

Dear Member,

Just a brief letter this time to remind you of a number of forthcoming events and to bring you a few snippets of information.

Let me start by reminding you of our CHRISTMAS PARTY which will take place in the Clubroom on Thursday, December 16th, at 8.00 pm. Jean Harrop is organizing the fun and games and I'm sure everyone will have an enjoyable evening. Members wishing to attend - and we hope for a large turnout - will be invited to contribute 50p per head and bring a bottle. Will those intending to join the festivities notify Meg Whittingdale (tel. 812698) by Monday, December 13th.

Our next major event will be the OLD TIME MUSIC HALL which will take place on Saturday, February 5th. Pam Richardson will be holding an initial meeting on December 8th at 6.30 pm in the Clubroom and anyone interesting in performing or helping in any way is most welcome to attend. (If you are interested but unable to attend this meeting, phone Pam on 812745. No offers of help refused !)

Our SPRING PRODUCTION, (20th - 30th April) will be "Waters of the Moon" by M.C. Hunter. The cast comprises 7 women and 3 men and the play, set in the 1950's, deals with the interplay between three groups of people in a snowbound hotel on the edge of Dartmoor; the owner and family "imprisoned" in their hotel, the permanent guests mainly retired and elderly, and a wealthy family thrust into this environment by a chance motor accident in a snowstorm. The play will be directed by Eve Snelling and auditions will be held on January 13th at 8.00 pm in the Clubroom. Copies of the script will be available from Meg Whittingdale. Rehearsals will start on 16th February and will run at the rate of two per week until April and three per week thereafter.

Members will be aware that the Bristol Evening Post Rose Bowl has now been officially presented and is safely in our possession. In addition, the society has received a replica which it is hoped to display permanently in the Clubroom.

Members may not be aware that the Sherborne Arts & Crafts Association is presenting three events in the Digby Hall in the new year. They are ;

Sunday 16th January at 7.30 pm. The Cambridge Buskers

Saturday 29th January at 2.30 & 7.30 pm. "Sticks & Stones" by Dance Tales Company.

Monday 21st February at 7.30 pm. Julian Glover in "Beowulf".

Jon Oram, the mime and movement assistant director of the Community Play, is to give another performance of "MASK & MIME" on 9th December at 7.30 pm in the Big School Room, King's School. A magical evening is promised - essential viewing for any aspiring actor or entertainer - as those who have seen Jon's performance will tell you. (They'll all be going again !)

Finally some personal news of members - Christine Stone gave birth to a daughter on October 29th and Jenny Ward is now married and is now Jenny Perry - congratulations to both. From your committee come best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Field