

It's the beginning of another Chiltern Players 'year' – and what a year is lined up for you all. First, there's the autumn production, *Ancient Lights* by Shelagh Stephenson, which I have on good authority (from director Rosemary House) is well underway and, without my putting too much spin on her words, should be another Players' triumph. No pressure on everybody then!

A reminder: performances are on 20/21 and 27/28 November at Peppard Memorial Hall. Tickets are £7 each and are available now. So – the message is, sell, sell, sell!

The production's props queen Jill Kendal is looking for a goose (plucked, oven-ready and FAKE!) Before she gets out her papier mâché, beeswax, playdough or similar moulding material, is there the off chance that any member may have such an object in their kids' toy boxes or store cupboard? Jill also needs ethnic throws/bedspreads.

The rest of the 2009/10 programme is set to include entry into three drama festivals and, back by popular demand, another murder mystery for the summer, penned by our very own crime-writer-in-residence, Jane Brough. Sadly, the proposed panto won't be taking place – but hopefully this will be in the 2010/2011 programme.

We are now on the hunt for plays, one to perform in next year's festivals (Didcot, Abingdon and Wallingford) and

another for our spring 2010 production. To this end, play readings have been arranged on 22 October, 12 November and 2 December at St Michael's Hall. If there's a play anybody fancies doing, then bring along copies or give us your ideas when you come.

Judging by the rapturous reception (hyperbole maybe, but nonetheless true) that our plays receive, we know that we have some very talented directors in our group. However, we are sure there are others with equal flair for this very rewarding role. Past experience is not necessary; arrangements can be made to 'shadow' an experienced director for first-timers apprehensive at going it alone. So, if you are even the littlest bit interested, contact secretary Rosemary House for more information.

Events on the social horizon this year will hopefully include occasional (professional) theatre trips and visits to other amdram productions. But first, there's the annual 'Christmas' dinner scheduled to take place on Thursday, 4 February, 2010. Details coming soon.

A reminder from the Treasurer that subscriptions (£20) are now due. It should also be noted that anybody who has not paid is NOT eligible to appear in productions.

And lastly, but by no means least, our congratulations to Sue Hart on her marriage to Andy Clark.

PLAY READINGS
October 22, November 12
and December 2 at St
Michael's Hall at 7.30pm

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festival favourite and
spring play

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at 8 pm

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Occasions, Wood Lane,
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ANNUAL DINNER
4 February 2010
Venue to be announced