

Hempstead Dramatic Society

Chairman's Report AGM 2010

This report highlights the activity of the year under review, July 2009 to June 2010.

Despite our best efforts, we were not able to put on a production in the current year. We planned to stage 'Nightmare', a thriller by Norman Robbins, as a Christmas production in December 2009. Finding a suitable cast did not prove to be a problem on this occasion, what did prove to be a problem however, was finding a suitable production team. Those approached were not able to commit to the planned production date and a decision was made to move the production into the New Year. Once again, a date could not be set and a date in May was mooted with cast and production team alike. Regretfully, some members of the cast were not able to make this date, and a committee decision was taken to shelve the production. Rehearsals had progressed to quite an advanced stage when this decision was made. Disappointment amongst cast and committee was tangible, and this was especially felt by those who were new to our stage and doing so well.

As I write, the Society finds itself in much the same situation as it did three years ago, in that we do not have sufficient numbers of interested people to successfully stage productions. Many of those who have been active in the past have moved on, many more have other commitments and in some cases, some have simply retired. And sadly, we are not seeing these folk being replaced as they leave us.

If that were not enough, three key members of the current committee are not standing for re-election this year, meaning that others will have to take up these roles if the Society is to continue.

It is my earnest hope then that the appeal that was made in the May Newsletter and the summer edition of the AMBO magazine has been heeded, and that villagers will come forward and show their support for all the good things the Society stands for.

In the meantime, as retiring Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made such enormous contributions to our many successful productions over the years.

Alan Bywaters, Chairman.