

Shawbury Village Players News



The last newsletter was Sept/Oct 2009.

Newsletters are e-mailed out whenever possible, so if you have received this one by post (or hand-delivered) but you have an e-mail address, please let us know.

DIARY DATES

27th to 30th January 2010 – Performances of “OLIVER”. More details below.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 9th February 2010 8pm at 53 Bridgeway. Apologies please to Mariella on 01939 290702.

Annual General Meeting: Monday 8th March at 7.30pm at The Elephant and Castle, Shawbury.

14th to 17th July 2010 – ‘And Then There Were None’ at Acton Renald Hall – more details below.

“The Final Supper” on 28 November 2009

This was a resounding success!! All tickets were sold out well before the event, everyone enjoyed themselves and many of those attending asked when we were putting on the next Murder/Mystery.

Our thanks go to Rebecca Illott (ably assisted by husband David) who not only wrote the script but managed to pull everything together for an amazing evening.

Our thanks to everyone involved, and particularly the ladies of the W.I. who managed to provide a 3-course meal for everyone, including a vegetarian option!

We also made a good profit on the event which is really good news, as the committee recently received 2 large bills, one for renting premises at RAF Shawbury for the storage of scenery, props and costumes, and the other for our insurance to cover all our rehearsals and performances.

“Oliver” – 27th to 30th January 2010.

There have been some very intensive rehearsals going on recently for our next production. And time is now getting short!!

Performances are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening at 7.30pm, with a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm.

Tickets are on sale at the Shawbury Post Office or direct from Mariella (either at rehearsals or tel. 01939 290702). And they are going fast!

As well as many familiar faces, we have quite a few new members involved, both adults and young people, which is great.

YOU CAN HELP: On Saturday 23 January we will be asking for “all hands on deck” (adults and older teenagers) to set up the stage etc., ready for a technical rehearsal (involving everyone) in the afternoon. Anyone who would like to lend a hand in the morning would be very welcome.

There will be an additional opportunity to help out on the Sunday morning at 10am when the Function Room at the Village Hall will become our combined dressing room (by the judicial use of quite a lot of hardboard!).

Annual General Meeting – 8th March.

Our AGMs used to be quite large meetings, but numbers have dwindled over the last few years.

The AGM is an opportunity for all members to get involved with the running of the club, and to submit ideas for future productions and events.

The committee discussed alternative venues to help encourage both members and others in the community to attend and it was agreed that this year we should hold the AGM at the Elephant and Castle in Shawbury with the hope that there will be better attendance.

The meeting will be on 8th March at 7.30pm in the lounge bar. Any agenda items or changes to the constitution should be given to Mariella six weeks before this meeting.

Mariella will then send out an Agenda and any other details at the beginning of next month.

AND OUR NEXT PRODUCTION FOR 2010!!

The committee has agreed to undertake a summer production at Acton Reynald Hall. The play will be performed in the hall itself with opportunity for people to picnic in the grounds.

The play chosen is Agatha Christies's thriller 'And Then There Were None' and will be performed from 14th to 17th July 2010.

If you are interested in taking part or helping with the production, please come along to the reading and audition on Thursday 11th February at Shawbury Village Hall (function room) at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact Richard Bray on 01939 250612.

News from NODA

NODA (The National Operatic and Dramatic Association) provides professional support for amateur theatre and e-mails out a newsletter to all members. But you don't need to be a member to receive the free monthly Newsletter. Just contact Julia on Julia@noda.org.uk to be included on their e-mailing list.

They have also recently issued a new factsheet - 'Auditions'. Prepared for both societies and individual members, it provides what NODA deems to be good practice for holding auditions and provides great tips for those who audition, audition panels and society committees.

Unfortunately it's only available to NODA members and to download a copy you need to access the members' area on the NODA website, so contact Chris Fraser on 01939 250178 if you are interested.

NODA Youth Academy, 6-9 April 2010

NODA is offering two Musical Theatre courses for those aged 12 to 17, covering a range of popular West End shows, and a Drama Skills course. All courses are being held at Uppingham School, Rutland.

For full details visit the NODA website or contact NODA Membership Services tel. 01733 865 790.

ADULTS NEEDED!! Chaperones are an important part of the NODA Youth Academy and NODA is looking for around 20 volunteers who could provide a full day's pre-timetabled assistance.

If you would like to take part but are unable to attend during the day, they are also looking for assistance during the evening. The students will be aged between 12 and 17 and general duties will include observing workshops, escorting the students (to next class, to meal times, to accommodation during the day if required and at the end of the day).

Current CRB checks will be required. An up to date First Aid certificate would be a benefit, but is not essential. Accommodation (if necessary) and all travel and other expenses will be paid. If you would like to play a key role in this event, or need more information, contact Antonia Johnson on 01733 856790.

NODA SUMMER SCHOOL 31st July to 6th August 2010

Professional training for amateur theatre - an unique week of training across a diverse range of performance & backstage skills.

A team of professional tutors will help adults of all ages and experience to develop their confidence and skills. Course work begins on the evening of Saturday 31st July until 3.30pm Friday 6th August. There will be an "after show" event on the Friday evening, with the Summer School ending after breakfast on Saturday 7th August.

12 courses will cover all aspects of theatre and you can also try something different at the evening sessions and social events throughout the week.

For full details visit the NODA website or contact NODA Membership Services (tel.01733 865 790).

Other Events – The Wizard of Oz!!

Are you Andrew Lloyd Webber's next leading lady? BBC One is launching a new TV talent search to find a leading lady for The Wizard of Oz and are currently looking for potential Dorothys to audition. The nationwide search begins in January 2010, visiting Belfast, Cardiff, Glasgow, Manchester and London.

All applicants must have been aged 16 or over by June 26th 2009. If you would like to apply to audition, full details can be found on bbc.co.uk/Dorothy.

More Performances of Silhouette!

Comedy, nostalgia, local history, 60s music & oodles of undies!

It's Shropshire in the Sixties – featuring our own Mariella Lloyd in the choir. Additional performances will be held at the Shrewsbury Theatre Severn on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March at 7.30pm. Box Office: 01743 281281.

Got something to shout about!!

If you are involved in an activity or event, have won an award, or just want to advertise something – let us know!