

Drama club battle against apathy

WIMBORNE'S Jubilee celebrations ball was started rolling by the Drama Club who put on Noel Coward's celebrated comedy *Hay Fever*, at the Allendale Centre.

The club are very conscious about keeping theatre alive in the town and deserve far better attendances than they get with only just over 50 people attending the opening night.

But each year they battle on valiantly against the apathy in the town and next year which is their 50th anniversary they aim to celebrate in style.

There were insufficient members of the club to put on their usual March pro-

duction and plans for a play then had to be reluctantly postponed. But this was followed by a great membership drive and four of the new recruits were drafted into *Hay Fever* one of them, Pearl Roberts, taking the lead.

Apart from a couple of prompts, her performance was excellent and she will prove a valuable member for the club in the future.

Michael Waring and Joan Drew, who only had comparatively minor roles, were also very good in their 1920s roles and the show as a whole deserves maximum praise.

Thelma Dryden once again produced the show while the other members of the cast were Jane Sherwill, David Green, Ray Grenville, Arthur Brooks, Elizabeth Knight and John Anthony. **ACG**