

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2001

HAMNETTE
[An Accidental Tragedy]

Globe Theatre: November 15-24, 2001

Enclosed with this Newsletter are some flyers for our next production.

Hamnette (An Accidental tragedy)

This was written and directed by Dunedinite, Harry Love, with music composed for the production by Brian Beresford. The production will feature some actors who are familiar to Globe audiences as well as a few who are relative newcomers to the Theatre. (The dog, however, is likely to be a oncer!)

Harry has written a teaser for the production which is included in the flyer's information sheet. Please read it – and book your seats! (One night has already been booked out).

December "Surprises"

These have been a long time coming but will, we hope, be worth waiting for.

The first, which will be staged during the first week in December, will be a production by Terry McTavish of **TOAD OF TOAD HALL**. This will feature many of her young students from Queen's High School and is thus likely to be well supported so, once again, please book early.

The second, during the second week, will be a production of Caryl Churchill's gritty play, **FEN**. This will be directed by Julie Edwards and will feature students from her Tuesday evening, adult drama class. It will give you the opportunity to see the sterling work which continues to be carried out at the Globe by our students and their tutors.

Members' Afternoon: November 4th, 2001, 4pm

This will be another of our popular variety entertainments, designed to give as many of our members as possible the opportunity to get up and strut their stuff. This is your opportunity to try out something new, either on your own or with others. You choose (but you have only a few days left to do so). The entertainment is being coordinated by Geoff Lambourne (4690267) and Brian Beresford (4780248)

PROGRAMME 2001

This will be detailed in next month's Newsletter. We can, however, reveal that:

- We will have a programme of SIX main plays, starting in February and scheduled thereafter at 2-monthly intervals.
- The programme will include a mix of modern and traditional classics, some serious, some funny, some a mixture of the two.
- We will continue the Globe's long-established policy of performing some New Zealand plays as well as those classics from other countries.
- We will start the year with a comedy, Ben Travers' farce, "Rookery Nook", and are delighted to have once again as director, Louise Petherbridge, who directed the hugely popular "Hay Fever", at the start of this year.

AUDITIONS: ROOKERY NOOK

We will need men and women, aged between about 20 to 50 (ish!) so most of our members should feel able to participate.

Auditions will be held in the Globe on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH,

from **10am – 1.30pm**, and from **3.30 – 5.00pm**.

Please phone **4780248** OR **4797273** for an audition time.

(Each audition will last approximately 15 minutes).

BUILDING AND GARDEN

As you will know, we have been gradually improving the interior of the theatre during the last year. Later this year we intend to start painting the exterior. We will probably need some paid assistance but will, as usual, be seeking help from members also. This will be a time-consuming job as well as a very costly one if we do not get this help so... PLEASE be prepared to give up a few hours of your time should you receive the call!

(We do, however, appreciate that at least some of our members might be prevented by age and infirmity from doing this so we will not be contacting everyone!)

The garden is another matter. We would like to have this looking especially attractive for the start of Hamnet, not just because this would be a good thing to do but also because the theatre has been booked out for a fund-raising venture for the performance to be held on Wednesday, November 21st. During the evening, the guests will be given refreshments that they will take out into the garden (weather permitting). Since at least some of these guests may be people who have not attended a Globe performance before, we hope to make their total experience very pleasurable – hence the current gardening splurge. The following is a message from Betty Rawlings, who has recently taken on the position of chief garden advisor and worker. If you can assist, would you please respond to Betty as she has requested.

"THE GARDEN is being rejuvenated and plants are needed to fill areas which have been cleared. Can you help with cuttings (preferably rooted) of your favourite plants? White, silver, pale blue and pastel colours will look best. Betty Rawlings, ph 473-9725 (answer-phone) will be pleased to hear from you."

BREAKING NEWS

Those of you who were fortunate enough to be able to see our recent production of Children of the Poor (we had to turn people away on the last 2 nights!) may not be entirely surprised to read that we were not the only ones to be very impressed by the creativity and energy displayed by director and performers in the staging of this play. So impressed were some outside people that they have invited us to send the entire production up to Wellington next year, to be part of the Fringe Festival. This request has been received very enthusiastically by all involved. Obviously a lot of organisational work needs to be done yet but all is now underway.

More information next month...!

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

You should receive with this newsletter either a Membership card or a reminder that your membership for 2001-2002 is much overdue. We regret that, if you are one of the latter group, we will assume that you do not wish to continue with your Globe membership and will no longer include you in our distribution list. Membership status lasts from April 1 to March 30th in the following year. Please contact the secretary if you are uncertain about your current position.