

# NOISES OFF

AMATEUR PLAYERS OF SHERBORNE

newsletter January 2016

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

THURSDAY 21 — SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

### THE REHEARSALS

Casting the play is near complete, but that hasn't held up rehearsals, which got going last week with lots of vim and vigour as the cast eased their way into the roles of their characters.



John and stage set model.



Young Estrella and Pip: Rosie, Bev's daughter and Harrison Parks.



Miss Havisham and Pip: Emma and Kit Stickland.



Pip and Magwitch: Kit and Adrian.



Mr and Mrs Hubble: Linda and Roy Catchpole.



Kit and Herbert Pocket: Kit and Jack Evans.



Joe Gargery, Bidy and Pip: Colin, Fiona and Kit.

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
**2016**

**COMING SOON**

#### Friday 22 January

Play-reading of 'Party Piece' by Richard Harris and introduced by John Crabtree. See page 2 for more details.

#### Friday 19 February

Gilly's Fish'n'Chips Film Quiz Night.

#### Friday 4 March

Play-reading of 'Caramba's Revenge' led by Sylvie.

#### Friday 1 April

Play-reading of **Calendar Girls**. More details later.

**All events at 7.30 pm in our Clubhouse except where obviously not.**

### What a wonderful evening!



Above upside-down-Malcolm and Jo as a Christmas elf. Just two of a veritable variety of contributions with a Christmas flavour which ranged from an excerpt from 'Cider with Rosie' to 'Christmas in Sherborne' And a moving Carole Ann Duffy's 'The Christmas Truce' by Sylvie, her father and her daughter. With Christmas drinks and nibbles it all added up to an enjoyable and quite wonderful evening.





Our January play-reading on Friday 22nd January will be **'Party Piece'** by Richard Harris. It will be introduced by John Crabtree in our Clubhouse.

This is a fast-paced, very funny play for four women and three men set in the adjoining back gardens of a pair of neighbours.

It is the night of Michael and Roma's fancy dress barbecue party to show off their newly renovated house to their up-market friends. Their neighbour is a sour-faced, manipulative, hypochondriac old battle-axe. She belligerently complains about everything, fighting off a proposed move into sheltered housing, molly-coddling her adult son, while feuding with her hostile daughter-in-law.

The big day slips uncontrollably into disaster as things go drastically wrong with a noticeable lack of guests, a burning garden shed, a box of un-defrosted pork chops, a Zimmer frame with a mind of its own, a major DIY disaster and the prospect of an irate husband on the rampage. The result, needless to say, is not the party the couple had in mind.

This is a fun play to read, so whether you are an actor or a social member of the club, come along and enjoy the party.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our great expectations have been fulfilled and we welcome the following new members: Lucy Bennett, Fiona Long, Stephanie Sanchez, Colin Hart, Jack Evans, Josh Hart, Steve Crumpler, and Peter Morris. We wish them all happy membership.

Malcolm has appointed a Technical Architect

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who will be in charge of renovations to the main body of the clubhouse. These will include insulation of the interior roof/ceiling, removal of the present upstairs floor and stairs, re-instating the upstairs floor from above the front entrance to the middle roof truss (leaving the far end of the building to full height), installing a new staircase to above, installing new wiring, electrical sockets (suitable for theatre applications and room lighting).

Malcolm is aiming for the work to commence from the end of April.



NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association. We are members) Theatre Summer School, held at the university of Warwick, offers an unrivalled training opportunity for all those involved in amateur theatre. Following the latest

trends in professional theatre, it offers a wide variety of week-long and three-day courses in a mix of disciplines for performers, directors and technicians.

The school is the only one of its kind, offering an activity holiday with a difference:

- quality professional training with real, lasting benefits to performers and technicians alike

- a fully residential experience in a hotel quality conference centre

It is an opportunity to meet and socialise with like minded people who are 'passionate about theatre'

With competitive course fees and top class residential facilities at the University of Warwick you are guaranteed a fun packed week of top quality training, morning warm-ups, optional evening activities, great food and plenty of time for socialising. Go to the University of Warwick website to see the summer school conference facilities

NODA Theatre Summer School will run from 30 July to 6 August 2016. For full details go to NODA Summer School 2016.



## It's a wonderful life

Farnham Maltings

It's a Wonderful Life

Welcome to Bedford Falls. Welcome

to small town America. Welcome to

Farnham Maltings brand new winter

show at **7.30 pm Friday 29 January**

at **Yetminster Jubilee Hall,**

**Yetminster.**

Frank Capra's classic 1946 movie needs no introduction; George Bailey, a desperate middle aged clerk discovers the difference he has made to his family, his friends and his home town, with a little help from Clarence, the apprentice angel.

Farnham Maltings brings the struggles and joys of 1940's small town America to Dorset and, using their own inimitable style, creates an evening that promises to warm the coldest of places through the long winter nights.

Ticket prices £8, £6 under 18s. Call 01935 873719. Check out the video trailer at: [farnhammaltings.com](http://farnhammaltings.com)