

Estuary Players

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APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone - well, what an exciting time we have had – as you will all know, our Spring production, “Brassed Off”, was a great success-great collaboration with Lympstone Brass Band, great sense of achievement from cast, backstage crew, front of house and a great number of satisfied members of the audience – four full houses – think this is a record! So, well done to Howard and everyone who worked so hard to maintain Estuary Players reputation for aiming to provide good quality theatre. Great stuff!

And your committee has not been resting upon its laurels (never much chance of that!) We have had a busy few weeks following the last show as we prepare to move on.

NOVEMBER PRODUCTION - performances 6th – 9th November 2012

You may remember that in January Newsletter it was shown that Rob Hole would be directing for November. Rob is now unable to commit to this project at this time, though he very much hopes to do so in the future.

We have been very lucky to find another Director, Clare Philbrock, thanks to an introduction by one of our members. Clare has met with your committee, who are delighted to have Clare as a guest director for the company. With a very full and impressive CV and great enthusiasm and love of theatre, we welcome Clare to Estuary Players for November 2012.

The committee have agreed that two plays submitted by Clare should be presented to the members for your consideration. These are:

Hay Fever Noel Coward
Separate Tables Terrence Rattigan

There will be an opportunity for members to read extracts from both plays, immediately following our AGM (more details re AGM below) and auditions for play finally selected will be held the following week on Tuesday 26th June, 7.30p.m. in the Malthouse. It is anticipated that rehearsals will begin sometime in July. Clare will be able to confirm.

If you are interested in acting, being part of the production team, or just to enjoy the play readings – do please come along. It's always exciting to be in at the beginning of things, and this is a good way of finding out more about the plays and most importantly, a chance to meet Clare, as Director of the November production. Everyone very welcome!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Tuesday 19th June, 7.30p.m. in the Malthouse, Globe Hotel. Please see attached Agenda and Minutes of the AGM held on 14th June 2011. I do hope as many members as possible will be there. This is your opportunity to make nominations for officers and members of the committee. Each nomination needs a proposer and a seconder, and of course the agreement of the nominee. Can you please send any nominations to me by the deadline of June 1st.

I can confirm that our Secretary and Treasurer have indicated their willingness to stand again, but nominations are required for Chair, as I will be standing down after three very interesting and privileged years. At the time of writing I have received one nomination for Chair.

For your information, the current committee is composed of:

Chair	Avril Pattinson
Secretary	Howard Eilbeck
Treasurer	Rosie Munns

Members	Maggie Bourgein, Maggie Butt, Alan Caig, Bill Pattinson, Angela Wallwork, Janine Warre
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We hope to encourage new members on to the committee, which usually meets once a month and is very involved in the way the company

develops. It's a lively forum- perhaps you or someone you know might be interested? **Please contact me by Friday 1st June.**

Best wishes, *Avril*