

Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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One Act Successes

Congratulations to Steve Mercer and everybody involved with "Wilfred & Len". Following on from the awards collected at the Avon & Wiltshire festivals we managed to collect 6 more cups and 3 nominations at the Gloucestershire festival.

- Overall Festival Winner!
- Won Best in Gloucestershire
- Mel Fox won Best Actress
- Won Best Technical Achievement
- Won Best Director
- Won Best Original Play
- Duncan Collins nominated for Best Actor
- George Elphick nominated for Best Actor
- Mark Graves nominated for Best Supporting Actor

The SPYS put on an excellent performance in April for the regional final but sadly they did not win the award.

The Curious Savage



Well done to Diane and her cast & crew for our Spring production. Ticket numbers were down on previous years but the comments from the audiences were very good.

Thanks to Annette for organising the after show meal on the Friday and to Rob & Diane for hosting the after show party.

There was a good turn out for the Sunday morning get-out and Rob would like to pass on his thanks for all those who helped.

Hound of the Baskervilles

Roy Whitlow has now cast the September play:

Sherlock Holmes : Steve Crump

Dr John H. Watson : Mark Graves

Mrs Hudson : Mavis Davison

Dr James Mortimer : Simon Wollaston

Sir Henry Baskerville : Adam Medicroft

Cartright : TBA

John Barrymore : Stan Ward

Mrs Eliza Barrymore : Maggie Allsopp

Bet Perkins : Chrissie Bassett

Jack Stapleton : Rob Creer

Beryl Stapleton : Jacqui Ward

Mrs Agnes Mortimer : Marion Whitlow

Mrs Laura Lyons : Kathy Lowe

Stage Manager : Phil Lovell

Set Build Assistance : Ted Hughes & members

Scenic Design : Gerry Hunt

Prompt : Lin Bowden

Costumes : Siân Butler & Brenda Allen

Sound : Stephen Bashford

Lighting : Tim Hunter
Props : TBA
Film Unit : Rob Creer & Steve Mercer
Box Office : TBA
Front of House : TBA

If you are able to fill any of the empty roles then please contact Roy.

AGM

The AGM is on Tuesday 27th June at Ridgewood starting at 1930.

Please remember that membership fees are due at this time. The outgoing Committee is recommending no change to the membership fees so this should remain at £20 per adult member.

Forthcoming Productions

Norma Graves has located a new musical director (Joy is in Australia) and has agreed to produce Cinderella for our 2007 pantomime.

We are now looking for producers for the Spring production 2007. Remember if you are nervous about directing then there are several people that may be interested in co-directing to give that helping hand. Please contact a member of Committee if you are interested.

One Act 2007

We are also looking for a director for the 2007 One Act. Please contact a member of the Committee if you would like your chance at direction for the festival.

Will is 21....soon

Will Wrighton is just about to reach his 21st birthday. He would like us all to help him celebrate this on Friday 30th June at La Passione in Chipping Sodbury. Annette has kindly offered to organise this so please see her for more information.

Treasure Hunt

It's that time of year again when we drive

around the countryside looking for clues and finish with a BBQ. Rob & Diane have kindly offered the use of their garden & swimming pool on Saturday 1st July from about 1pm so all we need is the good weather.

Mark & Norma were last years winners so will be setting it this year. A poster will appear on the notice board with more details soon

Camer's Drama Evening

Gerry has kindly arranged for us to have the use of Camer's Garden in Old Sodbury on the evening of 5th August.

Rob Creer is producing an excerpt from Midsummer Night's Dream and the plan is to invite members and Patrons. More details to follow, look out for a poster on the notice board.

Ceilidh Evening

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations Annette has booked the Town Hall for Friday 1st September. A band has been booked. Keep an eye on the notice board for more information soon.

Box Office

Just a reminder that Sodbury Players have their own 0845 number for the box office, which does not change. It is 0845 1260859.

Dates for Diary

9-18 June ~ Chipping Sodbury Festival
25 June ~ C/S Classic Car Rally
27 June ~ AGM @ Ridgewood (1930 sharp)
30 June ~ Will Wrighton 21st birthday meal
1 July ~ Car Treasure Hunt
14-15 July ~ Chipping Sodbury Beer Festival
5 Aug. ~ Drama evening @ Camers, Old Sodbury
1 Sept. ~ Ceilidh Dance @ Town Hall (60th anniversary)
13-16 Sept. ~ Hound of the Baskervilles
15 Dec. ~ Dinner Dance