



Shawbury Village Players

NEWSLETTERS are sent by email to all members past and present, both adults and children, and posted to members without e-mail, with a limit of one per household. We are trying to send the newsletter by email wherever possible, and so if you have an e-mail address and are still receiving a printed newsletter, please let us know. The last newsletter was in NOVEMBER 2012.

MEMBERSHIP – Renewal

If you wish to participate in future productions you will need to renew your membership please contact the Membership Secretary/Treasurer. New Membership runs from 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014

Fee: Adult Membership per annum - £20

Junior Membership per annum (up to age 16 years, or 18 if in full time education) - £ 5.00

Children can be "added on" to either an Adult or Junior membership at a reduced subscription of £2 per child.

For a membership form please contact
treasurer@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

YOUR COMMITTEE

The committee can be approached in person or by using the contact form on the website.

<http://shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk/contact-us/>

Chairperson: Richard Bray
Vice Chairperson: Mel Horbury
Treasurer: Chris Fraser
Secretary: Mariella Lloyd
Committee members: Paul Wootton, Trev Wootton, Viv Wootton, Ange Neesham, Sophie Williams, Ann Page, Michelle Bryant and Rebecca Illott.

At the AGM, committee posts are up for election except that of Chairperson which is taken by the current Vice Chairperson. If you would like to seek election please e-mail
secretary@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please support your group by attending.

This is to be held at the **ELEPHANT AND CASTLE** public House in Shawbury on **MONDAY 4TH MARCH at 7.30 PM**

DIARY DATES



Production Meeting – Secret Garden

30th January. 7.30 pm 53 Bridgeway, Shawbury

Reading Auditions. Table Manners by Alan Ayckbourn

Wednesday 6th February 7.0 p.m. at 12, River Gardens, Shawbury.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 27th February 7.30pm 53 Bridgeway, Shawbury

If you have any items you would like the committee to discuss please contact Mariella on 01939 290702 or e-mail to secretary@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

UPDATES

Children's Monthly Acting Workshops

Every Second Thursday of the month at Stanton Village Hall 6.30 – 8.30pm, £3 per child. To help build confidence and those acting skills and have a bit of fun! –.Next one 14th Feb.

PAST PRODUCTIONS

Christmas Carol 2012

– A note from the Director



A new year, a time for resolutions and a time for reflecting on another year gone! The year finished for Shawbury Village Players with the production of Christmas Carol and I think we might claim it a success. The audiences seemed to enjoy the more informal setting and the mulled wine and mince pies went down well. My thanks go to all those who helped front of house; we often forget that in financial terms the group would falter if it was not for the money raised by the sale of refreshments and raffle tickets! This production I planned to be easier to arrange because we had no scenery and we were relying on costume, props and lighting. How wrong could I be! The reality was that stage crew and costume seemed to have as much, if not more to do – sorry Trev, sorry Ann!! Again thanks to all those who



put in hours of work to get the production ready for the first night.

To the actors, well done; how do you do it? The dress rehearsal gave me palpitations! Then the first night came and you went on as if you knew your lines and where you were meant to be and what you were meant to be doing – real actors!! The audience enjoyed your performances and you did Shawbury Village Players proud. My thanks to you all and to the team of helpers who shepherded children and adults into position - well done everybody.

And so, as Tiny Tim observed, 'God bless Us, Every One!'



CURRENT PRODUCTION

SECRET GARDEN

By Frances Hodgson Burnett



The Secret Garden has been cast and rehearsals have started. We hope this will be a great opportunity for the young members of our group to show us what they are made of! We hope to repeat the event if it is a success, so come and support your fellow members!

Fri 29th March - Sat 30th March with a matinee on the Sat. Tickets at £7 and £5 for concession and are on sale now! If you would like to help with backstage, lights, sound, costumes etc during the performance or for setting up of the sets and painting and decorating please contact Melanie. We always need extra hands, so don't think your help is not required! Raffle Prizes also required so please pass them on.

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

SUMMER PRODUCTION 2013

TABLE MANNERS by Alan Ayckbourn

This year's production at Acton Reynald Hall will be a play from the trilogy 'The Norman Conquests'. The play 'Table Manners' sits alongside two other plays 'Round and Round the Garden' and 'Living Together'. The plays are not

consecutive, but all occur during a single week-end and each takes place in the same house. Each play is complete in itself and can be played as a separate entity, and they can be played in any order. I have chosen 'Table Manners' which will be performed in the library at Acton Reynald Hall.

The play will be performed from Wednesday 3rd – Saturday 6th July, with set building and dress rehearsals starting on Saturday 29th June. Rehearsals in the past have been held on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons (this could alter if the cast wish). The play has three adult male roles and three adult female roles, all of equal length.

If you are interested in taking a part a reading will be held on Wednesday 6th February 7.0 p.m. at 12, River Gardens, Shawbury. If you are interested but cannot attend on this date please let me know on Shawbury 250612 or email angelajbray@sky.com Richard Bray

If you are interested in being on the Production team please email: treasurer@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

MURDER MYSTERY 2013

Dead Ever After



This will take place in October.

Would you like to become involved in a Murder Mystery production to be performed at local Village Halls? We currently have three venues around the county who have expressed a desire to host one of these popular evenings. Contact secretary@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk or ring Mariella Lloyd on 01939 290702

Auditions will take place at the end of July. Watch out for further details.

PANTOMIME - Aladdin



We are delighted that Ann Page has come forward and kindly offered to be the Director of the 2014 Pantomime Dates: 2nd Jan– 4th January 2014. Please make a note of these dates in your diary. Auditions will take place September/October. Watch out for further information.



SVP IN THE COMMUNITY

West Mercia plice – Crime Prevention

On Wednesday 21st November 2012, Shawbury Village Players were assisting the police with their inquiries at Loppington Village Hall! West Mercia Police had requested help with performing scenarios involving 'Distraction Burglaries' as part of their Crime Prevention initiative.

Richard and Angelea Bray, Tony Cook, Roger Humphreys and Zoe Williams, enjoyed collaborating with the Police by portraying potential distraction burglary situations and how to deal with various scams targeted at older people.

We look forward to helping again in the near future.

U3A Christmas Show

We were invited to entertain U3A, Shrewsbury Branch members, at their Christmas show in the Walker Theatre, on Monday 17th December 2012.

Angela Bray, Nick English, Elaine Longmore, Gordon Sim, Tyler Holland and Mariella Lloyd performed the last scene from A Christmas Carol to a capacity audience. Thanks were received from U3A Chairman and Committee.

DVDs! Get your DVDs!

The little elves have been busy over Christmas and the DVDs of the previous three productions are available for purchase.

Peter Pan - £5

Black Coffee - £5

Christmas Carol - £3 (reduced price due to issues with lighting)

Orders placed can be picked up at rehearsals Sundays 2-5pm Shawbury Village Hall or will be available at the AGM. If you have not ordered a copy contact Melanie - 07891246513

Up and Coming Social Events

The committee have decided to try and organise social events, to include friends and family of the group, to see some of the up and coming plays and shows, and perhaps inspire our next productions!

Contact us if you know of any plays you would like us to organise and attend as a group. If there are sufficient people interested, we could possibly get a group discount.

Romeo and Juliet

We are proposing to synchronise diaries for a group visit to watch Romeo and Juliet at Theatre Severn on Wednesday 13th February at 19.30 Tickets range from £17.50 – £15.50, concession £10. Book your tickets online or contact the box office 01743 281281 and we will see you for a drink at the bar!

Visit <http://shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk/contact-us/> to register an interest.

If you have a spare seat in your car and are willing to help with transport, please let us know.

WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

Not every member wishes to tread the boards; however, your skills or talents could be used in a variety of diverse roles and areas. If you feel you can offer the group your help, or would like to learn a different skill, please contact the secretary secretary@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk All offers of assistance gratefully received.

WEBSITE

Have you visited our Website? All information regarding Past and Future Productions can be found there, including access to rehearsal information, previous newsletters and committee meeting minutes if you subscribe.

Have you visited our Facebook Page? We are now at 60 'likes' which is great news, spread the word to your friends about up and coming events and invite them along!

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