



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 JULY 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to participate in productions you will need to renew your membership in the near future.

Current Membership expires – 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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please support your group by attending.

This is to be held at the FOX AND HOUNDS public house in Shawbury on MONDAY 3rd MARCH at 7.30 PM.

Please note change of venue from previous year.

We have been fortunate, over the past year, to have two younger SVP adult members on the Committee; their work and enthusiasm on the Committee has been refreshing and rewarding for the group. This is a necessity if the group is to grow in strength and continue into the future. Experience is always valuable and skills need passing on.

The committee members are the unsung heroes of the group and the time and effort they put in to support the group often goes unnoticed. This, in itself, is a mark of their success.

If you are enthusiastic and passionate about drama, then join the committee and share your ideas.

One member at least, has now served continually and faithfully for quarter of a century in differing capacities. Could you give time for a year or two? (A 25 year commitment not a requirement!)

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Committee has been working in conjunction with Shawbury Village Hall Committee on plans to build an extension at the rear of the Village Hall. This would be used to store all backstage equipment, props and costumes and provide facilities for painting and construction of scenery. Currently these are stored at Beck's Bird Barn near Ellerdine.

The latest update is that Planning Permission has been granted. We are now looking into ways to fund this project.

If you would like more information or have any expertise in fundraising please contact:

committee@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

DIARY DATES

Children's Workshops.

2nd Thursday of the month. Stanton Village Hall 6.30-8.00.

Cost £3 per child. Next 13th February; 13th March 2014

These workshops are held to help build confidence, acting skills and have a bit of fun!

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 18th 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: secretary@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

AGM

Monday 3rd March 7.30pm Fox and Hounds Shawbury

Living Together: Gateway 4th April, Shawbury Village Hall
11/12th April



UPDATES

PAST PRODUCTIONS

MURDER MYSTERY 2013 Dead Ever After

Mariella is to be thanked, once more, for writing and producing, what has become our annual Murder Mystery event.

Thanks to her endeavour, as Publicity Officer on behalf of the group, she has managed to secure for us venues in other local villages. These are looked forward to by them on an annual basis. We now have a growing following in Edgmond and Astley with bookings already in place for next year at Edgmond! Let's hope Mariella's pen has been busy flying across the page!

Congratulations Mariella.

Mariella works hard behind the scenes in her role of a Publicity Officer

PANTOMIME – ALADDIN

Thanks to Ann for directing, Melanie for production, all backstage and the cast for making this another great success!

The children were praised by their helpers and backstage crew for their professionalism backstage whilst waiting to go on stage. 'The best yet', was often heard.

Ann's Pantomimes are all unique because she writes them herself, which is a huge feat, around the cast who wish to be involved. She is a master of adaptation. Nothing fazes her.

Melanie took on the role of producer for the Panto. This a huge undertaking, drawing together all the various strands involved. Thank you! Melanie has been so successful in this that she has been asked to repeat it next year! Congratulations.

One further observation: this year the turnout of members, partners and two parents for the dismantling of the stage etc. was one of the best ever. Many hands do make light

work. There is so much more to a Panto than the actual performance. Next time, if you didn't manage to join us, come along, help and find out.

The only job left now is putting away the costumes.

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

LIVING TOGETHER by Alan Ayckbourn.

Following the success of last year's performance of 'Table Manners' at Acton Reynald in July, we have decided to continue the trilogy of plays by Alan Ayckbourn known as 'The Norman Conquests'.

They each tell an account of what happens at a country house over one weekend. 'Table Manners' took place in the dining room and 'Living Together' takes place in the sitting room.

'Reg is driven mad by Tom...Tom tells Annie a thing or two, Annie nearly comes to blows with Sarah...Sarah sees a different side of Norman...Norman sorts things out with Ruth...Ruth discovers the charms of a fireside rug...and nobody enjoys playing board games...'

Gateway Shrewsbury: Friday 4th April 7.30pm.

Tickets £8/£7 concessions available from the Gateway 01743 355159 or online.

Shawbury Village Hall: 11th/12th April 7.30pm.

Tickets £8/£7 concessions available online, Shawbury PO

ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN BY Alan Ayckbourn

This is the third play in the trilogy The Norman Conquest and will be performed at:

Acton Reynald Hall: 2-5th July. Ticket prices £12/£10 concessions

More details to follow. Watch the website.



MURDER MYSTERY 2014

MURDER IN THE NAME OF RA.

It is 1927 and five years have passed since Howard Carter uncovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings.

Archaeologist Professor Diggory Chambers is a specialist in Egyptian antiquities who is currently preparing to exhibit a selection of artefacts, which have recently been excavated from an area close to the Nile Delta.

You are cordially invited to view the exhibition of precious relics from the distant past, but be warned, a secret is about to unfold in which the enigma of Egyptian afterlife unravels.

Puzzle over riddles, clues and red herrings whilst solving the mystery which includes blackmail, mayhem and MURDER!

Performance dates will take place in October - anyone interested in being involved or would like further details should contact Mariella on secretary@shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

WANTED!

Flat screen TV's old analogue acceptable. These will be used in the changing rooms for the cast and backstage.

DVDs

DVD's of recent past productions are available. Please contact Melanie – 07891246513. These will hopefully be available at the AGM.

AMATEUR STAGE WEBSITE

Amateur Stage is constantly sending out news about Amateur Shows through our social networks. Find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and follow us. Join our vibrant social networks that speak on a daily basis to over 6000 interested people.

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:	Mel Horbury
Vice Chairperson:	Ben Leach
Treasurer:	Chris Fraser
Secretary:	Mariella Lloyd
Committee members:	Richard Bray, Paul Wootton, Trev Wootton, Viv Wootton, Ann Page and Yvonne Chadwick.

GETTING INVOLVED

We are always pleased to welcome new members to the Society. If you would like to assist on or off stage in any capacity however small, we want to hear from you.

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? There are now nearly 100 'likes' which is great news, spread the word to your friends about up and coming events and invite them along!

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