

# Sodbury Players Newsletter



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## The Admirable Crichton

Well done to everybody that was involved in our Spring production. Well done Rob for your first major production. I think you will agree that Rob & his team pulled it off. So much so that he is itching to get started on a pantomime for 2006.

On a more serious note we would like to point out that there were only 2 members of the huge cast helping at the get out on Sunday which went on until mid afternoon. If we had a little more support then we could all finish at lunchtime.

## Treasure Hunt

This year's treasure hunt is being organised by Stephen & Debbie who just scraped through to the winning post last time. Once again Rob & Diane have very kindly agreed to host the final stage & BBQ so don't forget to bring your swimming things and sports kit.

The details are still being finalised but we hope to start earlier this year at about 11am so that we can finish earlier. The hunt will start from outside Stephen & Debbie's house in Horse Street.

## Chipping Sodbury Festival

As part of Chipping Sodbury Festival this year the group are performing an evening of drama on Saturday 11th June, 7.30pm at the Town Hall. Tickets are £6 and can be purchased from the Tourist Information and Farrago.

The evening will consist of Mark Seaman's One Act play entry "Leaving Tommy" that won several awards. This will be followed by Steve Mercer

reading one of Alan Bennett's monologues and finally the SPYS will be performing several sketches.

## AGM

The AGM this year is on Tuesday 28th June, 7.30pm prompt at Ridgewood. Siân will be sending out details and nomination forms very shortly.

## SPYS One Act

Congratulations to the SPYS for reaching the regional final of the One Act Play Festival that was held in Frome on 24th April. Although they did not win the performance was excellent. Well done. Here is a photo with their winner's trophy from Backwell.



## Camers Garden open day

We are organising, thanks to Gerry, an evening at Camers Gardens in Old Sodbury for our Patrons & members. This is on Friday 8th July

starting from 6.30pm until dusk. Drinks & nibbles will be available and the cost is £5 of which £3 is a donation to the National Gardens Scheme. If you would like to come to this then tickets will be available from Stephen shortly.

## Supporting the Actonians

Many thanks to Lin Bowden for organising a trip out in May to see the Actonians present the farce "Run For Your Wife" by Ray Cooney. The group made us very welcome and even reserved a row of seats for us as well as announcing our forthcoming play. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

## Future Productions

Steve Mercer has offered to produce our Autumn production and is busy reading a few plays with a view to having something to audition at the end of next week.

Rob Creer has offered to produce our pantomime in 2006 and James Murden will assist him.

Steve Mercer has offered to produce his original one act next year about Wilfred Owen. This play has a small cast of 4 so if anybody else would like to produce for the one act could they mention it to a member of committee. Maggie says that the SPYS will also be entering the 2006 One Act Festival.

Diane Owen has offered to produce our Spring production in 2006 and has a few ideas in mind.

We are always on the lookout for plays to read and producers to produce them. After the Autumn production has been chosen the play reading evenings will restart. Please bring any play suggestions to a member of committee.

## Booze, Bungee and Blackleg

Steve Mercer has just informed us that his farce "Booze, Bungee and Blackleg" has been shortlisted out of 79 entries of this year's Scottish Community Full-Length Playwriting Contest. Congratulations Steve and fingers crossed.

## Dinner Dance

This year's Dinner Dance has been booked for Saturday 3rd December at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club. We have also booked Nick Gill's band who played for us last year. As well as the standard Christmas menu we have asked the chef to offer slightly more choices this year which he is happy to do. Watch this space.

## Bradley Stoke Rotary Ball

We have been asked by Bradley Stoke Rotary Club if anybody would like to go to their Summer Ball being held at the Aztec Hotel on 24th September. Tickets cost £30 which includes a 3 course meal, disco & band. For further information contact Rob Creer on 07929 963066.

## E-Letter

For a couple of years I have been producing an electronic newsletter every couple of months. If you don't receive this then visit <http://www.sodburyplayers.org.uk/html/mailling.html> and enter your e-mail address.

## Dates for Diary

11 June ~ Sodbury Festival Show @ 7.30pm

14 June ~ Ridgewood user group meeting @ 7.30pm

26 June ~ Treasure Hunt @ 1100am

28 June ~ AGM, Ridgewood @ 7.30pm

8 July ~ Camers' Garden evening @ 6.30pm

16 July ~ Tsunami fund raising @ Town Hall

7-10 Sept ~ Autumn Production

24 Sept ~ Bradley Stoke Rotary Summer Ball

2 Dec ~ Chipping Sodbury Victorian Evening

3 Dec ~ Dinner Dance @ Golf Club