



BALALLY PLAYERS NEWS

July 2004

Chairman: Jean Monahan.
Secretary :Tony McGettigan.
Treasurer: Karen Carleton

Wednesday 21st July 2004 (NEXT Wednesday!!)

A "wrap up" get-together will take place in Dundrum House from 8PM onwards. Finger snacks will be provided. We look forward to having a good crowd at this final get-together of what has been probably the busiest year in our illustrious history. Put it in your diary now and be there !!.

Wednesday August 25th 2004

Our Annual General Meeting at which the past year is reviewed and, for the coming year, the Officers and Committee are elected and an activities programme discussed. Only paid-up members are permitted to vote for the incoming officers and committee. Advice of venue will be given in a reminder that will be sent nearer the time.

Election of new Committee

All the outgoing officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) have "served their time". This is a great opportunity to have new persons and ideas driving the Group forward. Members are encouraged to have people ready to accept nominations for the officer and committee positions.

Proposals for new productions,

Entries for the One Act Festivals etc, are encouraged. We already have a distinguished honour and commitment on hand, to present "On Baile's Strand" (W .B. Yeats) in December in the Abbey. Geoffrey O Keefe has taken on this responsibility. Scripts will be circulated at the AGM. Geoffrey's needs for the production must be our top priority, of course, but that will still leave many resources available for other productions, even before the year end. Come on!! . Put your thinking caps on and come up with ideas for the AGM.

One idea, for which there is already a "slot, is the production of this year's "Christmas at Airfield" at Airfield House, Wednesday to Saturday, December 8th to 10 inclusive. Tony McGettigan has put on this show for the past two years and wishes to take a

back seat. Members are encouraged to put themselves forward to devise and direct this year's show.

In accordance with our normal procedures, all production proposals have to be approved by the incoming Committee that will be in charge when they are produced.

Balally Players will meet half the cost of attendance at one of this year's DLI Summer School Courses.

Only one scholarship is available. Applications are invited from current paid-up members. If there is more than one applicant, a draw will be held to determine the recipient of the scholarship. Applications must be made in writing to the Chairman before Saturday 24th July

Please hand in any Group property you may be holding to Jean Monahan

The whereabouts of some props and costumes from previous shows is uncertain. We want to have all the Group's property held in one known place. Anybody who is holding props or costumes is asked to hand them in to Jean Monahan as soon as possible. An audio tape of "Much Ado About Nothing" is one of the known items -- there are others—that are "missing". Please, everyone, check your hiding places and let us have all those A WOL items for proper storage.

Last chance to be refunded for expenditure you undertook on behalf of the Group

Anyone holding receipts for which they should be refunded, and/or invoices that should be paid, Please submit them without delay to the treasurer, who wants to complete the Accounts for the current year.

Our thanks to volunteer reservists for "Much Ado About Nothing"

Thanks are due to Doris Cullen and Gary Wall who stepped forward and volunteered to take on roles in "Much Ado About Nothing" at very short notice. During the Airfield run, we were invited to put on the play at Glenart Castle, Arklow. Two of the cast Jim Carroll and Hilary Madigan, had prior leave bookings that made it impossible for them to take part. In stepped Doris and Gary! Thanks a lot for your commitment, Doris and Gary.

Looking forward to meeting everyone at the wrap up get together in Dundrum House next Wednesday July 21st. Be there! Have a great break and let's all meet again at AGM on Wednesday August 25th, Fresh and full of ideas and enthusiasm.