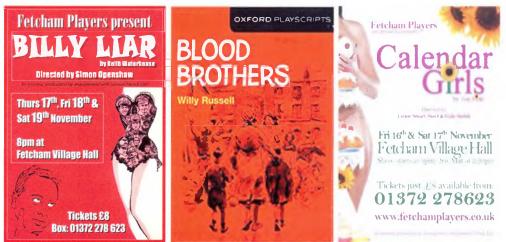
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FETCHAM PLAYERS



Fetcham Players originated in 1949, formed as the dramatic section of the Fetcham Social and Sports Club. The members decided two years later to branch out and manage their own affairs. Still in the post-war austerity era, make-do-and-mend was the order of the day. With little in the way of scenery, audiences were presented at first with a series of box sets lit by simple floodlights and spotlights. It took some years before real improvements could be made, enabling the Players to reach the standards of today.

The Fetcham Players, based at the Fetcham Village Hall, seek to mount a programme of three productions a year, each open to the public for three nights and a matinee. These take the form of music productions and straight plays, an attempt is made

to achieve a balance between new writings and older well-established favourites. Performances in the past have included Billy Liar (2011), Calendar Girls (2012) and more recently, Blood Brothers (2017) Most of the casts are drawn from Fetcham itself; though some come from further afield, a close rapport has been established with other nearby amateur groups. In addition to formal productions, other activities include play-readings and extracts made from fringe theatre sources. Younger members are given opportunities to gain experience at acting and producing.

For more current information, visit

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