

The Rep

The Newsletter of Lancing Repertory Players. June 2007

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Chairman's Report

As you read this, rehearsals will be coming to a climax for the July play, "Look Who's Talking", details of which appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. The play should prove to be very amusing and I do hope we shall see you all at one of the performances. We are pleased to welcome Richard Greenhorn, who is taking the part of Brian.

I want to say a word to you all about Patrons:

When the concept of being a patron of the Lancing Repertory Players was first introduced, it was intended to be a means of our regular supporters showing their support by contributing financially to the Players. In return for that support, Patrons would receive the Newsletters and a concession on tickets, originally free tickets. With ever increasing costs, the present benefit of being a Patron is the ability to purchase two tickets at the reduced price of £4.00 each instead of the usual price of £6.00. Patronage, however, was never intended to be a means of getting a reduction on ticket prices (such as the play saver scheme at the Connaught Theatre). It was intended to give Patrons some form of tangible recognition and a 'thank you' for their valuable support. We will be mentioning our Patrons in programmes and I hope that the list of Lancing Repertory Players' Patrons will swell to rival that of other societies where Patrons receive much less in the way of financial concessions, but see Patronage as being a way of showing visible support to the society.

May all of you have a good summer,

Philip Norton, Chairman

Ways & Means & Social Committee

At the AGM, it was agreed to merge 'Ways and Means' and 'Social' because the two sections overlap in so many ways. The next diary dates are:

23rd June—Horse Race evening at Rep HQ, Wembley Gardens at 7.30pm.

4th August—table sale at Scout Hall, South Street, Lancing 10am-12noon

If you would like a table for yourself (£8.00), be there for 9am to set up.

8th September—French evening at Rep HQ (fancy dress optional)

Food to suit everyone including French cuisine (£6 adult, £3.50 children)

Pat & Michael's **Annual BBQ. 28th July 5.30pm onwards.** £6.00 adult, £3.50 child. Please phone Pat on 01903 755893 for your place. If you could take a raffle prize that would be very much appreciated.

Please come and support us and help raise funds for The Rep. Help particularly needed for the Table Sale—call me before I call you!!

Julie Petrie (01903) 537985

Treasurer's Report

For those members and patrons who were not at the AGM, I thought you might like a précis of the report given regarding the Society's financial position for last year:

During 2006 we had a turnover of £8,364.64p and the income over expenditure amounted to £1,075.39—*on paper*. However, £1,000 of this was for the final payment on refurbishment of the fascia of the HQ building and had been transferred from 100 Club. In real terms our net income over expenditure was £75.39p. Not a

large figure, but compared with the previous year, when the loss was over £300, it was very encouraging. Our 2006 productions made profits: Magical Christmas £1,797.39p: Five Blue Haired Ladies £59.24p: Jane Eyre £182.65; very pleasing results.

2007 has started well with good profits on the Christmas play and Murder in Company. Financially the Society thrives but more members are needed if we are to continue our high standards and full programme.

Mary Macpherson

The Summer Play

Due to the national, professional tour of 'Bedroom Farce', we were faced with licence restrictions on our summer production. However, we have what is definitely a very worthy replacement 'Look Who's Talking!' by Derek Benfield. This is not to be confused of the film with the same name—there are no babies in this production!

This excellent farce is set on a summer Sunday morning in 1980s Middle England. Not too dated in content and very lively in pace with laughs on almost every page, this promises to be a good, enjoyable play, ideal for a warm summer evening. I look forward to seeing you there, see dates below.

Ian Black, Director

Set to Parish Hall	Sunday 15th July
Technical Rehearsal	Tuesday 17th July
Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday 18th July
Performances	Thursday to Saturday 19th – 21st July at 7.30pm

Please distribute posters and flyers among your friends, relatives and work colleagues. Tickets available from: **Jean Sarfas (01903) 820019**

HELP! DIRECTORS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Play Selection Report

We always need help with all aspects of play production, but this year we are particularly desperate: NO ONE has yet come forward to offer to direct a play for next year.

If you have never directed but would like to try, please contact me as soon as possible. We have a few members who have a great deal of experience, but we need new directors with enthusiasm who are willing to have a go. We urgently need to increase our pool of directors to enable us to produce a full programme of plays in future years. Those of us who have already directed will be more than willing to give support—you only have to ask.

Marlene Tincknell (01903 243558)

Backstage Manager

When I first joined Rep, some time ago, I wasn't aware of just how much work goes into building and putting up a set for each show. As we all know, Peter and Marion have been doing this for quite a while now and want a well-deserved break. At Christmas I offered to build the set for Ian's summer show. I didn't realise at the time he was looking to put on 'Bedroom Farce', which needed 3 separate bedrooms on stage! I felt that, even for me, that was a little too much to be taking on for my first attempt and am glad that, after all, my first will be a normal box set.

It is all coming along nicely at the moment. I am very grateful that Peter and Marion have been offering their advice as, although I have helped paint and put up the sets for some time, I didn't realise the extra work involved in planning the layout, making sure all the flats are in good condition and choosing colours. I am really enjoying my time 'out back': Peter is helping with woodwork and Marion and Mary are helping me with the painting. I can't wait to see what Julie has in store for the October show. I have signed up to build the sets for the next two productions.

HELP WANTED—Please come along to help put up the set on Sunday 15th July at the Parish Hall. We need help putting up the flats, painting and, most importantly, **MAKING TEA**.

Karen Howell

Business Manager's Report

'Murder in Company' was seen by 191 people and made a good profit, helped by the raffle and refreshment sales. Because more businesses have placed advertisements in our new, improved style of programmes this has resulted in an increase in revenue and we have sold more programmes as well.

Please distribute posters and flyers for 'Look Who's Talking' among your friends, relatives and work colleagues. One copy is enclosed with this newsletter and you can obtain others from Rep HQ or through a member of the cast and crew.

REMEMBER: if everyone sells at least 4 tickets for each play, we are guaranteed a good profit. Tickets available from: **Jean Sarfas (01903) 820019**

Productions by our Near Neighbours

These Amateur Dramatic Societies are all members of the Drama Liaison Group. Some of their productions are due imminently so they may be over before this newsletter reaches you. If so, we apologise, but here are the details:

Ferring ADS 'Caramba's Revenge' A comedy by William Norfolk. 20th—23rd June 2007. Box Office 2-5pm only. Tel 01903 245973

Rustington Players 'One Act Play Festival' 13th-16th June. 8 one act plays over 3 nights followed by adjudication, entertainment and summer on the Saturday. Tel 01903 713362
'Murder in Play' by Simon Brett. November—dates to be confirmed.

Stage Door Theatre Group (Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton) 'Death by Fatal Murder' the third very funny comedy by Peter Gordon. 18th-21st July. For tickets tel 01903 820019.

Arundel Players (Priory Theatre) 'The Rivals' by Richard Sheridan. 25th Aug—1st September. Box Office Tel 01903 882862.
'God Only Knows' in November—dates to be confirmed.

West Chiltington Dramatic Society 'Winter Glory' A comedy. 22nd-24th November Tel. 01798 812065

For more details of the performances please contact :
Peter or Marion Taylor (01903 761455).

100 Club Winners

March—£5: P. Norton, Miss E. Griffin, J. Dowse, P. Norton
£10: Mrs J. Petrie

April - £5: Mrs J. Ennever, Mrs J. Sarfas, A. Clarke, Mrs R. Dickinson
£10: Mrs J. Sarfas

May - £5: A. Morgan, Mrs. S. Hanks, P. Dickinson, Mrs D. Hewins
£10: Miss N. Hobbs

June - £5: Miss N. Hobbs, P. Norton, R. Crane, P. Norton
£10: Mrs P. Pashley

LANCING
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Look Who's Talking

a comedy
by Derek Benfield

at Lancing Parish Hall

from Thursday 19th July until
Saturday 21st July 2007
at 7.30 each evening

Tickets £6.00

Telephone 01903 820019