

Sodbury Players Newsletter



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Treasure Hunt

This year's treasure hunt on 26th June was blessed with good weather. The early start time left us plenty of opportunity for swimming, tennis and rounding the afternoon off with croquet. Many thanks to Rob who cooked on the BBQ and of course to Rob & Diane for allowing us to borrow their garden for the afternoon.



Ask Maggie about the sunburn!

The hunt started from Stephen & Debbie's and involved driving to 3 local villages and answering 26 questions. When reaching the end the 'biscuit quiz' had to be answered which consisted of identifying 15 different makes of biscuit.

The scores were very close with just 3 points separating the top 4 teams. The actual winners were Norma & Mark who have the pleasure of setting next years hunt.

I'm afraid I don't have all the scores as the wind gusted and they ended up in the swimming pool:-)

Many thanks to all that attended.



Simon & Lisa showing us how it's done

Chipping Sodbury Festival

The drama evening as part of Chipping Sodbury Festival went down very well. Thanks to Mark Seaman and his cast, Steve Mercer, and Maggie with the SPYS. The evening was a success and we had to put more chairs than expected as quite a few tickets were sold on the door. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to other members who ran the Front of House.

AGM

The AGM was held on Tuesday 28th June.

The new Committee elected were:

Chairman—Mark Graves

Vice-Chairman—Norma Graves

Treasurer—Steve Crump (co-opted)

Secretary—Siân Butler

Patrons' Secretary—Stephen Bashford

Social Secretary—Annette Crump

Publicity—Rob Creer

SPYS Leader—Maggie Allsopp (co-opted)

The 3 other Committee members are Lin Bowden, Mel Fox & Kathy Lowe.

Congratulations to Maggie Allsopp for winning the Barry Ward Rose Bowl for last season.

It was mentioned that Phil has been putting in an exceptional amount of time & effort into set building and stage management over the past year. More help is required to assist with building the sets both at the GVC huts and at the Town Hall. If you have any spare time the please see Phil or a member of Committee.

A reminder to everyone that subscriptions for the 2005/2006 season are now due. Steve will be happy to receive your money ASAP.

Camers Garden open day

The final stages are being sorted out for the Patrons' open evening at Camers Gardens in Old Sodbury on Friday 8th July. There are still some tickets available so see me before Thursday 7th.

Current Production

Steve Mercer has now cast his production of "Booze, Bungee, Boris & Blackleg" and is busy rehearsing on Tuesdays & Thursdays. He is being assisted by Margaret Ward. Some of the backstage roles have been filled but if you are able to help in any way please see Steve or a member of Committee. This play has been written by Steve and has been shortlisted out of 79 entries for this year's Scottish Community Full-Length Playwriting Contest as mentioned in the last newsletter.

Cast

Harry Pendunnet : Stan Ward

Blackleg Skillington : Rob Creer

Minnie Pendunnet : Norma Graves

Frances Shaunt : Lin Bowden

Tracy Trimble : Chrissie Bassett

Boris Bugarov : George Kousouros

Julian Winsnip : Duncan Collins

Pierre Royan : Andrew Stubbs

Juliette Royan : Mel Fox

Philippa Stiles : Kathy Lowe

Candida Farquar : Jackie Coventry

Sister Angelina : Maria Mallon

Sister Angelina : Ross Brown

Photographer : ?

Backstage crew

Stage Manager : Phil Lovell

Asst. Stage Manager :

Set Design : Phil Lovell

Set Construction : Phil Lovell

Lights : Tim Hunter

Sound : Stephen Bashford

Costumes : Megan Neate, Brenda Allen

Props : Megan Neate, Roy Whitlow

Prompt : Margaret Ward

Box Office : Stephen Bashford

Front of House : Diane Owen & members

Tsunami Boat Appeal

Rob Creer is working with a few members to produce some short excerpts from Midsummer Nights Dream as part of the Tsunami fund raising event on 16th July at the Town Hall.

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.

Dates for Diary

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