



AMATEUR PLAYERS of SHERBORNE

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Dear Member

It seems appropriate to open this Newsletter by mentioning Margaret Field's very memorable production of **"Venus Observed"** which was our Spring Production. It was a very difficult play with congested verse, which the cast interpreted extremely well. The set and special effects were very good and added to the excellence of this production. We congratulate Margaret and all the cast and crew for all their hard work. It proved to be a very cost-effective production and, even though we did not have full houses every night, we still managed to make a profit. Well done to everyone concerned. Apart from the attendance of the Rose Bowl adjudicator at one of the performances, we were delighted to have the company of **Peggy Gibbs'** son. The play, and the charity concerned, were chosen in recognition of Peggy's contribution to the APS and especially as she had offered to stage this play before her untimely death a year ago (Barnardo's was also her chosen charity).

We move on now to the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Clubroom on **Friday 4th June at 8.00 p.m.** We would like to impress upon all Members the importance of attending, as this particular meeting involves voting for a new President; a new Secretary; a new Treasurer; a new Membership Secretary and new Committee Members. Any Member who is interested in standing for any of the above posts, please contact Pat Harris immediately. **Please note that all Members are eligible for these offices.** At the AGM it will also be proposed that the annual subscriptions be raised. This is a point for discussion. The AGM is a time for all Members to be able to air their views, whether good or bad, about the APS. It is important that we have a good attendance as there are many significant issues to be discussed and we would be delighted to see as many new Members as possible as well, as fresh faces and fresh ideas are always so welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all retiring Committee Members for their time and efforts on our behalf.

It has been decided that for our Autumn Production, Vivian Vale will direct the adaptation of Henry James celebrated novel 'Washington Square', known

as "**The Heiress**" by Goetz. The auditions for this are being planned for late July and we ask that you keep a look-out for further details on the Post Office Notice Board. Set in New York in the 1840's, the play explores the plight of a young and innocent heiress, deceived by the charm of a worthless suitor while at the same time striving to be loyal to a cold and forbidding widower of a father. The fourth major role is for a sentimental aunt who propels her to a crisis and its chilling denouement.

Looking a little further ahead, we would like to submit an entry for the Dorset Drama League in the Spring of 1994. Is there anyone who would like to produce a One Act Play for the APS? If so, please contact Pat Harris.

Thanks go to everyone who put on a **Social Evening** for us during this past season. They have all been very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Our **Get Well** messages this time go to all Members who have been feeling a bit off-colour or out-of-sorts over the last few months - in particular Mary Walker and Tony Field, who have both been in Hospital for major surgery. Please get well soon and we look forward to seeing you back amongst us in the near future.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 27th May	Open play reading (not cast) with Jakki and Jill
Friday 4th June	Annual General Meeting 8 p.m. in the Clubroom
Friday 18th June	End of Season Party in the Clubroom. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Manns and Ann Brooks. Please bring finger food and a bottle of your choice with you.
Friday 17th September	Opening Night for the new season, to be held in the Clubroom. Please watch the Notice Board for further details.

As always, **subscriptions** are due on, or before, the Opening Night. As mentioned above, the new subscriptions will be decided at the AGM and details will be put on the Post Office Notice Board.

While you are all "resting" this summer, please think about what you personally can do for the **Amateur Players** next year and come back in September refreshed and with great ideas and enthusiasm.

As always, any Member who has a problem, query or would like any information please contact the Chairman, Pat Harris on Sherborne 816061.

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