

Shawbury Village Players News



The last newsletter was October/November 08 – if you didn't receive it let me know. Newsletters are sent by e-mail, post, or hand-delivered to adult and child members (& on request to others), limited to one per household. E-mailing saves the club postage (or shortens my delivery round), so if you can give me an e-mail address, it would be appreciated.

URGENT REQUEST

Set Painting Day: Saturday 10 January 10am to 3pm at The Clubroom, RAF Shawbury. Come along – painting by numbers! Please lend us an hour or two – get rid of the winter blues, try greens, reds and yellows! For those not into painting, I shall be putting away costumes and tidying up generally and would very much appreciate some help.

Diary Dates

Summer Production Meeting: Tuesday 13 January 8pm at 53 Bridgeway. Contact Chris Fraser on 01939 250178 for more information.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 27 January 7.30pm at 11 River Gardens. Apologies to Mariella on 01939 290702

1001 Arabian Nights (and a Matinee) The dates of the Pantomime have been changed to 5th to 7th February – and tickets are now available. More information below.

Outdoor Summer Production. This will now take place at Acton Reynald on 1st to 4th July. More information below.

Set-up Weekend for Summer Production 27th June 2009

Thanks

Many thanks to Ann, Chris, Gordon, Mariella, Sally & Tracey who helped on the Tidy-Up Day on 15th November. As part of the negotiations to pay less rent for our storage facilities at RAF Shawbury, we had to move a lot of costume rails, staging, furniture etc. It was amazing how much we achieved in a few hours. (I hope Shirley didn't give you too much grief, Gordon, when you got home two hours late!) But a few extra hands would have been appreciated.

We will need to organise another Tidy-Up Day after the pantomime – so will be looking at a date near the end of February. Please consider donating just an hour or so of your time – it makes so much difference, and many hands do make light work! And it's not all "humping and dumping" – much of the work involves re-hanging costumes, putting away accessories or sorting out small props, and "putting like with like" so that it is easier to find for the next time. Unfortunately at the moment, because of shortage of man (or woman) power, we have some items that are still in bags from the "Wizard of Oz" as well as the last two plays. It is

much appreciated when costumes are returned cleaned and pressed – but this tends to be some time after a production.

"Hire" of Costumes

Sally Varley and I have also been making efforts to increase the number of costumes that are "loaned for a small contribution to funds". This has become quite important as the group has just had to pay a bill of £1,500 for renting the storage on the station. As we do not operate on a profit-making basis, in order to retain a sufficient bank balance to make a summer production possible, this amount has to be found somehow. Costume hire normally brings in sufficient income to enable us to renew costumes as required for the next productions, but it is hoped that if we can boost this income, it can help with paying the storage costs.

Unfortunately, it does put us in the position of needing additional help in sorting, re-hanging and putting away! If there is anyone who is interested in getting involved, please let me know. Also, if there is anyone who would like to take on some of the "costume repair work" that is often necessary this would prove a great help.

Report on Wellington Drama Festival

"Look at Me" was extremely well received at the Festival, with nominations for best actor/actress for Sally Hay, Rebecca Ilott and Glenn Varley – with Sally taking the award for best actress. Compliments were received from the adjudicator for the performances, direction and costumes, and we were only very narrowly pipped to the post for the award for Best Play. **Congratulations to Yvonne and to everyone involved!**

1001 Arabian Nights 5 to 7 February 2009

The dates of the pantomime were changed because of a conflict of bookings at the Shawbury Village Hall – but now the production has been cast, rehearsals are getting intense, and tickets are on sale! PTO for more information!

However, we do still need a prompt. Any volunteers!!

Open Air Production 2009

The dates of the summer production have been changed from 8th to 11th July to 1st to 4th July. Angela & Richard Bray were hoping to put on "Cider with Rosie", but unfortunately, there has been insufficient interest from members to be able to cast it, so Richard is considering "Blithe Spirit" as an alternate. He will be contacting those who have already expressed an interest in the summer production – but if you would like to get involved give him a ring (as soon as possible) on 01939 25250612.

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Arabian Nights

(and a matinee)

Thursday 5 February 2009 - 7:30pm

Friday 6 February 2009 - 7:30pm

Saturday 7 February 2009 - 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Adults £6.00 - Seniors £5.00 - Children £4.00
(£1 discount off each ticket for advanced purchase)

Tickets available at the Shawbury Post Office
or telephone 01939 251094

A pantomime by Damian Tasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark