

July 2009



# The Players News

## Dramatic News!

### “Blue Remembered Hills”

Dennis Potter’s comedy drama, which was the BBC Wednesday play starring Helen Mirren, Colin Welland, John Bird and co, will be the Players’ next full length production. The play’s first public airing will be at the

and Producer, **SIMON WILLIAMS**. **REHEARSALS** start on **27<sup>th</sup> July**. **DRESS REHEARSAL 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**. Put the production dates in your diaries now.

AGM Party on  
Wednesday 15th July  
7.30pm  
at The Town Hall

“Blue Remembered  
Hills”  
25th to the 28th  
November

Come and hear it read, join in, eat and drink, and decide if you would like to audition for a part with our new Director, **LIS HALLIDAY** (of La Scarpetta fame)

“It’s a cracking play, will have the local drama fans and community supporters in laughter and tears” announced our new Chairman, **Les Silverlock** - inveigled back into the chair after a 30 year absence!

Audition for a part on Sunday 19th July at 4pm or  
Monday 20th July at 7.30pm

### *What’s going on?*

After the success of the Cabaret shows in March (brilliant performances and dodgy ones – no out takes possible!) attended by 100 supporters, the Players are keeping up the momentum.

Stalwarts Chris Dubery, Simon Williams (new Membership Secretary, who will be after your tiny subs at the AGM nibbles and wine), Debbie Passmore, Graeme Maynard, Alan Marks, Doreen Pope, Simon Bartlett and Mary Adams, have now been joined by fresh blood Liz Stanbury, Suzanne and Nick Thompson and Marion Silverlock.

The team meet regularly at Greenslades cottage to plan the season’s activities.



## *Titbits*

Three Players, the Stage Manager, the stage Technician and an ex-magistrate, two members of the band and one or two members of the audience were all tailed home towards midnight by the police, after the March Cabaret, breathalysed and, of course, although all three are drama queens, found to be clean, alcohol free, upstanding citizens, even after celebrating President John Organ’s Birthday that night.

### *Fans*

Audrey Coldrick and Paula Eden are the latest volunteers to offer their services to support the Players. They hope to both be involved in the next production.

‘*Gossip*’ on the streets has been head hunting Richard Drewer, Debbie Wright, Terry Littlefair, Bill Gash and Vicki Mair to audition for the next production.



Editors: Simon Williams & Les Silverlock

## Have you heard?

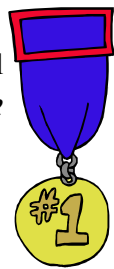
A very old Player of "Just not write it in my book, Sir" PC Plod, and "Hans, the Witch and the Gobbin" fame has been awarded the OBE for services to the council and community?

At the celebration party for all the people who have helped him, Keith Ross said it was Other Bugger's Efforts that supported his work, and shared the credit for his award with a very large number of local people. Well done, Keith – still acting! Just a bigger stage in Westminster, but not such a knowledgeable audience, eh?



## Congratulations!

Citizen of the Year has been awarded by the Town Council to our very own **Christine Dubery**, who earns it for the work she has put into the Players, the Cricket Club, Starlight and myriad other networking and organising roles across the town.



## Star-turns ...

John Thorogood brought the house, and the curtain, down at the Cabaret on 28<sup>th</sup> March with his beautifully timed presentation of an Alan Bennett monologue. Nobody could say "Hey, you, Jack" with quite the same reverence or double entendre.

The night before, Richard Grey's band, **Vintage Brew**, had the whole audience rocking and rolling in the auditorium as the climax to that show.

Hear them again at **The Copper Kettle Garden Party**, organised by Trish and Keith Cozens and Chris Dubery, for Starlight.



## AGM Party & Play Reading

**WEDNESDAY  
15<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**7.30pm**

**Dulverton**

**Town Hall**

(downstairs)

**Nibbles, wine, friends and fun  
What, at an AGM?**

**Yup, this is the Dulverton Players!  
Drama queens welcome.**

Come and hear the plans for 2009 and 2010

**Meet our new Director**

Hear the next play read

Autumn production Dennis Potter's  
"Blue Remembered Hills"

A powerful comedy drama

**Auditions July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Town Hall**

Join the committee

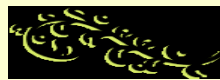
**Secretary, publicity and vice chair appointments**

The Players are expanding their membership  
and the number of productions.

Come and play. Tell people you know.

**Old friends and new  
ones welcome**

**Vintage  
Brew**



play the

**Copper Kettle  
Garden Party  
Friday 17th July**

**Tickets from  
The Post Office**



## REMINDER

Members subscriptions are now due and are still at the bargain price of £5.00. Unfortunately because of a breakdown in communications several members were unable to pay last year so I shall be making it very easy to pay this year. Just send a cheque made payable to Dulverton Players to

Dulverton Players, c/o Simon Williams, 36 Battleton, Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9HU or

See me at the AGM or on my post round or

Leave with Christine at the Post Office:

If you no longer wish to be a member please contact me on

01398 323770 or email [simonwilliams36@gmail.com](mailto:simonwilliams36@gmail.com)