



AMATEUR PLAYERS of SHERBORNE

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Dear Member

The clocks have changed, the evenings are dark, winter is upon us and the Players' season is in full swing. So far our club evenings have been very successful, it is wonderful to see so many people attending, especially new members who are most welcome. Even the recent awful weather has not deterred people from enjoying some very entertaining events, organised by Margaret Field, Marilyn Hawkins, Patricia Harris (with the help of John Sutherland Smith and three members of his impro group) and Tony Manns. Let's hope that the remainder of the programme receives the same support and enthusiasm.

Diamond Jubilee 1934-1994

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take great pleasure in giving you advance notice of this our
60th Anniversary production

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens
adapted and directed by Margaret Field

This large cast production will be staged at The Powell Theatre,
Abbey Rd, Sherborne on December 15th, 16th & 17th at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets (adults £4.00, children 12 and under £2.50) will be on sale
from November 7th at:

The Powell Theatre Box Office (Tel. 0935 816103)
SACA (now in Sherborne House, Newland,
Mon. - Fri., 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Tel. 0935 813433)
or telephone 0935 815427

*I have endeavoured in this Ghostly little book, to raise the Ghost of an
Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves,
with each other, with the season, or with me. May it haunt their houses
pleasantly, and no one wish to lay it.*

Charles Dickens, December 1843

Tickets which are unreserved, went on sale on Monday 7 November and will include a glass of wine and a mince pie. Following the final performance on Saturday 17 December there will be a Christmas Party to which all members are invited. It would be lovely to see everyone there in festive spirit to drink a toast to our 60th Anniversary.

There are a number of appeals for help with the production. Firstly, props, appropriate for the period, the following are required: bedroom chair, small square table, several plain chairs, small desk, coat stand, poker, pen with nib, high desk for Bob Cratchit, chains, padlocks & keys for Marley's Ghost, child's fairy story book, baskets & hoops for crowd scenes. If you are able to help with any of these please contact Jean Harrop, 814278.

As it is our 60th Anniversary we would like to stage a small exhibition in the foyer of the Powell Theatre, so if anyone has any APS memorabilia, particularly from the early years, your committee would like to hear from you.

Monica Parsons would like to hear from anyone who would like to help Front of House. Please contact Monica on 0963 250424.

Many congratulations to Janet Vincent who received a nomination for Best Supporting Actress from the Bristol Evening Post Rose Bowl Awards for her role as Liz Ford in Gill Manns' production of 'Moving'.

Our friends Peter and Marilyn Hawkins returned to Florida at the end of October. They continue to be very loyal supporters and have been involved in many of our activities. We will miss them greatly but wish them well for the next six months and look forward to their return next Spring when Marilyn hopes to stage a production of 'Our Town'.

Please keep names coming in to add to our 'mailing list', this is by far the most important part of our publicity machine and is proving very successful. Please let Gill Manns (Dragon Green, The Drive, Over Compton) or Anthea Watson (Dene Cottage, South Street, Castle Cary) or any committee member have your list of names.

Your committee is busy considering three plays put forward by Tony Field for the Spring Production. A decision will be made soon but it looks set to be a thriller full of suspense.

The Dorset Drama Festival begins on 6 March 1995 at Shaftesbury and it is very much hoped that the Players will put forward an entry. Some members have already expressed an interest in directing and have suggested suitable material. A decision will be made shortly.

Some of you may like to know that 'The Browning Version' is now showing in selected cinemas. Several of our members were involved as extras in the making of this film which stars Albert Finney as Classics Master, Andrew Crocker-Harris. The film was made on location in Sherborne and Milton Abbas.

Some of our members are to be involved in a fund raising event for the local museum. The event is being arranged by Jose Wilson with an entertainment devised by Pam Richardson entitled Anthony Trollope - Man of Letters. Our best wishes and good luck to all involved.

The next event on our programme is 'Plays Gone By' arranged by Colin Mayes and Anthea Watson and takes place on Friday 18 November. Please give them your support for what will be an entertaining and nostalgic evening, and an opportunity for you to put your memory to the test. Following this on 30 November is the DIY St Andrew's so please bring your own contribution to an evening of Scottish entertainment.

If you have not yet paid your subscription for the current season this will be the final newsletter you will receive. Membership fees are £8 (£1 for young people under 18) and should be sent to Tony Field (Nethercombe House, Marston Road, Sherborne) or Andrew Cross (2 Greenhill Court, Sherborne). Please note that anyone taking part in a production must be a paid-up member in order to be covered by our insurance.

Finally, we look forward to seeing all of you and your friends at 'Christmas Carol'. Please come and celebrate our 60th year by giving Margaret and her team all your support and help to ensure that APS will continue to entertain for many years to come.

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