adjudication received from the Bristol Evening Post Rose Bowl:

"A good piece of entertainment which was a challenge to any company. The Company did extremely well with such ambitious material."

Well done to all those concerned, both on and off the stage, how nice it was to see so many new faces taking part.

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Our increase in audience numbers appears to be due largely to our improved publicity. A small sub-committee put a considerable amount of hard work into preparing a mailing list with some 400 names and addresses, each of whom received a publicity mailshot prior to the production. If any member has any further names they would like included in our mailing list, please give them to a Committee Member.

Whilst on the subject of publicity, the Committee is looking for a volunteer who would be interested in taking on the task of general publicity for the Players, ie not for individual productions but for our other activities and public relations. If anyone is interested, please contact either Tony Stephens (Hon Secretary) or Andrew Cross (Membership Secretary).

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Commemoration of D-Day begins shortly and the Players' contribution towards the 50th Anniversary will recreate a wartime BBC radio studio in an entertainment entitled "Those Radio Times". The evening will take place on Tuesday 31 May 1994 at 8.00 pm and is being masterminded by Eve Snell who has a group of volunteers waiting to go "on air". Please give Eve and the Players your support as it is important that we are seen to be supporting the town as well as wanting the town to support our productions. Tickets are available from SACA Office, Olivers, Pursuits and TIC at a cost of £3.50. As a result of this, the advertised Playreading on 24 May 1994 will not now take place. There will, however, be a preview of "Those Radio Times" on a date to be arranged.

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The Committee is currently updating records regarding anyone who is interested in directing. If you feel this is where your talent lies and you would like to direct a play for the Players, please contact Andrew Cross, 2 Greenhill court, Sherborne with details of any plays that you would like the Committee to consider for future productions.

We would also like to know if any members or friends would be interested in **set building and construction**. There is more to an amateur dramatic group than treading the boards, so if any of you know of anyone who has an interest or skill in this area and would like the opportunity to use those skills to create something for the stage, please encourage them to come forward. You don't have to act to join the Players.

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We look forward to seeing you all at Tony Stephens' **Theatrical Quiz** on **Friday 6 May** and, in the meantime, would like to hear from anyone who would consider organising this year's End of Season Party.

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This autumn sees the **60th Anniversary of Amateur Players of Sherborne** and the occasion will be marked by a large scale production of Dickens' "**A Christmas Carol**" on 15, 16 and 17 December 1994 in the Powell Theatre. The play will be directed by Margaret Field who has achieved much for the Players with plays such as "An Inspector Calls", "You Never Can Tell", "Venus Observed" and the memorable "Toad of Toad Hall". A large cast will be needed of all ages with auditions probably in the late summer so watch this space. We wish Margaret the best of luck and every success with this exciting venture, a lovely way to celebrate both our anniversary and Christmas, so please give her all your support.

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Finally, the **Annual General Meeting** takes place on 3 June 1994 at 8.00 pm in the Club Room. Please make every effort to attend and make your views known. We have enjoyed enormous support from our membership this year so let's keep it going.

Patricia Harris retires from the Chair this year having done a first class job in striving for the Players' success and steering us in the right direction. Your **nominations** are, therefore, required for Chairman and for 3 vacancies on the Committee. Please let the Hon Secretary have your nominations.

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A big thank you to all our members for your support this season, please continue to do so in order that we can build on our success and celebrate our 60th Anniversary with full houses, great fun and much applause.

Have a lovely summer!

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