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AMATEUR PLAYERS of SHERBORNE



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Dear Member

The **Annual General Meeting** held on 5th June 1992 was extremely well attended. Retiring Chairman, Meg Whittingdale, opened the Meeting, followed by reports from the Secretary, Vivian Vale, retiring Treasurer, Michael Quinn, and Membership Secretary, Jill Hudson. The elections took place for a new Chairman (Pat Harris) and new Committee Members (Andrew Cross, Gill Manns, Jane Shuldham and Eve Snell). The new Treasurer is Stephen Kettle.

The **Opening Night** was held on 17th September. Entertainment was provided by our new Chairman, Pat Harris, and entitled 'The Root of all Evil'. This was a thoroughly good evening and enjoyed by everyone. We thank our Chairman for all her hard work to make this such a success and were also happy to welcome seven new members that evening.

As you all know by now, the **Autumn Production** is to be a review entitled 'One Foot on the Stage', produced and directed by Pam Richardson. Pam is very happy with the way things are proceeding but Huw Ridgeway, the Musical Director, requires a co-ordinator. Would anyone able to help him please telephone Pam Richardson on Sherborne 812745. Also, Jim Schofield, who will be attending to Front of House, and his wife Gwyneth, who will be providing coffee etc., require help in both their respective departments. Anyone able to help please telephone Jim or Gwyneth on Sherborne 812051. Tony Field has kindly offered to be the Business Manager and he requires assistance for the Box Office all day on Fridays and Saturday mornings. Please telephone Tony on Sherborne 815427 if you can help. **PLEASE NOTE** there will now be a 2.30 p.m. Matinee performance on Saturday 5th December.

The first public night of our Autumn Production Review, 3rd December, is to be a Charity evening and a proportion of our takings will go to Pam Richardson's chosen charity, The Sherborne Ambulance for the Elderly and Disabled. Representatives from this Group will be helping in the Digby Hall on that evening.

Auditions for our **Dorset Drama League** entry will be held on 15th October and 19th October at 8 p.m. in the Clubroom. Our entry will be directed by Michael Quinn and will be one Act of "Young Woodley". The competition takes place in Wimborne between 8 - 13 March 1993.

The **Spring Production** will be 'Venus Observed', a comedy by Christopher Fry. This will be performed in the Digby Hall on 25/26/27 March and will be directed by Margaret Field. Auditions will be held in the Clubroom on Friday 30th October and Monday 2nd November at 8 p.m. If you cannot manage either date but would like to audition, please contact Margaret Field on Sherborne 815427. Copies of the play are available. Samuel French's synopsis tells us of the once amorous Duke of Altair resigning himself to the autumn of his life. He prepares to seek a wife from three of his former mistresses, to be selected by his son (who is to follow the example of the Paris of mythology by offering an apple to the chosen one.) Unexpectedly, however, a radiant young

girl, Perpetua, turns up. The Duke snatches the apple and offers it to her but she draws on a pistol and shatters it. For his own unscrupulous reasons her father, the agent, wishes her to marry the Duke, but eventually the latter resigns himself to marrying one of the former mistresses who really loves him and has shown her resentment at being turned down by setting his mansion on fire. The cast list:

The Duke of Altair	55+
Edgar, his son	25+
Herbert Reedbeck, his agent	50+
Dominic, his son	20's
Rosabel Fleming, an actress	40's
Jessie Dill, humorous	40's
Captain Fox Reddleman, the Duke's butler - once a lion tamer ...	
Bates, the Duke's footman - once a burglar	
Hilda Taylor-Snell, county	40's
Perpetua, Reedbeck's daughter	20's

DIARY DATES

29th October	Cast playreading produced by Stephen Kettle
28th November	Move set into Digby Hall (Lots of help needed please)
3/4/5 December	AUTUMN PRODUCTION 'One Foot on the Stage'
6th December	Strike set. Help needed again please.
11th December	Christmas Party in the Clubroom at 8 p.m. Party Pieces by Dod Pearson and Jean Harrap

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Amateur Players needs the subscriptions from every Member to enable us to survive and to continue to put on productions of the high standard we have all come to expect. Apart from this, individuals who have not paid are uninsured - not only for productions - but also whenever they enter the Clubroom. Our insurance premium rises every year and to survive we have to rely on everybody. Membership subscriptions are now due so please if you have not already done so, send your subscriptions to the Treasurer, Stephen Kettle, 1 Glovers Close, Milborne Port, Sherborne, Dorset (Telephone 0963-251303). Cheques should be made payable to "The Amateur Players of Sherborne" (not 'APS'). Thank you to all those who have already paid. Subscriptions (same as last year):

Single Member	£6
Single OAP Member	£5
Married Couple	£10
Married OAP Couple	£7
Junior/Student Member	£1

Finally we would ask all Members to help and support our Autumn Production, as usual, and please ring the appropriate telephone numbers as soon as possible if you are able to help in any way. Also the Membership Secretary still has Application Forms that have not been returned. Please telephone Jill Hudson on 0935-23453. May we wish a speedy recovery to all those Members who have been unwell over the last few months.

STOP PRESS: John Davey urgently needs someone with a double-axle vehicle to collect and return lights to Salisbury. Please phone Pam 812745.