



AMATEUR PLAYERS of SHERBORNE

NEWSLETTER MAY 1995

Dear Member

Another Players' Season is drawing to a close, and a very successful and enjoyable season it has been with excellent productions of a very high standard and a variety of social events.

Since the last newsletter we have seen the Players enter the Dorset Drama Festival in Shaftesbury with a production of Noel Coward's 'Still Life'. Our congratulations to Jim Schofield and his team for flying the APS flag and receiving a very positive adjudication, several nominations for awards and a certificate of merit.

Towards the end of March we all awaited eagerly the tense thriller 'Dangerous Obsession' directed by Tony Field. It was a production of the highest and most professional standards with totally convincing portrayals from the cast but none of us were aware just how tense it would be. Stuart McCreadie gave the most stunning performance, but was unfortunately taken ill towards the end of the first night. In true 'the show must go on' style Stuart carried on until the curtain came down, but was unable to return for the rest of the run.

Tony Field then stepped into the breach and saved the day by showing what a true professional he is. A very nervous Tony made his entrance on stage, book in hand, for the second performance, but within minutes the book became invisible and audiences believed that Tony had been playing the part from the beginning. Happily Stuart recovered after a week's rest and the production was an enormous success - many, many congratulations to all involved, but in this case especially to the director and his cast.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 9 June at 7.30 pm in the clubroom and nominations are required (either to the Secretary or from the floor on the day) for four committee members. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend in order to put their views and ideas forward for the coming year. In order to plan ahead your committee would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to fill in the enclosed questionnaire. Please return it to Mark Lambert at the AGM or to Ridge Farm, Kings Stag, Sturminster Newton, DT10 2AU.

In June, Buckland Newton Amateur Dramatic Society (BADs) will present 'The Sneeze', a series of short, extremely funny plays by Anton Chekov. Led by Geoff and Fizz Lewis (Geoff will be directing our Autumn Production) the company of twelve players will include on this occasion three APS Members, David Bowen, Madeline Lambert and Mark Lambert. They hope you will join them for what promises to be an entertaining evening. The production will take place in a delightful setting - the garden of Buckland Place, Buckland Newton (in the village hall if wet) - at 7.30 pm on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June. Bring a rug and/or chairs, a picnic and suitable refreshments (Vodka might be appropriate). Tickets may be booked on 01300 345521.

You may be interested to know that there appears to be no bar to small organisations/societies such as the Players applying for grants from the National Lottery. Details are being obtained of the rules and procedure for applying - who knows, we may have our own theatre yet!!

Finally the Summer Party will now take place on Saturday 17th June at 7.30 pm, and not 23rd June as indicated on your programme. Margaret and Tony Field have very kindly offered to host the party at Nethercombe House, please bring a bottle and help to celebrate the end of a very successful season.

Have a lovely summer - see you in September.