

The Rep

The Newsletter of Lancing Repertory Players.

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Summer 2010

Another Trio of Short plays

22-24 July 2010 at Lancing Parish Hall

This July we are presenting 3 one act plays. It was supposed to encourage new directors, but was not as successful a venture as I had hoped. So having chosen the plays, we decided to present them anyway.

'Don't Mention the Dream' by **Damian Trasler** is about an Am-dram group, meeting to discuss the play for their next production. As usual not many turn up to the meeting, and when Russell, the director, suggests Midsummer Nights Dream, Oh dear!!! Will he get his way, or will Lucy get hers? Or will it be a group of local hooligans who have the last laugh? Wait and see.....!

'Moving On' by **Richard James** is a touching drama of a woman who is moving out of the house which has been her home for 40 something years, following the death of her husband. We follow her as she packs up her goods and chattels, but how can she pack up her memories? Her daughter organises a friend to come and help, but Angela does not want him there, let alone his help. Watch as she learns to cope with the situation.

'There's Something About Bernard' by **Richard James** is about Patricia, who is organising a surprise birthday party for her husband. She has invited Liz, Bernard's daughter from his first marriage to Ginny, and Margaret, Bernard's old friend of many years. To be polite, she has also invited his ex-wife. Will Ginny turn up? Will Margaret's cooking be a surprise this year, or will Bernard surprise them all?

David Woolford joins us again, having previously been seen in the Panto...can anyone forget those tights? Carol Clark is leaving the selling of programmes to someone else this time, and treading the boards. We also welcome new member Steve Knopf. It was a pleasure to have so many people at auditions and we even have a new member as our Stage manager: welcome to Alan Barlow. We hope you all enjoy your experience with us. Please come along and support these plays, and don't forget to tell your friends, neighbours and casual acquaintances.

Marlene Tincknell, Director

Dates for Your Diary:

18 – 24 July: Summer Play Helpers always welcome to get the set down to the Parish Hall and construct it and then take it all down after the last performance. Ros is always glad of helpers in the Front of House team during the performances Thursday to Saturday. All offers of help to: **Marlene (01903) 243558 or Karen (01903) 609507** on or back stage **Rosalind (01903) 521221** for Front of House team.

31st July: Pat & Michael's BBQ This is a very popular annual event. To book **Telephone Pat: (01903) 755893**

2 August: Committee Meeting

9 August: Post Production Meeting Please show your support by coming along to let us know what you thought of the Trio of One Act Plays. There will be a raffle, coffee or tea and biscuits too so come and join us.

18 September: Beetle Drive This will be at Rep HQ, Wembley Gardens commencing at 7.00pm. A fish or chicken and chip supper will cost £7 per adult or £5 per child. To book your place telephone **Julie (01903) 537985.**

5- 12 December: Pantomime. The Panto this year will be Cinderella. Currently Ian is writing the script for us, we await developments!! Auditions will be in August, and letters and/or emails will be sent out closer to the time.

Denise has kindly offered to direct the April production for next year, and Ian may be available to direct our July play. Meanwhile, if anyone wants to try directing, please talk to me.

Marlene (01903) 243558.

Christmas Party to be arranged, watch this space.

Chaperones Urgently Needed for our Pantomimes

Our Pantomime this year will be week commencing 6th December. West Sussex County Council requires us to have chaperones for children in our shows so we need volunteers to be trained as Chaperones. Each Chaperone can only be responsible for 10 or 12 children, either girls or boys, not a mixed group. They must all attend the three hour training course provided by the Council and obtain a Criminal Record Bureau certificate acceptable to the County. It doesn't matter how well qualified you are with children, you must satisfy the County Council's criteria. It is imperative that our Chaperones are

booked into a course fairly soon because places are very quickly filled and we would like all our volunteers to attend the same course on the same day. If you would like to help and require more details, please contact

Susie Pickett (01903) 879211

Message from Our Chairman

Members at the AGM took the decision to change the arrangements for patrons. The new subscription for Patrons will be £25 per annum, which will carry with it one complimentary ticket for each production, receipt of the newsletter and recognition of support by an entry in the programmes for each show. Patrons play an important role in the life of any society and I hope all our supporters will consider marking their support in a tangible way by becoming Patrons of the Society. Full membership remains at £20 per annum, associate membership at £10 per annum, so there's a level of membership for every taste!

I hope you enjoy the plays in July. They should have something to appeal to you all.

No news yet on the HQ front. Negotiations with our freeholders continue, and I hope to report on the outcome in due course. In the meantime, many thanks to Adrian for his work on the outside of the building, a much needed job. We do have a vacancy for the HQ maintenance post – any takers?

Philip Norton, Chairman

Ways & Means and Social Events Report

On 31st March we held a Race Evening. What a great evening, enjoyed by all who attended. The profit for the event going to REP funds was £187.00.

On 8th May it was VERY cold but we managed to get some of our newer members to help at our stall at the Youth and Family Centre fun day. The main reason for our being there was to get ourselves noticed with our display board showing photographs of recent productions. In spite of the cold we also took £12 in sales of books and bric a brac. Thank you to all those who braved the cold to help.

Lancing Carnival Walking Procession took place on 12th June and our thanks to Carolyn, Marlene, Joshua, Bonny and Daisy for coming to help hand out flyers for the July plays. They dressed in Cinderella costumes to advertise the December pantomime. Once again it was disappointing that more people did not join in. I was on Beach Green, also in costume, with our tombola stall and managed to raise £38.00.

Our Shuffleboard Evening on 12th June had to be cancelled because only four people expressed an interest. This was another disappointment, especially as these have been very well supported evenings in the past.

PLEASE please let's get together on the **Beetle Drive evening, 18th September**. They say 'Use it or lose it' and that is what will happen to REP if we don't get more support for our social and fund raising events. I would welcome your ideas for new ventures.

If you have any unwanted presents or nice 'bits and pieces' that you no longer want, would you please consider donating them to raise money for REP? Just give me a ring, or contact any of the people whose details appear in this newsletter and let us know. Alternatively, bring them with you when you come to see our next play and give them to Rosalind who will be on duty Front of House.

If we exchange halls with our neighbours, we will need perhaps as much as £10,000 to adapt the new premises to our needs. If we don't change halls, we will need almost as much money to repair our existing HQ which is over 40 years old and in dire need of improvements.

PLEASE - SUPPORT US WITH YOUR PRESENCE OR YOUR MONEY, BUT PREFERABLY BOTH!

Julie Petrie (01903) 5537985

MEMBERSHIP

Send your application/renewal with your name and the type of membership you require for 2010 to:

Mrs R. Dickinson, 32, Burnside Crescent, Sompting, BN15 9TJ or tel. Rosalind Dickinson (01903) 521221

Annual Subscriptions: £20 for full members; £10 for associate members; £7 for juniors under 18.

If you are not able to take an active part in our productions but would like to support us, please see our Chairman's message and consider becoming a Patron. If you join up by the July production, your membership will run to the end of December 2011 – 18 months for the price of 12.

100 Club Winners

March	W. Dowse, S. Owen, A. Gray, M. Taylor S. Hanks	£5 each £10
April	B. Hanks, G. Savage, J. Dowse, S. Kirk J Dowse	£5 each £10
May	C. Cumber, M. Macpherson, S. Kirk, E. Griffin K. Howell	£5 each £10

Numbers cost just £8/year and Wendy Norton arranges a draw at a rehearsal, social event or meeting every month. We still have a few numbers without sponsors so contact

Wendy Norton (01903) 241392

Archiving Lancing REP

Lancing Repertory Players has a long history that deserves to be recorded in a complete format. Over the years, a number of people have maintained scrapbooks of the productions and activities of the Players, which are quite up to date for more recent productions. But many old photos sit in drawers unloved, showing people who are unknown to many existing members. Some of these photos are fading and will soon be lost altogether.

What we need is someone interested in pulling together the history of Lancing REP from the various sources and members who remember. The photos would then need labelling, collating and possibly scanning to secure our records for the future. Are you that person?

You could be someone new to the Group who wants to find out more about its history, or possibly someone who has been a member for some years and would enjoy reliving some old memories. If you would be interested in getting to grips with this project or just want to find out more about what it entails, if you perhaps have some photos and/or newspaper clips in an album or scrapbook, please contact Wendy Dowse by email or telephone given at the bottom of this page.

P.R.O.

Do you have an email address? If so, please help us to save costs by receiving your newsletter by email (editor's details below). If you have received this newsletter by email and cannot open the poster, or if you would like further paper copies, please contact one of the people whose telephone numbers appear below. If you have a garden where you could display a larger poster please talk to Ian Black in the first instance (phone number below).

Congratulations

To Claire Fawke and Steve Budd who have recently become engaged. This is the first time in many years that two people have been brought together by The REP and we wish them all the very best for their future together.

Forthcoming Productions by Neighbouring Amateur Dramatic Societies

Stage Door – The Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton (01903) 722224

June 30th – July 3rd: 'That's Life' by Steve Monarque

15th – 18th December: 'Half a Sixpence'

Rustington Players – The Woodlands Centre, Rustington (01903) 713362

14th – 17th July: 'The Dresser' by Ronald Harwood

17th – 20th November: 'Glorious!' by Peter Quilter

West Chiltonton – West Chiltonton Parish Hall (01798) 812065

2nd July: Outdoor Production by The Mechanicals

November: 'Round and Round the Garden' by Alan Ayckbourn

Useful Telephone Numbers:

Ian Black (PRO and Web Site)	01903 603423	Karen Howell (Backstage Team)	01903 609507
Marlene Tincknell (Play Selection)	01903 243558	Wendy Norton (100 Club)	01903 241392
Susie Pickett (Chaperones)	01903 879211	Rosalind Dickinson (Membership)	01903 521221
Pat Lewis (July BBQ)	01903 755893	Julie Petrie (Ways & Means/Socials)	01903 537985

Dates of shows from now until December 2012 are displayed on the Notice Board