

Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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Pantomime

Rob & James have now cast the main parts for Babes in the Wood. The chorus and some of the technical roles are still vacant. Please see Rob or James if you are able to help in any way.

Robin Hood : Jacqui Coventry
Maid Marion : Michelle Harries
The Good Fairy : Diane Owen
Nurse Molly : Simon Woollaston
Dangerous Dave : Richard Cottle
Sheriff Nottingham : Steve Crump
The Babes: Pip : Amy S, & Penny : Megan Neate
Block : Lin Bowden
Tackle : Grant McCotter
Little John : Jim Coventry
Friar Tuck : Andrew Stubbs
Will Scarlet : Kathy Lowe
Alana Dale : Emily Parr
Villagers, Guards, Creatures of the Forest and Merry Men: TBC

Producer & Director : Rob Creer
Co-producer : James Murden
Musical Director : Joy Cheverton
Stage Manager : Will Wrighton
Assistant Stage Manager : Phil Lovell
Assisted by : Paul Rotten, Maria Mallon, Mike, Debbie Bashford.
Sound Technician : Stephen Bashford
Lighting Director : Rob Owen
Lighting Designer : Tim Hunter
Followspot operators : TBC
Scenic Artist and Visual Design : Gerry Hunt
Costume & Wigs : Brenda Allen and Sian Butler

Props : TBC
Front of House Manager : TBC
Box Office : TBC

Panto Painting

Gerry is busy thinking of designs for the panto. He says that he will publish in the next newsletter a list of dates (probably Saturdays) when he will be at the huts painting. He would welcome any help, you don't have to be artistic.

Play Reading Evenings

Now that the panto has been cast, play readings should be starting 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.

Bonfire Party

The bonfire party has been organised for Saturday 5th November starting at 6.30pm. The fireworks will start at 7.00pm. The fireworks have already be bought so it will go ahead! The cost is £5 adults, £2 children. Hot food, lemonade & mulled wine will be provided but please bring anything you specifically want. This event is open to members and their families. We are also inviting the Patrons. Please see Annette for your tickets.

Cottage Tidying Morning

We are planning a small session on 18th October @ 7.30pm to clean up the cottage. If anybody is free to help.....

Membership

Just a reminder that 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. Mark Graves will be issuing these shortly.

SPYS

The SPYS are now involved in the pantomime. Maggie has now had her knee operation and is recovering at home. We wish her all the best and hope to see her soon. Hope she liked the card!! Annette & Mel are looking into organising a make-up workshop for SPYS. More details to follow.

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.

Forthcoming Productions

Diane Owen is producing "The Curious Savage" in Spring 2006. We are hoping to organise a voice workshop focusing on American accents on 24th Jan although this date still has to be confirmed.

One Act Hosting

For our 60th anniversary we are hosting the Avon One Act festival in the Town Hall. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help organise this event. Please note that the Swindon One Act dates clash with this week! The Cheltenham dates are not known at this time.

Social Events

The last after show meal was at La Passione and was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Annette for organising it. Thanks too to Mark & Norma for hosting the after show party in their new house.

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

I have now completed my charity walk for Diabetes UK and have so far raised just over £1,200. I have some photos on my own website: <http://www.highgen.com/misc/2005Peaks/index.html>



Dates for Diary

- 12 Oct ~ Next Committee meeting
- 17 Oct ~ Cottage tidying @ 7.30pm
- 5 Nov ~ Bonfire Party
- 2 Dec ~ Chipping Sodbury Victorian Evening
- 3 Dec ~ Dinner Dance @ Golf Club
- 14-21 Jan ~ Babes in the Wood
- 24 Jan ~ American voice workshop (TBC)
- 20-25 Feb ~ One Act hosting
- 23-25 Feb ~ Swindon One Act
- 10-13 May ~ The Curious Savage