

Editorial

I am very pleased to be the new editor of The Rep. Norah and Alex did a grand job between them and I am sure we all wish to thank them for their hard work producing the newsletters for a considerable period of time. You can e-mail, write or telephone me with what you want included. You can even pin your news item to the noticeboard in the rehearsal rooms provided you let me know in good time. You will find my details at the bottom of the page. I look forward to hearing from you. **Wendy Dowse**

Diary Dates

14th September: Auditions for Christmas Play –7.30pm The Rep Headquarters

This is a musical Comedy and performers of all ages are required

October 8th - 14th: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte, directed by Denise Fawke

January 14th - 20th: The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe House, written and directed by John and Yvonne Eddleston

April 15th –21st: Murder in Company by Philip King, directed by Marlene Tincknell

July 15th –21st: Bedroom Farce by Alan Ayckbourne, directed by Ian Black

October 7th –13th: Visiting Hours by Richard Harris, directed by Julie Petrie

HELP It is very good to be able to announce our future productions so far ahead, but you are aware that they can only be achieved with help backstage, set building, etc. **Without YOU we cannot proceed.**

Shakespeare Workshop

David Ryall ran a set of three Shakespeare workshops in June. We all learned a great deal and had some laughs along the way. Learning the way to speak the lines and the difference between the verse and the prose was a new experience for most of us. On the last evening, we acted scenes from the play but at the first two meetings we sat in a circle and read the whole play speech by speech. Poor Hayden Williams drew the short straw and got the longest speech in the entire play! Thank you David Ryall for your time and patience. **Editor**

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Chairman's Report

Members will remember that John Eddleston has been in contact with The Charity Commission about gaining charitable status for the Players. This will have a number of benefits. The Commission has considered the application and appears to be happy with it if a small change is made to the objects clause of our constitution.

At present the clause reads: "The purpose of the Company shall be the staging of dramatic productions". The Commission wishes it to read: "...to advance the education of the public in the Arts, in particular by the staging of dramatic productions".

The committee has considered this, and feels it would be unobjectionable, its purpose being to make our object exclusively charitable. The indication is that, with this small change, the registration as a charity will proceed. To this end, John will propose the change at the General meeting in October, and I commend the proposal to you.

Please accept this as the necessary notification to members, and, more importantly, do attend the meeting to make your views known and record your vote

Treasurer's Report

In spite of the fact that there was no July play to bring us funds, the Players have done exceedingly well over the summer period.

Ways and Means and Social Committees have worked really hard and have produced brilliant results:

Pat's Barbecue was a triumph again. Read Pat's report on Page 4.

Julie, Queen of E-Bay, Sales Lady of the Year, made us £109.20 selling everything from a salad dish to a golf set, not forgetting the cassocks!

The Race Evening was a brilliant event as reported on Page 3, pics Page 4.

We have paid off our Council Tax final installment of £63.74. A discretionary rebate reduced the annual bill from £1033.05 to £258.27.

Members are urged to get family and friends to support the autumn play, Jane Eyre, and then we will have had a very good financial year.

OVERALL—£477.86. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Welcome!

Denise Fawke asks us to welcome Alan Springham to The Rep. He is making his acting debut as Mr Rochester in Jane Eyre. This is the first big part he has ever taken on so we are asking everyone to give him lots of support. Theresa came along with Alan and has been giving some very welcome help with work backstage. We welcome them both and hope they will enjoy themselves enough to become full members.

100 Club

June

Mr P. Dickinson, Mr G. Kirk, Mr Hardman, Miss M. Hawkes,
Mr J. Griffiths (£10)

July

Mrs J. Petrie, Mrs W. Dowse, Mr P. Norton, Mrs B. Dobson,
Mrs S. Barnard (£10)

August

Mrs S. Owen, Mrs J. Lovegrove, Mr J. Fisher, Mr & Mrs P.
Norton, Mrs Bandy (£10)

**Please
support the
Christmas
social
evening 2nd
December
7.15pm for
7.30 pm**

Social Secretary's Report

Thank you to all who attended the race evening on Saturday 5th August. 35 people enjoyed a ploughman's supper and ice creams while backing a variety of very questionable horses. Some people even bought a horse and either raced it themselves or persuaded someone else to ride it in the race for them. The social secretary was among a number of riders listed as non-starters.

The tote was staffed by a team of totally trustworthy bookies (now there's a novelty) and everyone had a great time as you can see from the pictures on page 4.

Thanks to the committee who organised the evening and to those who ran the tote and the bar and donated raffle prizes we raised £137.96 for the Rep.

The Christmas function is on Saturday 2nd December, but details have yet to be confirmed. Tickets from me, Carolyn Cumber, £6 adults and £3 children.

If you have any ideas for future events, please let me know.

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The Race Evening 5th August



The start of the first race



The food was good and so was the company



The next race is a hurdle—will the Chairman be unseated?



This one is for you to add a caption. What are John and/or Yvonne saying? Best printable caption will be published in next newsletter

Pat & Michael's Report on their BBQ

Once again thanks to family, friends & loyal Rep members for supporting our BBQ. We were lucky with the weather: although we had a massive thunder storm and torrential rain around lunch time, it cleared up in time for our 5.30pm start. From our point of view it went well and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. As usual, the raffle was a huge hit with some very unusual items. At the end we were able to give £236 to Mary for Rep funds.

Sincere Apologies to Jonathan French from The Editor

Jonathan sent me an article telling you all about his sponsored motorcycle ride in aid of Cancer Research. Although I have searched extensively, I cannot find the text and Jonathan and his family are away at the moment. I promise I will include the piece in the next newsletter if I am not ousted from the post for incompetence. Wendy

DON'T FORGET: AUDITIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PLAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 AT REP HEADQUARTERS, WEMBLEY GARDENS