



Annual General Meeting

Brampton Church Hall

8 pm on Tuesday, 20 February 2007

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of last AGM
- 3 Matters arising (*not elsewhere on agenda*)
- 4 Chair's report on the last 12 months, and plans for 2007
- 5 Acting Secretary's report
- 6 Treasurer's report
- 7 Election of officers
 - 7.1 Chair
 - 7.2 Vice-Chair
 - 7.3 Secretary
 - 7.4 Treasurer
- 8 Election of committee (*at least 3 ordinary members. NB: HYT representative is appointed by HYT*)
- 9 Appointment of auditor
- 10 HYT report
- 11 Subscription for 2007
- 12 AOB



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Minerva Room
Commemoration Hall

8 pm on Monday, 27 February 2006

Present

Michael Black (Chair), Ray Livermore (Secretary), Ronald Stevenson, Rachael Orchard, Mark Lamberth, Pete Welsh, Annie Welsh, Bob Pugh, Ann Monk, Trish James.

1) Apologies

Carol Wadey, Kat Sexton, John Morgan, Caroline Harbord, June Forway, Jaquie Spencer.

2) Minutes of last AGM

Distributed, PW proposed as an accurate record, MB seconded.

3) Matters Arising

TJ has had problems locating the website using the Google search engine.

4) Chair's report

Distributed around the group.

5) Secretary's report

All covered during the Chair's report. RL extended his thanks to the current committee.

6) Treasurer's report

At the year end the Club had a balance of just over £1000, which was around £650 lower than the previous year. It was recommended cheques be used for future transactions to enable easier accounting practices. BP recommended looking into the "Festival Account" to find out extra money owed to the Club. TJ to supply wine to last year's auditor.

7) Election of Officers

ML nominated MB for Chair, seconded by RO
TJ nominated RO for Vice-Chair, seconded by AW
RO nominated RL for Secretary, seconded by RS
TJ nominated RS for Treasurer, seconded by AM

8) Election of committee

John Morgan, Mark Lamberth, Pete Welsh, Kat Sexton, Carol Wadey, Caroline Harbord

9) Appointment of Auditor

Richard Allen ACCA was recommended

10) HYT Report

RL reported that HYT currently had circa 46 regular members and 9 regular leaders. During the previous year the group had performed an adaptation of Terry Pratchett's *The Fifth Elephant*, *Murder on the Nile*, *Romeo & Juliet* and several private one act variety evenings, all to reasonable and receptive crowds.

11) Subscription fees for 2006

It was decided these will remain at a flat £10.

12) Activities for 2006

Included in Chair's report.

13) Any other business

TJ recommended more contact with people on the database, sending something by post with a tear-off slip so as to allow members to decide upon their preferred method of contact. It may also be better for the Club to move more towards posting than staying with the current system of emails.



CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE LAST 12 MONTHS

PERFORMANCES

- March: ***Silhouette***, a comedy thriller by Simon Brett. Directed by Jacquie Spencer, assisted by Chris Topham. Produced by Rachael Orchard.
- November: ***Move over Mrs Markham***, a farce by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Directed by Michael Black, assisted by Kevin Webb. Produced by Ann Monk. Total audience about 260.
- December: ***The Greatest Gift***, adapted by Ronald Stevenson from a short story by Philip Van Doren Stern. This was the basis of the classic film *It's a wonderful life*. Directed by Ronald Stevenson, and performed as the Club's contribution to *Dreaming of a White Christmas* at the Commemoration Hall.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Trip to see **Simon Brett** speaking at Oundle Literature Festival (March)
- **Social** and read-through of ***Move over Mrs Markham*** (May)
- **Make-up and hair workshop**, run by Jan Sheppeard and Carol Wadey (July)
- Trip to see Shakespeare's ***Troilus and Cressida*** performed by the RSC at Stratford (September)
- **Last of the summer wine party**, at Ronald's (September)
- DVD evening of Shakespeare's ***Love's Labour's Lost*** at Michael's (November)
- **Social** and read-through of ***Joking Apart*** (December)
- **Party** at Caroline's (December)
- DVD of Alan Ayckbourn's ***Absurd Person Singular*** at Michael's (January)
- **Burns Night Supper** at Ronald's (January)
- **Lighting workshop**, run by John at the Commemoration Hall (January)

OTHER NEWS

- Club members have also been active in other drama groups, such as Brampton Park Theatre Club, Shakespeare at the George, SIMADS, Panto 89, and several others.
- The Club is represented on the Huntingdon Community Liaison Group and the Commemoration Hall Trust.

- Cambridge Central Library has donated its entire stock of play sets to the Club: we now have 182 sets, with more to come. They're currently being housed by John and Michael, and can be borrowed by anyone.

NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE

- Mark Lamberth has continued to produce a large number of excellent newsletters during the year, with plenty of photos and varied articles. In addition, a lot of emails were sent to members and supporters. Several people have written interesting pieces for the newsletter, particularly Caroline Harbord.
- John Morgan has continued to keep the website up to date and to add information to it, including a guide to the technical stage facilities at the Commemoration Hall.

COMMITTEE

- The committee has continued to work very hard and effectively.
- Ray Livermore resigned as secretary, continuing as HYT representative. I'm grateful to Caroline Harbord for taking over as acting secretary.
- Ann Monk was co-opted to the committee, after proving her practical skills and great value to the Club by producing *From Mafeking to the Millennium* and *Move over Mrs Markham*.

PLANNED AND SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES IN 2007

Productions

- Alan Ayckbourn's *Joking apart*, directed by Ronald Stevenson, assisted by Jacque Spencer, and produced by John Morgan. 29-31 March, in the Commemoration Hall.
- A summer touring production: 22, 23, 29 and 30 June. Play to be chosen at the end of February.
- Autumn production: 15-17 November, in the Commemoration Hall. Play to be chosen at the end of February.

Other events

- *Bits of the Bard* in Haddenham (May)
- Workshops
- Play readings

Michael Black

