

# NOISES OFF

AMATEUR PLAYERS OF SHERBORNE

newsletter October 2015

*And our spring production will be...*

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

THURSDAY 21 — SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

At a spirited and thoroughly enjoyable play-reading of 'Great Expectations' in our clubhouse Thursday evening 8 October, It was enthusiastically agreed that the play be mounted as our spring production 2016. It will be directed by Bev Taylor-Wade.

**Production dates: Digby Hall, Friday 15 - Sunday 24 April.**

**Performance dates: Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 April.**

**Auditions dates: Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19**

**November at 7.30 pm in our clubhouse.**

Here are all Dickens' memorable characters, Young Pip, the blacksmith's apprentice whose secret benefactor gives him his great expectations of becoming a London gentleman; the mad Miss Havisham who shut herself up in her gloomy mansion when she was jilted on her wedding day; her adopted daughter, Estella, whom she has trained to break men's hearts; the gentle blacksmith, Joe, and his shrewish wife; the escaped convict, Magwitch, and the scarred man who is stalking him; the bumbling Herbert Pocket; the pompous Uncle Pumblechook; the austere lawyer, Jaggers, with his whimsical clerk, Wemmick; the murderous Orlick; kindly Biddy; arrogant Drummle; and an array of wonderfullyactable roles.

Just to refresh your memory here's a brief synopsis of the play.

A terrifying encounter with an escaped convict forever changes the life of the orphaned Pip. Turning his back on his humble beginnings as a blacksmith's apprentice, he strives to better himself and become a gentleman, unaware of the hidden dangers that await him.

Declan Donnellan and Nick Ormerod's adaptation lays bare a tissue of lies and guilt in Dickens's least sentimental love story. It also tackles big questions of identity while mustering a cast of unforgettable characters, chief amongst them Miss Havisham, Magwitch and Joe Gargery.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 13 November 7.30 pm in our clubhouse**  
A play-reading to be announced shortly.

**Thursday 3 December 7.30 pm in The Crown**  
Xmas Party Pieces. See below for details.

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

## Xmas Party Pieces

Come along to The Crown on Thursday 3 December at 7.30 pm and celebrate the season with an entertaining evening of words, music and laughter.



And all the while enjoying a glass of mulled wine and nibbles.

Everyone has something to offer, a favourite soliloquy, a treasured poem or two, a couple of jokes or

Our commere for the evening is Sylvie Lord so do get in touch with her at [sylvielord27@googlemail.com](mailto:sylvielord27@googlemail.com) to let her know what you would like to contribute.

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