



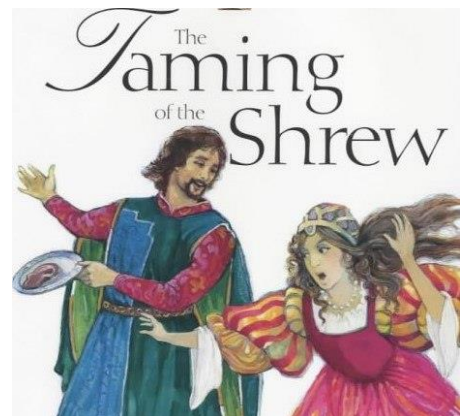
# *The Rotherfield Players Newsletter*

*April 2021*

## **We have lift off -**

***The Taming of the Shrew.*** The Rotherfield Players will take to the stage behind The King's Arms in the summer! However, there are some changes to our usual summer plans.

The below from our director Robert Chesterton provides more details. As you will see, we will not be going to Lurgashall this year as the Noah's Ark Inn needs their garden for outside dining. However, this gives us the opportunity to defer our Rotherfield performance dates by a week allowing more time for rehearsals as the country continues to 'open up'.



So note the production in Rotherfield will be in week commencing **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.**

Obviously, all of this remains dependent on the Coronavirus situation continuing to improve.

Director Robert Chesterton writes:-

Thank you to all who have contacted me so far showing interest in our summer production. I'm pleased to say that we've had a good response but would still love to hear from more of you. As usual, we could always do with hearing from more men! (I know that some people have been waiting to see how things progress with regards to the virus).

The committee is determined to mount a production this summer to boost the morale of the society and our audiences. We are sure we can find a way forward.

The King's Arms is very pleased to welcome us this year. The Noah's Ark wish us to miss out this summer and recommence in 2022. I am hoping that this may

encourage more people to audition; I know that not everyone wants to take on the extra time commitment of a Lurgashall production.

We have delayed the production until the week of the 2nd August to give us longer to rehearse after the removal of lockdown restrictions.

The auditioning will have to take place during the current restrictions and will be adapted to meet the requirements. So – we will hold an information afternoon and auditions at 2.30pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April on the Millennium Green just below the King’s Arms’ garden.

Andy Miller will be with me and we will comprise the audition committee. People can sit in groups of no more than six. I will just have to “project my voice” to keep things moving.

The outdoor productions are always challenging. This one even more so. As I have said the committee wants this production to go ahead. To that end I am thinking of other options if we cannot get an ideal cast for ‘The Shrew’ – a ‘contingency plan’ of a play with a smaller cast is in place. One such idea is ‘Separate Tables’ by Terence Rattigan.

I look forward to seeing you on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you cannot make the date or if you have any queries please contact me:-

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**Do try to make the information afternoon / auditions on Sunday 25th April – outside – on the Millennium Green at 2.30 p.m.** (but not too close to the King’s Arms) when Robert and Andy can discuss the play with small, socially distanced groups. **Do bring your own chairs.**

Small group rehearsals indoors can begin on May 17<sup>th</sup> and, hopefully, all restrictions will have ended by June 21<sup>st</sup>, when normal rehearsals can take place.

**COME ON YOU THESPIANS, LET’S GET THIS PRODUCTION GOING!**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

Our annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 8.00p.m in Rotherfield Memorial Institute. It is hoped that some new members will be recruited to the committee, so let us know if you are interested.

As we were unable to hold the AGM last year and to celebrate the end of lockdown, this event will be a social evening, with wine served after the business of the meeting.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 25th April, 2.30p.m.	Help afternoon/auditions for 'The Taming of the Shrew' or other play	Rotherfield Millennium Green behind The King's Arms.
Tuesday 22nd June 8.00p.m.	A.G.M.	Rotherfield Memorial Institute
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> August	The Taming of the Shrew	Behind King's Arms
Autumn 2021	How the Other Half Loves	Village Hall
Jan/Feb 2022	Dick Whittington	Village Hall
Spring 2022	My Fair Lady	Village Hall