

Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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2007 Pantomime

Ticket sales are going well with the Friday 19th evening & Saturday 20th matinee nearly sold out. There are a few tickets left for the final Saturday night and the Sunday matinee. We still have plenty of tickets for the midweek shows. Wendy Whittle can be contacted on 0845 1260859 for tickets.

Wendy will be selling tickets at the Sodbury Farmer's Market with assistance from Lin on Thursday 21st from 9am.

Annette is planning to organise another trip to La Passione on Sat 13th after the early evening show.

Yate Publicity

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the



parade in Yate Shopping Centre. There are some photos on the website on the Cinderella page.

One Act 2007

Rob Creer has offered to direct the 2007 One Act, "Is There Anybody There?" by Lee Flewitt.

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. The bar will be open from 7.30pm and we have a bar extension until 1am. The food will be served at 8pm prompt. Please note that the main bar area is no-smoking but we are permitted to use the smaller member's bar for smoking only then returning to our main room.

Spring 2007

The Spring production is "Look Back in Anger" by John Osbourne and is being produced by Mark Seaman. The production dates are 16th-19th May 2007.

Autumn 2007

The September production is "Bone Chiller" by Monk Ferris which is a comedy/farce with 5 men & 8 women. It's being produced by Maggie & Sian. The production dates are 12th-15th September 2007.

Play Readings

Steve Crump is busy reading plays to put forward for play reading evenings. Steve has prepared some details which he has pinned up on the Player's notice board at Ridgewood. These include:

- "Bone Chiller" by Monk Ferris
- "Absent Friends" by Alan Ayckbourn
- "Beyond a Joke" by Derek Benfield
- "Is There Anybody There?" By Lee Flewitt
- "The Late Mrs Early" by Norman Robbins

Make-up Course

It is with thanks to Mel Fox that Chrissie Bassett was able to attend a "Demons & Dames" pantomime workshop on 25/11/06 at Bristol University. It is here that she learnt exactly how the pro's apply their make-up for that dramatic pantomime effect.

She spent the whole day learning everything from the health & safety aspect of Pantomime make-up, (yes there really are health & safety issues), all the way through to creating Tommy the cat, King Rat, good & evil dames, devils, witches & several other regular pantomime characters. She spent a lot of the time covered in stage make-up & face paint, going through the designs of particular characters, choosing colours & brushes & finding out how the people doing the make up should work very closely with the people creating the wardrobe & even finding out what type of light is going to be used, because as she was told "the older the light the more makeup you require". She enjoyed every minute of it, and she has learnt a lot about how different pantomime make-up can actually be from regular stage make-up & just how much things have changed for a pantomime stage over the years. Needless to say that should anyone want any tips for the forthcoming pantomime she will be happy to pass on what she has learnt.

New Year's Eve Party

Stephen & Debbie are hosting a party on New Year's Eve for all members and partners. Please can you let us know nearer the time if you are coming.

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 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 at stephen@sodburyplayers.org.uk so 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. Wendy Whittle is the Box Office for the pantomime.

Dates for Diary

2006

- 15 Dec. ~ Dinner Dance
- 20 Dec. ~ Committee Meeting
- 21 Dec. ~ Sodbury Farmer's Market
- 31 Dec. ~ New Year's Eve Party

2007

- 12-20 Jan. ~ Cinderella
- 18 Feb. ~ Swindon One Act Technical
- 18 Feb. ~ Avon One Act Technical
- 21-24 Feb. ~ Avon One Act @ 7.30pm
- 22-24 Feb. ~ Swindon One Act @ 7.15pm
- 4 Mar. ~ Cheltenham One Act Technical
- 5-10 Mar. ~ Cheltenham One Act
- 16-19 May ~ Spring Production
- 12-15 Sept. ~ Autumn Production