

# Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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## Play Reading Evenings

We have booked the West Room for the Tuesday nights of 26th July, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30th August from 7.30pm so that we can start the play readings again. We're not looking for plays to produce, just plays to read. Siân is taking the lead on this and has some suggestions by Carol Churchill, Alan Bennett and others. The actual order will depend upon the availability of scripts. We would welcome any of the SPYS along to these readings. If you have anything you would like to read then please let Siân know.

## Hut Tidying Morning

The huts in Horse Street are a bit of a mess at the moment due to stuff being put in there quickly after the last get-out.

We need to tidy these now so that we can start work on the set for the next production. We have scheduled next Sunday morning (31st July) for this between 10am & 1pm. This event is open to everyone, actors & crew alike. We hope to make it to a pub for a bite to eat afterwards.

## Set Building

Phil Lovell has set a schedule for the set building sessions at the huts. These will be every Tuesday evening between now and the play, and Sundays Aug 6, 20 & 27. The set will be moved into the Town Hall on Thursday 1st Sept at 6.30pm. Finally, all day Sunday 4th Sept. @ Town Hall. There may be some additional set building on the Monday 5th before the technical rehearsal.

## Camers' Garden



We had a fantastic evening at the gardens with 50 people enjoying the beautiful weather and the food organised by Annette & Norma. Many thanks to all involved and of course to Gerry for hosting the event.



## Raft Race

After much coercion from Phil Lovell, Annette Crump agreed to arrange an entry for the Portishead Raft Race. The motley crew consisting of Steve Crump, Rob Creer, Lin Bowden, James Murden, Chrissie Bassett and Will Wrighton only had the Saturday before to design, build and prepare for the daunting challenge of a life on the ocean waves (Well



Portishead boating lake). The Team decided to go with a tropical theme so the girls were decked out in bikinis and grass skirts while the boys wore Hawaiian shirts that would have made Magnum PI jealous. On the day of the great race we found that we had a major problem to overcome - the raft didn't float! After a hasty redesign by Steve Crump and some assistance from Lin's husband Tim and Chrissie's Dad we were ready to sail. Unfortunately we came in with a miserable time of 13 minutes 13 seconds taking last place! However all involved had tremendous fun and enjoyed an excellent crazy adventure. (Rob Creer)

## Roy Whitlow

As many will know Roy has recently undergone major heart surgery. He is now recovering well at home. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Take it easy Roy!

## Current Production

The Patrons have just been given their advanced booking notification for the Autumn production

with the cut-off date of 5th August and the mailing list will be going out next week.

However, we are looking for all members to sell as many tickets as possible to friends & family. As usual, the box office number is 0845 1260859 being run by Stephen Bashford.

## SPYS

The SPYS have broken up for the summer and will be restarting in September. As already mentioned we will be running the play reading evenings over the summer and they are welcome to join in. Congratulations to all those that were involved in the school production of Grease which was fantastic.

## Backstage Help

We are always on the look out for new members but currently we could really use people who are willing to help out with back stage work such as set building, crew, props and other hands-on technical roles. As some of you will already know Tim Hunter is not going to be around for the 2006 pantomime and we are looking for anyone that has an interest in lighting to help.

## Social Events

Our new Social Secretary Annette Crump has a list of ideas for future events. However, if any member has any suggestions then please contact Annette to add it to her list.

## Membership

Just a reminder that membership subscriptions are now due. Please see Steve Crump.

## Dates for Diary

- 25 July ~ Play readings restart
- 31 July ~ Hut tidying session
- 10 Aug ~ Jacob Hardwick's 1st birthday
- 7-10 Sept ~ Autumn Production
- 24 Sept ~ Bradley Stoke Rotary Summer Ball
- 2 Dec ~ Chipping Sodbury Victorian Evening
- 3 Dec ~ Dinner Dance @ Golf Club