

# Shawbury Village Players News



Newsletter September 2010

Newsletters are e-mailed whenever possible. If you have an e-mail address and are still receiving a printed newsletter, please let me know. I know you have only just had a newsletter (the last one was August 2010), but there is so much news!!

## DIARY DATES

**PANTO READINGS/AUDITIONS:** at Shawbury Village Hall (Function Room) on:

**Sunday 26th September 2pm to 4pm.**

**Thursday 30th September 7.30pm to 9.30pm.**

Both readings are for children, teenagers and adults (more details below).

**Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm at 12 River Gardens. Apologies to Mariella 01939 290702 or Chris Fraser 01939 250178 please.

**Saturday 30th October: The Return of Hercules Parrot and the case of the "Midsummer Murder"** at Shawbury Village Hall.

**Saturday 6th November:** Repeat performance of Murder Mystery at Edmond Village Hall.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011 - "Alice in Wonderland – The Panto"** at Shawbury Village Hall.

**THE RETURN OF HERCULES PARROT AND THE CASE OF THE "MIDSUMMER MURDER"** on 30th October at Shawbury Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Richard and Angela have resurrected Hercules Parrot and provided him with a further crime to solve during a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"!

All tickets are £10, which will include a "Ploughman's" and a bar will be available. 1930's dress is optional! Not suitable for young children.

Tickets will be available from the Post Office, or by telephone to Chris Fraser on 01939 250178 (after 25<sup>th</sup> September).

There will be a second performance at Edmond Village Hall on Saturday 6th November. Shawbury Village Players are putting on the performance, but Edmond are organising everything else.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Richard on 01939 250612.

## "ALICE IN WONDERLAND – THE PANTO"

Phil Page will be directing the pantomime in February, with Chris Fraser as producer.

The performances will take place during the February half-term, 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

The readings/auditions on 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September will be our usual relaxed format (no set audition pieces!), and those interested in helping in any way whatsoever are also welcome (and encouraged) to attend. Depending on the numbers present, anybody who turns up may be asked to "read" – please don't be shy – it doesn't mean you have to appear on stage if you don't want to!

Please remember that children should be accompanied by an adult for the readings, and a parental permission slip must be completed for anyone under 16 years of age.

Rehearsals are likely to be on Thursday evenings and/or Sunday afternoons.

If you are unable to make either of these dates, but would like to be considered for a part, then please contact Phil on 07983 582820 or e-mail him on phil.page@mac.com.

Chris Fraser is contacting people who may be interested in backstage/lighting/front of house etc. But volunteers are always welcome! Ring Chris on 01939 250178 or Stuart Horton on 01939 251211.

Tickets will be available later in the year at £7 for adults and £5 for children & concessions.

Memberships must be renewed in order to take part in the production.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership runs from 1 March to 28/29 February each year. Although the club would prefer members to renew at the beginning of March (and those who attend the AGM normally renew then), we appreciate that many members renew at the next production in which they are involved.

Up-to-date membership is necessary to be involved in a production (and is also essential for our insurance cover!). Chris Fraser has membership forms, which will be available at the Panto readings and the start of rehearsals.

Membership Fees are £15 for Adults and £5 for Children. Family Membership £30.

## NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Just a quick update following our hugely successful production at Acton Reynald – final figures are now in, and the committee are pleased to report that we made a profit of just over £1,000, which is sufficient to cover the rent of our storage facilities at RAF Shawbury for a further year. Which is great news!

## NEWS FROM NODA [www.noda.org.uk](http://www.noda.org.uk)

### NODA YOUTH ACADEMY 2011

NODA is pleased to announce that Youth Academy is opening its doors once again for 2011. Dates will be Tuesday 12 to Saturday 16 April 2011 at Oakham Boarding School, Oakham. Details of courses and fees will be available on the NODA website in September. Bookings made before 31st December are eligible for a £50 Discount.

Please call the NODA Office: 01733 865790 or email [Antonia@noda.org.uk](mailto:Antonia@noda.org.uk) for more details.

### Free subscription to NODA newsletter!

If you would like to know more about NODA and receive their newsletter direct, email: [virginia@noda.org.uk](mailto:virginia@noda.org.uk) with your details.

## DISCOVER SHROPSHIRE WEBSITE

The new Discover Shropshire website has just been launched, [www.discovershropshire.org.uk](http://www.discovershropshire.org.uk). The site is the essential guide to the county's cultural, sporting and countryside activities; Leisure, Literature, Arts, History, Nature, Parks and Countryside. Whatever your scene is, find out how you can get active.

## EVENTS OUT AND AROUND THE COUNTY

### Bowjangles in concert: [www.bowjangles.org](http://www.bowjangles.org)

Bowjangles combine fiery musicianship with energetic dance moves, vaudeville comedy and four part harmony singing in a dazzling stage show which will leave you spellbound. This stunning act harks back to the good old days, when entertainment talent was truly multidimensional. You just won't believe what this four piece are capable of!

Friday 17 September 7.30pm at Chelmarsh Parish Hall WV16 6AZ. Tickets 01746 862104 £7.50/£5.00 includes light refreshments

Saturday 18 September 7.30pm at Habberley Village Hall SY5 0TP. Tickets 01743 792765 £7/£5

### Trifle Gathering Productions: The Charity Shop Cabaret: [www.truewest.co.uk](http://www.truewest.co.uk)

An exciting concoction of cutting-edge theatre and surreal comedy. A hilarious journey into

Elsbeth Garter's charity shop: a welcoming world of rummage and romance, jumble and joy, bingo and the bizarre. Not having had a customer for eight months, Elspeth and her trusty volunteers fill their days with high energy dance routines, titillating tea ceremonies and absurd frugal tips for frugal times - all set to the classic sounds of their vintage vinyl resident DJ. Immensely talented performers inhabit a bizarre world as the audience is whisked off

Wednesday 22 September 7.30pm at Bridgnorth Youth Centre WV16 4HS Tickets 01746 763967 £5

Saturday 25 September 7.30pm at Cardington Village Hall SY6 7JZ Tickets 01694 771295 £6

## The Border Singers

The Border Singers is a mixed voice chamber choir based in Whitchurch. They start their new season away from home with a concert in the wonderful medieval church of St. Oswald in Malpas, Cheshire, supported by Shropshire Sinfonia lead by John Fairbank.

The first part of the programme will include several anthems by Henry Purcell and a performance of J S Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3. The second part of the concert will be devoted to a complete performance of Gabriel Fauré's ever-popular 'Requiem'. This will be a performance of Fauré's own preferred edition for chamber orchestra, including harp.

The concert is on Saturday 16 October at 7.30 Tickets are £10. Under 16 years old - FREE Tickets from: Helen Ravenhill (01948 861166), or Elma Ebben (01948 820656), or on the door. See [www.bordersingers.org.uk](http://www.bordersingers.org.uk)

## GOT SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT!!

If you are involved in an activity or event, have won an award, or just want to advertise something – please let me know and I'll get you in print!

## WANT TO WRITE THE NEWSLETTER?

Ann Page would very much like to take a break!

Could you write the Newsletter for a few months, Contact Ann on 01939 251094 (after 10<sup>th</sup> October) to discuss it.

The newsletter is sent out mainly by e-mail, with a few in the post, and some hand-delivered in Shawbury (which could easily be posted).