

Shawbury Village Players

Newsletter September 2011



We will shortly unveil...the new SVP logo

NEWSLETTERS are sent by email or by post to all fully paid up members, both adults and children, but limited to 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 May 2011.

DIARY DATES

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 14 September at 7.30pm - 8 Birch Drive, Shawbury

Next Production: "Death Runs Aground": A maritime murder mystery featuring 'Hercules Parrot' will take place in 3 village halls starting with Shawbury on 24th September at 7.30pm. More details below.

SVP WEBSITE

The website is now up and running and can be found at www.shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk and also contains a link to our new Facebook page.

Membership of SVP is necessary to have full access to both the website and FB page. On the website you will find details of past productions in the archive of past performances as well as information on present and future productions and events of interest. We hope you enjoy it and feel free to contact the web team with any information you think would be of interest.

We are also excited to announce that you are now able to purchase tickets online through the website!

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

As 'scene' by the Director, Richard Bray

The first weekend in July, with fair weather and a production to be staged, Shawbury Players moved seamlessly into action meeting early on the Saturday to collect the stage from the Village Hall and then on to Acton Reynald Hall. Then further trips to RAF Shawbury and the club room for all the equipment and furniture required to stage a production at the home of

Judith and Chris. By the end of the day Stuart and Trev had the stage completed and on Sunday afternoon the cast worked through the technical rehearsal. (Did you know that Up stage Left is called the "Mystery entrance" - I learnt that at the directors workshop organised by Mel for the SVP!)

Its a mystery how a play can appear out of chaos! By the end of Sunday I knew we had a play, one that would amuse and entertain an audience. Monday and Tuesday were spent polishing the lines and moves, setting the lights and sound cues, and making everyone look beautiful in their costumes and wigs!

Wednesday, first night, car park attendants in place, tea and doughnuts ready, bar open, cast in place. I've given up giving 'pep' talks - no one listens, everyone's too nervous and just want to go over their lines and be sick in a quiet corner! The music starts and we're off - a good audience and an excellent performance. Each night repeated with fine delivery and characterization, perfect timing and laughter. I feel this was a play that we enjoyed in rehearsal and in performance (putting aside the nerves of stepping on to the stage!) All the backstage and front of house crew worked hard to ensure the performance went well and the actors delivered a wordy play with polish and zest.

My thanks go to all who helped or acted in the production, and particular thanks to Gordon who worked with me directing the play.

Quote of the play:

Lady Bracknell - Where did the charitable gentleman who had a first class ticket for this seaside resort find you?

Jack - In a hand-bag.

Lady Bracknell - A hand-bag?

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ALTERNATIVELY..... IT'S LOVE INNIT? By Yo Bro Os-ca'W.iLD

New take on old play goes viral on the social networks.....



Jack (Ernesto) Worthing

OMG met this awesome babe in London n like I'm totally n love with Gwen and she gets me too ♥♥♥. Trouble is, I've not been totally frank with her about

who I am and where I really live. Now she tells me she would only ever marry a man called Ernesto and live in London. Worse still, her old bag of an mother certainly ain't no fan of yours truly. She was horrified when I told her I was adopted and now and wants my babe to ditch me. I'll be totally gutted if she does. There must be a way round this.... ☹ ☹



@AIMoncrieff aka Bunburyist

Wow! Just learnt Ernesto isn't Ernesto at all. Been leading a double life all these years (Jack: that's his real name) is some big wig JP in the counties. Also been fooling his beautiful ward Cecily that Ernesto is his bro. Me sees a plan here...Cecily believes herself to be in love with Ernesto whom she's never met. I have loved Cecily from afar for years, so folks, I think its time for 'Ernesto' to visit Cecily and Jack. Maybe she will finally return my love....



LadyBracknell@GrosvenorSquare.com

LOL when I heard this one!!! Some pedigree-less joker wants to marry my daughter Gwen. I told him 'no way José, or Ernesto ..or whatever!!!. Pretends he's something in the City. Utter tosh I can tell you. All bling and no ker-ching if you ask me. One thing's for sure, he's hiding something. I wouldn't have him as the black sheep of the family let alone marrying my precious daughter.



Cecily C (Status: engaged)

I've finally HIM - yes, Ernesto! ♥ ☺ The man of my dreams and finally re he is, in the flesh. Sigh.... he's totally cool and gorgeous. Asked me to marry him: of course I said yes and I'm already planning my big fat

ritzy wedding. (Note to self: call OK! and Hello!) Only problemo is this Gwen chick also claims she is going to marry Ernesto: Eeeew: she's old enough to be his ma! Over my dead body. I'll get Uncle Jack to sort her out: no-one can have MY Ernesto. !!!!!



Gwendoline Fairfax (Privacy: Friends only)

Well guess what girls: he proposed! I said YES but mama won't have it. Said he's not good enough. I've always said I would only marry a man called Ernesto: they hardly grow on trees, do they?. Mama said he was not what he seems. So, off I went to his country house and what do I find: some pretty young thing claiming to be engaged to my Ernesto. I was NOT amused I can tell you. However to cut a long story short: (Hello! have the serialisation rights) she's actually engaged to my cousin Al Moncrieff and Ernesto is actually called Jack: and despite that, I still love him. And wait for this: Mama is going to appear on the BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" something about finding a long lost family member.....?

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A UNIQUE DVD!

This years Pantomime of Alice in Wonderland was a great success and the DVD of the performance with the Directors Cut is now available. Please contact Phil Page for more information

NEXT PRODUCTION:

**3 Shows - 3 Village Halls -1 Murder!
Everyone is dying to see "Death Runs
Aground" !!!**

Set in the 1920's Hercules Parrot has been invited by Captain Jack Barrow, Chairman of Shawbury Sailing Club, to be the guest speaker at the annual fundraising supper. As the evening progresses things take a turn for the worst - first a handbag goes missing, then someone ends up DEAD! Time for those "leetle grey cells mon ami" to workout

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whodunnit and why!

A maritime nautical themed murder mystery featuring "Hercules Parrot" with a fish and chips supper will take place at Shawbury Village Hall 24th September at 7.30pm. Also at Holy Trinity Hall, Oakengates on 1st October and Edgmond Village Hall on 15th October.

Tickets cost £10 which includes the fish and chip supper and are available from Shawbury Post Office or by ringing Becky on 01939 250556. Members can also buy tickets through the SVP website. Bring your own drinks. Nautical / 1920s dress optional.

WHAT'S NEW OR JUST INTERESTING...

DO YOU HAVE TALENT?

Each month Honda will be awarding a £100 grant to the best 'Made In Britain' creation it receives through its Facebook app. Its independent judges are looking for entries that are bursting with creativity and originality— see the Facebook galleries for inspiration.

Whatever the skill, if you created it with your own hands in the UK then it counts And you could put your winnings towards buying a course of evening classes to perfect your skills, a set of new materials to expand your creations, or a new website to showcase your wares.

So, simply visit www.facebook.com/hondamadeinbritain?sk=app_4949752878 and 'like' the page, and then use the app to upload photos of your eye-catching creations –

HAVE YOU GOT THE BRIT FACTOR?

Young people aged 11-19 from Great Britain and Northern Ireland are being encouraged to register for **Next BRIT** thing www.nextbritthing.com/index.htm, a new nationwide music competition backed by the UK music industry and the government. Next BRIT thing is looking for young musicians in any genre to share their performances, compete in online charts and perform live. Young people entering Next BRIT thing will also have access to high-quality tutorials and resources to help them improve their skills, develop confidence and explore careers in the creative industries. There are separate categories for both pop

and classical music, with an additional award for composition.

The competition is delivered by a partnership of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, Radiowaves, NUMU and Musical Futures, with support from the BRIT Trust, PRS for Music, the Official Charts Company and the Music Industry Association with media support from Metro newspapers and Global Radio.

From September 2011, entrants can submit video and audio of their performances to be assessed by their peers as a weekly chart. The Next BRIT thing website at www.nextbritthing.com is now open for registration.

DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Many thanks go to Melanie Horwood for organising the first ever Children's and Directors Workshop Weekends, which was free to all SVP members. (Another advantage of membership!)

It was a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Lets hope this is the first of many fun weekends. Suggestions are welcome: just use our [contacts page](#) on the SVP website.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

First and foremost the **Shawbury Village Players** website at www.shawburyvillageplayers.co.uk

The **Discover Shropshire website** has now been launched, 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.

For a list of all forthcoming events at the **Talbot Theatre, Whitchurch** Centre visit www.whitchurchleisurecentre.co.uk

Similarly, www.wemtowhall.co.uk lists all forthcoming events at **Wem Town Hall**.

Arts and Entertainment. If you are interested in music and live entertainment then a MUST see is the web site www.31days.co.uk which lists a comprehensive day by day guide to arts, entertainment and events in the area and county.

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Also **The Shropshire& Telford Arts Partnership** provides much useful information in its STAP e-newsletters and includes: Jobs, Exhibition and Performance Opportunities, Funding and Events. See www.shropshireandtelfordartspartnership.co.uk

If you would like to know more about **NODA** and receive their free newsletter direct, email: virginia@noda.org.uk with your details. Or if you simply want to know what's on and where see the interesting website at www.noda.org.uk

MORE THEATRE TRIVIA

Which of these is a superstition regarding the Green Room?

1. If you spill your powder, you should dance on it
2. Never use new greasepaint on opening night
3. Never be seen carrying your own makeup box

Nearly every colour of costume and prop has some superstition to go with it, but which colour of costume is considered unlucky because it signifies a waste of money?

1. Yellow
2. Blue
3. Red
- 4 Green

Answers next newsletter!

Answers to the last trivia questions:

Before a theatre is locked up for the night, what should one always *Leave a light on backstage.*

Many types of props are considered unlucky, both for superstitious and practical reasons and fakes should be used in place of the actual objects. Of the items listed only *Playing cards* are NOT considered a bad luck item.

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!

.....AND FINALLY, SOME BREAKING

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS FROM NODA

Could your family be the smartest in Britain?

BBC Radio 4 Extra is looking for teams to take part in an exciting new quiz show called ***Keep it in the Family.***

Teams will consist of two people: One child (aged 10-12) and one adult (their parent/ guardian or carer). If you're interested in taking part or would like more information then e-mail: keepitinthefamily@bbc.co.uk or phone: 0141 422 7460*

** Standard geographic charges apply and calls may be included in your telecom provider's call package. Calls from mobiles may be higher.*