

The Rep

The Newsletter of Lancing Repertory Players.
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Our AGM is at 7.30pm on 11th May at Rep HQ, please come!

The Spring Play—'Shakers' (Re-stirred) by John Godber

I am delighted to be directing my first production with the Society, and I would like to thank all those who have supported me. 'Shakers' is the story of four cocktail waitresses stuck in the everyday boredom of a mundane bar job. They tell the story of not only their own lives, but also those of their customers through multi-role play. With fast pace dialogue, including a few choice words, and enormous energy, this play promises an enjoyable evening of entertainment. Rehearsals are going very well, with a lot of fun and hard work. I am exceptionally pleased with my marvellous cast; I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Andrea and Emma to the Society. They are both excellent actresses who compliment our regulars, Kellie and Carolyn, beautifully! I would really love to see as many of you there as possible. For dates and times see The Diary (below). **Charlie Owen, Director**

For tickets tel. **Mary Macpherson 01903 521629** or **log on to** our website: www.lancingrep.co.uk

Membership Renewals are now Overdue

Membership subscriptions were due on 1st January. There are still some members who have not sent Ros their subs, (you know who you are!) Thanks to everyone who responded without a reminder. Prices are as follows:

Full Member—£20 Associate Member—£10

Juniors —£7 Patron—£20 (includes 2 tickets for £4 per ticket per show).

Please write cheques to Lancing Repertory Players and send to:

Mrs R. Dickinson, 32 Burnside Crescent, Sompting, Lancing, BN15 9TJ.

Rosalind Dickinson, tel: 01903 521221

Dates for your Diary:

23, 24, 25 April Spring Play—Shakers Restirred by John Godber at 7.30pm in Lancing Parish Hall. Tickets £7 (contact Mary 01903 521629)

6 May—Committee Meeting: 7.30pm at Rep HQ

11 May—AGM: 7.30pm at Rep HQ (including Post Production meeting).

30 May 7.15 for 7.30pm at Rep HQ. Hawaiian Evening. Wear a Hawaiian costume, no matter how daring! Paella, pineapple and drinks of a tropical nature will reflect the theme of the evening. More details later.

16, 17, 18 July Summer Play—'Happy Campers' at 7.30pm in Lancing Parish Hall. Tickets £7.

25 July—Pat & Michael's BBQ: Book the date, details to follow.

26 Sept at Rep HQ: Tales from the Police Station! Amusing stories about life as a police officer including underwater rescues! Details to follow.

31 October—Halloween at Pat & Michael's. Halloween food, bring your own fireworks, fancy dress optional. Details to follow.

28 Nov—Early Christmas Party (due to pantomime being in December). Pearly Kings and Queens entertainment. Details to follow.

10, 11, 12 Dec Pantomime—Merlin & the Magic Egg. Details to follow

Treasurer's Report

Sadly, 2008 was not a good year financially. We ended the year insolvent but the excellent profit made by Aladdin in January (£1529.58) assured us a good start for 2009.

It is essential that we keep finances in mind at all times. Each play costs around £1000 to stage due to the cost of the Parish Hall, publicity, royalties etc. Pantomimes cost considerably more. Our 2008 accounts have been audited and will be presented at the **AGM on 11 May**. I hope to stand down at the **AGM**, and it would be good to have strong and healthy finances to pass to a new Treasurer.

Mary Macpherson, Treasurer

Report from Play Selection

By the time you read this, rehearsals for 'Shakers Re-stirred' will be almost at an end and show time will be imminent. Charlie and her team have worked very hard and we wish her every success for the run. I am sure we will all be there to show our support. (See page 1 for details). We are only performing two plays and a pantomime this year. The July play has been chosen and casting auditions have been held. The play is 'Happy Campers' by Richard James, directed by myself. It is a comedy set in the Yorkshire Dales about a dysfunctional family who have been directed, via the Will of a recently departed relative, to spend time together at that spot. The cast of seven includes a stropky teenager, a sheep farmer and a woman with bladder problems! It will be a good laugh and we could all do with that in these days of doom and gloom.

I am still looking for a stage manager and a props person for the production so if you want a challenge, please get in touch.

I am pleased to announce that Denise Fawke has offered to direct the Pantomime, which will be 'Merlin and the Magic Egg'. Denise knows the show, although she has had to adapt the script to suit our needs. Rehearsals are expected to start in September. Don't forget the Pantomime will be in DECEMBER this year so if you have reserved seats, check the dates. More details in the next Newsletter including details about auditions.

Directors are still needed for next year. Some people have come forward with ideas but if you are interested please email me at dramadiva@btinternet.com

see me at Rep, or telephone me. 'Break a Leg' to all the cast of Shakers Re-stirred and let's see how many 'bums' we can get on seats. I am your ever hopeful play selection chairman,

Marlene Tincknell, Tel 01903 243558

Chairman's Report

I hope to see all of you at the **April Play** and on 11 May at the **AGM** which is your chance to have your say. A number of new members have joined us lately, which is really encouraging. More new members, more ideas, especially about fund raising, are always welcome. A new Business Manager is also a must. How about some enthusiastic new committee members? The possibilities, as they say, are endless.

Philip Norton, Chairman

100 Club

The winners of the Jan and Feb draws were:

Jan: £5 each to Mr B. Hanks, Mr J. Dowse, Miss N. Hobbs, Mrs P. Lewis. The £10 prize went to Mrs S. Owen.

Feb: £5 each to Mrs S. Kirk, Miss N. Hobbs, Mrs R. Dickinson, Mr Enniver. The £10 prize went to Mrs W. Norton.

There are still several numbers looking for support so if you would like to 'buy' a number please contact

Wendy Norton on 01903 241392

Social Events

Our Ascot Race was great fun and enjoyed by everyone who attended. We raised around £180 for Rep funds which was good, BUT it is disappointing to note that, once again, hardly any of our 'actor members' came to boost the funds. Come on, thesians, join in the fund raising. You are the ones who benefit and if we don't make the money, there will be no REP (see Treasurer's report Page 2). See Page 1 for future events, and to book your place contact:

Julie Petrie, tel 01903 537985

Publicity Report

A poster is enclosed with this newsletter. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE display it and give your friends and neighbours the details. Put it up in the window of your house, on the front door, or in your car, it doesn't matter where it is displayed, it will remind people about the show. If you would like flyers or more posters, contact Peter & Marian Taylor, details below.

Forthcoming Productions by our Neighbours

The Bury Players, Bury Village Hall. 01798 831468

7th-9th May: 'The Forsyte Saga'

West Chilton D.S., West Chilton Village Hall. 01798 812065

21st-23rd May: 'Outside Edge'

26th-28th Nov: 'Waiting in the Wings'

Stage Door, The Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton. 01903722224

29th April—2nd May: 'Move Over Mrs Markham'

29th July—1st Aug: 'Another Swing Thing'

18th-21st Nov: 'Darling Buds of May'

Rustington Players, Woodlands Centre, Rustington. 01903713362

27th-30th May: 'First Things First'

For more details, contact:

Peter & Marian Taylor, tel: 01903 761455

Useful Contacts

Books tickets for our plays: Mary Macpherson 01903 521629

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DON'T FORGET, OUR AGM IS 11th MAY AT 7.30pm REP HQ