

Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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Current Production

Tickets are now on sale for "Booze, Bungee & Blackleg". Sales are still a little slow but hopefully we'll sell some on the door. 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 and is being run by Stephen Bashford.

We will be up at the Town Hall all day Sunday 4th September. Don't forget that on the Sunday 11th we will need to get the set out and back to the huts in Horse Street. Many hands make light work so we're asking for help from all the cast not just the crew. Phil Lovell will advise the meeting time after the last show.

Annette has booked the new Italian in Rounceval Street for after the show on Friday night. More details to be posted on the notice board during the week. Several members of the group have already been there and the reports are favourable.

Mark & Norma have very kindly offered to host the after show party at their new house in Hawkesbury Upton. More details backstage on the notice board.

The Town Hall foyer has been totally redecorated and is now much brighter and cooler due to the new air conditioning. The main hall carpet has also been replaced and we have been asked not to carry out any painting in front of the stage.

Play Reading Evenings

Play readings are ongoing in West Room. We're not looking for directors or plays to produce, just to read. Please pass on any suggestions to

Siân or any Committee members. SPYS are welcome to come along and join in.

Hut Tidying Morning

Many thanks to all who turned up to tidy the huts in July. The morning was a great success and cleared a large space ready to paint backcloths. This was followed by an enjoyable lunch in the Squire.

We will need to organise a similar event for the cottage at Ridgewood but no date has been set at this time.

Membership

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

This season we will be stricter and nobody will be considered for a part in the pantomime unless subs are paid by the **first** pantomime reading.

We would also like to remind cast members that everybody is expected to pay for their script. This is usually £5 with any remainder being subsidised by the group.

On the brighter side, Annette has managed to secure a 10% discount for all members at Storm in Horse Street and Cotswold Vintners in the High Street upon production of membership cards. Steve Crump will be issuing these shortly.

SPYS

The SPYS have broken up for the summer and will be restarting Monday 5th September.

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.

Forthcoming Productions

Rob Creer has offered to produce "Babes in the Wood" in January next year. Readings start on Thursday 15th September.

Diane Owen has offered to produce "The Curious Savage" in Spring 2006.

The 2006 One Act entry for Sodbury Players will be "Wilfred & Len" written by Steve Mercer. The SPYS will be entering "All the World's a Stage" Don't forget that this year, our 60th anniversary, we will be hosting the first round of the Avon One Act festival in the Town Hall. We intend to organise new polo shirts before this time but details are still to be finalised.

Children in Need

A evening is being organised at Ridgewood to raise money for Children in Need (14-18 Nov). If anybody is interested on putting on a few sketches please contact Annette.

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.

Several members are planning to attend the Summer Ball @ Aztec Hotel on 24th September. Tickets are £30 for the meal/disco/band. Please see Rob Creer for further details.

Rob & Diane have kindly offered to host a bonfire party this year. People will be expected to bring their own drinks but food will covered by the ticket price.

The Golf Club have offered us a more varied

menu for this year's dinner dance. The cost will be £20 per head and is on 3rd December. More details will follow in a future newsletter,.

14 Peaks Charity Walk

As most of you know my charity walk for Diabetes UK is coming up very shortly on 14-18th September. I would like to thank everybody that has sponsored me so far, I have raised just over £1,000. I still have my form with me if you would like to help.

Dates for Diary

5 Sept ~ SPYS restart

7-10 Sept ~ Autumn Production

15 Sept ~ Pantomime readings start

23/24 Sept ~ Chipping Sodbury Mop Fair

24 Sept ~ Bradley Stoke Rotary Summer Ball

5 Nov ~ Bonfire Party

14-18 Nov ~ Children in Need evening (see Annette)

2 Dec ~ Chipping Sodbury Victorian Evening

3 Dec ~ Dinner Dance @ Golf Club

14-21 Jan ~ Babes in the Wood

10-13 May ~ The Curious Savage

Future Committee dates will be published on the notice board so that anybody with any issues can contact a Committee member to raise it at the next meeting.