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# Newsletter

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## Chairman's Ramblings

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2006.

### Hen Party

Rehearsals are underway for 'Hen Party', please find rehearsal schedule on the back page. It is important that we give our producer, Lucy, 100% support, so please let her know in advance any rehearsal that you cannot make. 'Hen Party' has all the makings of a really fun show, and Lucy would welcome any ideas, songs etc. that would help with this production. It is important that Lucy concentrates on the action on stage, so shortly a 'wish list' of jobs including scenery, front of house, lights etc. will be on a clipboard (No, I'm not going to mention Neil Loveday) at a rehearsal just after the A.G.M. As previously agreed, this show will run for two nights only, on Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July.

### Never On A Sunday?

I have been informed that in the future we can run on a Sunday; something to think about! The only problem is that we would have to clear down on the Monday evening but we can discuss this further at the A.G.M.



### A.G.M.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April. This is the time to air your thoughts on how we can improve the organisation and put right anything that 'gets on your wick'. Please everyone, try to make this important event as after this meeting Karen Pettitt will be taking photos for the new programme. Also if you have a favourite Players' photo of yourself please bring it along as our printer, Ken Miller, can use it on the front and back cover montage, also if there are any amendments to your CV please write them on the 'back

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of a fag packet' so that the programme, which will run for a year, can be brought up to date.

*Please don't forget that subs are due.* If you require a direct debit please see Anne Greenwood.

### **Fish & Quiz**

Our popular 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' Fish & Quiz returns on April 21st at the Connaught Hall at 7.30pm. This will be an entertainment special and is already receiving lots of interest. Please organise a table and enjoy a great evening out. Tickets, including fish & chips, are £7. Tickets and details 01953 453107.

### **Housekeeping**

Over the next few months Denny Barber will repair the changing room strut that is broken. He will also make a metal apron for the sound and lighting desk and also for the video camera for the back of the Connaught Hall. The front stage apron will have a front constructed.

Pete Thatcher has a budget of £1500 to purchase radio microphones. New shelving will be constructed at the Players' costume store in the Break shop.

### **Beauty And The Beast**

It goes without saying how successful and how much fun we had with our panto, Beauty and the Beast. Our thanks go to Anne Greenwood and her team. Hopefully by the time you receive this Newsletter the DVDs and videos of the show will be on sale. Please see Anne and all DVDs must be paid for before collection.

### **Players' Childrens' Party**

On Saturday 4th February the Players hosted a party for our youngest Players at the Connaught Hall as a thank-you for all their hard work in the panto. Ryan Blackburn organised the fun and games, and, although I was dreading the thought of this, it turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Debs, Pete, Ryan and Vicky and everyone who helped make the party a success. We might even do it again next year.

### Music Library

Derek Tomlinson has taken on the task of holding and cataloguing all Players' music and CDs. This includes all songs and music from previous shows and hundreds of titles we have not used. If you require a particular piece of music or song please contact Derek.

### Dates For Your Diary

**Autumn Fish & Quiz** Friday 10th November.

### Last Night Of The Proms

The Connaught Hall has been booked for Friday 17th November for a one-off Lucy special, 'Last Night Of The Proms'. This will include all your favourite rousing songs and music and we plan to have a screen projection to make the event as realistic as possible. Rehearsal schedule and details to follow.

Don't forget you can contact me on 01953 453107 if you have any problems

That's all for now

Yours in Players  
*Graham Smith*

