

# The Chiltern Player

July 2010



**W**ELCOME to a new Chiltern Players' year – and what a packed programme we have to look forward to. First, there's the Murder Mystery on September 10/11, penned by our own maid of mystery supremo Jane Brough. Then, there will be the autumn production and, to kick off 2011, a panto (watch this space for more details.) In between, we have a Players' barbecue to look forward to and I'm sure the new committee have more treats up their collective sleeve.

**F**OR those who missed the AGM, here's a list of the new committee: Jenny Titchener (chairman), Rosemary House (secretary), Carol Evans (treasurer). Jane Brough, Sue Clark, John Evans, Serena Jones, Helen McCutcheon.

**I**NEVITABLY, a new year also spells out that dreaded four-letter word: SAND or, to be more precise, Subscriptions Are Now Due. In fact, they are a couple of months overdue because, unbeknown to most of us until we read the Constitution, they were actually due on May 31. So – we'd be grateful if your £20s could be given to your treasurer or posted through her door pronto please (2B Grove Road, Sonning

Common, RG4 9RL) This applies to *everyone* – actors, backstage crew...the lot. We've got a large chunk of expenditure looming large for lighting equipment and we've got to have something in the bank to pay for it. It should also be borne in mind that only fully paid-up members' names will appear on distribution lists – so you don't want to miss out on important Players info, do you?

**M**OVING on to more palatable subjects, the Players have enjoyed an excellent year. Those who attended the AGM will know that our Festival entry, *The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish*, directed by John Evans and starring Peter O'Sullivan and Rosemary House, was well received at Didcot, Abingdon and Wallingford where it was nominated for the Adjudicator's Award. What they won't know is just how much the Didcot team enjoyed it too. In the ODN Newsletter, the Didcot organiser said that among her personal favourite moments "was Peter O'Sullivan's shorts. If there were an award for the Most Risqué Item of Costume, he would have won it!" Those who didn't attend the Festivals need to see this item, so all we can plead is, 'Peter, when?'

**W**ITH comedy in mind – and, as Hercule Poirot would say, a chance to use those little grey cells, *Murder at Peppard Grange*, a 1930s murder mystery thriller, on September 10/11 should be a sure-fire hit. Tickets are £10, which includes supper and dessert, and will be on sale at Occasions, Wood Lane Sonning Common from August 6 or from Carol Evans (0118 972 3628.) All tickets MUST be paid for beforehand. They will not be available on the door.

**C**ASTING news. Readings for the autumn production of *Billy Liar* will be held at St Michael's Hall on July 29 and August 26. Director Rosemary House is looking for two young men in early-mid 20s, ditto three young women, an elderly lady and a man and a woman in middle age. Performance dates: December 1-4 inclusive.

**F**INALLY, there will be a Bring'n'Barbie on Sunday September 5 at Rosemary's House, 48 Grove Road, from 12 noon. Just bring something to put on the barbecue, something to drink – and, of course, yourselves. See you there.

Carol Evans