

Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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Hound of the Baskervilles

Many thanks to Roy and the cast and crew who managed to make this show a great success. Ticket numbers were up on our last play. Special thanks to Maria Mallon & Michael Knight who put in a lot of effort in the set building and painting and unfortunately were omitted from the programme. Thanks also to Paul Whittle for operating the video projection equipment each evening.

Thanks to everyone who helped on Sunday with the 'get-out' which must have been close to a record as we finished about lunchtime.

EGM—15th August

We held a brief EGM on Tuesday 15th August and Wendy Whittle was elected as our Vice Chairman. Congratulations Wendy!

Phil's 50th Birthday

On Friday 25th August we all descended on the Town Hall to wish Phil Lovell a happy 50th Birthday. Many thanks Phil for a great evening.

Chris Harris Workshop

We had an excellent turn out for the workshop on 30th October. Many thanks to everybody who came along and supported this event.

2007 Pantomime

Norma has now cast *Cinderella* our 2007 pantomime. There are still a few backstage positions to fill including Box Office & FOH.

Please see Norma if you are able to help in these areas.

This year we have decided (with agreement from the cast and crew) to put on an additional matinee on Sunday 14th January but not have a Monday performance. All 3 matinees will start at 2pm. We will also be opening on the Friday evening as we have done with the last few pantomimes. All evening performances are at the usual 7.30pm with the exception of the 1st Saturday at 6pm.

The Patrons have already been written to asking for their advance bookings and the mailing list will be sent out around the 5th November. After this time the bookings are open to everybody else.

Cast

Fairy Godmother : Siân Butler

Cinderella : Charlie Green

Buttons : James Murden

Baron Hardup : Duncan Collins

Gorgon (ugly sister) : Richard Cottle

Zola (the other ugly sister) : Julian Hinton

Dandini : Nicky Shipton

Prince Charming : Louise Drew

Snatchit (The Brokers Man) : Grant McCotter

Grabbit (The other Brokers Man) : Ross Brown

Major Domo : Charlie Graupner

Chorus of villagers & guests of Prince Charming : SPYS & members of Sodbury Players

Backstage crew

Stage Manager : Will Wrighton

Asst. Stage Manager : Phil Lovell

Set Construction : Will Wrighton, Phil Lovell, Rob Owen, Maria Mallon, Mike Knight

Scenic Artist : Gerry Hunt assisted by Maria Mallon

Musical Director : Charlie Dean

Lights : Tim Hunter & Rob Creer

Follow Spot : Rob Creer

Sound : Stephen Bashford

Special F/X : Debbie Bashford

Costumes : Brenda Allen, Gill Hughes, Annette Crump & Brenda ?

Props : Roy & Marion Whitlow +

Prompt : Chrissie Bassett

Box Office : Vacant

Front of House : Vacant

Yate Publicity

This year we have been asked by Yate Shopping Centre if we will take part in the Christmas festival parade in costume. After this we will be able to hand out flyers and they will put up our banner to advertise the pantomime. This is on the Thursday 30th November, more details to follow. There is no Victorian evening this year in Chipping Sodbury so we need to use this event as one of our major sources of promotion.

Bonfire Party

Rob & Diane have kindly agreed to host our bonfire party on Saturday 4th November. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and the fireworks will start at 7.00pm. The fireworks have already been ordered so this event will go ahead. In fact the firework packs have been increased for the same money. The cost is the same as last year, £5 for adults and £2 for small children. Hot food will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Annette will be round to sell tickets and provide more information. We will be looking for people to help build the bonfire on the Saturday so please see Stephen or Annette if you are able to help.

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.

The Swindon One Act dates have been published but we are still unsure of the Avon dates. However, the Avon festival will be at the Blakehay Theatre, Weston-super-Mare.

SPYS

Maggie & Mel are busy working on the SPYS One Act festival entry, "Dickens' Children" by Nick Warburton.

Dinner Dance

This year's Dinner Dance is on Friday 15th December at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club. By request of the membership we are having a disco this year. We have also managed to get a bar extension until 1am. More details, menus & costs to follow.

Newsletter by E-Mail

In order to cut down on postage I would like to use e-mail to notify members of the availability of each newsletter. I often put the newsletter on the website in PDF format before I get around to printing and handing it out. If you don't already receive notification of newsletters by e-mail can you let me have your e-mail address. Stephen@sodburyplayers.org.uk to that I don't have to print so many copies.

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

25 Oct ~ Next Committee meeting

3 Nov ~ Patron's ticket cut-off date

4 Nov ~ Bonfire Party @ 6.30pm

30 Nov ~ Yate event @ 6pm

15 Dec. ~ Dinner Dance

12-20 Jan ~ Cinderella

18 Feb ~ Swindon One Act Technical

22-24 Feb ~ Swindon One Act @ 7.15pm