

Sodbury Players

Newsletter

June 2008

'Allo 'Allo

Congratulations to all involved in our May production of 'Allo 'Allo. The show was a great success with nearly 950 people coming to see us and we have had some wonderful comments from our audiences saying how much they enjoyed the show.



Picture by Louise Drew

Billy Liar

Our autumn production this year is Billy Liar which is being directed by Nicky Shipton. Rehearsals are now well under way and the cast and crew are as follows:

Billy Fisher : Grant McCotter
Arthur Crabtree: Richard Browne
Barbara: Chrissie Bassett
Rita: Sarah Dean
Liz: Katie Salt
Geoffrey Fisher: Steve Crump
Alice Fisher: Lin Bowden
Florence Boothroyd: Mavis Davison

Stage Manager : Pete Williamson
Asst. Stage Manager : Phil Lovell
Lights : Julian Hinton, Tim Hunter, Rachel Worley
Sound : Stephen Bashford
Props : Martin Edgar, Debbie Bashford & Will Wrighton
Prompt : Richard Cottle
Box Office : Jill Hughes

Nicky would like to thank everyone who worked so hard during auditions.

AGM

If you are a paid up member of Sodbury Players you should have now received your invitation to the Sodbury Players AGM, which is being held at the Ridgewood Centre on the 24th of May at 7.30pm.

If you have not received your paperwork please contact Jill Hughes on 0845 1260859.

If you are interested in standing for a position on Committee please speak to one of the current officers for information about what the role entails.

Each year we vote for whom we feel has made a great contribution to Sodbury Players over the last season and present them with The Barry Ward Rose Bowl. Please give some thought to who you would like this award to go too.

Horse Street Huts

Due to an issue regarding the security and use of the Horse Street Huts, the Committee have regretfully taken the action of installing extra locks on the huts and changing the lock on the gate. There are currently 6 sets of keys for the new locks and are being held by the following:

Chairman – Rob Creer
Committee Member – Will Wrighton
SPYS Leader – Maggie Allsopp
Neighbour & Players Member - Stephen Bashford
Stage Managers Set – To be issued
Property Owner – Towns Land Trust

Further keys will be issued on the agreement of the Committee.

We want members to understand that this action has been taken in the interests of the whole group and also to help safeguard our future use of the huts.

Please can everyone be aware that there is a responsibility in having keys to access premises we use. If you hold any keys to the huts, costume room, props room or the Ridgewood please let the Chairman know so the Committee can track what keys are in circulation and who has them.

Sodbury Festival

The SPYS and SPYA will be performing "Dickens' Children" and "Curses, Foiled Again!" on 19th June @ 7.30pm in Chipping Sodbury Town Hall as part of the Sodbury Festival week. The evening also includes a performance by Sodbury Vale Musical Comedy club. Please try and get a long to watch an excellent evening's entertainment!

Treasure Hunt & Fun Day

The date of the treasure hunt and fun day has been set for Saturday 28th June, kindly hosted by Rob and Diane Owen at the Barley Mow in Hawkesbury Upton. After consultation with the membership it has been agreed that we will have a scaled down treasure hunt starting at 2pm and several events in the paddock (panto dame 3 legged race anyone?) with a BBQ. Please look out for posters with details of events and ticket price.

Wind in the Willows @ Camers

Our open air production, which is excerpts from "Wind in the Willows", will be held at Camers in Old Sodbury on 1st & 2nd of August. Phil has now completed his auditions and can confirm the cast and crew as follows:

Toad : Rob Creer
Badger : Andrew Stubbs
Rat : Lucy Loader
Mole : Lucy Amos
Albert : Annette Crump
Narrator : Steve Crump
Chief Weasel : Bryony Ward
Washer Woman : Maria Mallon
Stoat Gerald : Maria Mallon
Jailor's Daughter : Sammy Ball
Stoat Fred : Sammy Ball
Weasel Norman : Kayleigh Rose
Rabbits, Squirrels and Hedgehogs : SPYS

Stage Manager : Phil Lovell
Sound : Stephen Bashford
Costumes : Maria Mallon & Jill Hughes
Props : Annette Crump
Prompt : TBA

Tickets will be £5 and the gardens will be open from 6pm.

London Trip

Annette Crump is looking to organise a coach trip to London for a shopping and a show day. The plan would be that we would all travel up by coach, but what you do when you get there will be entirely down to you. The Coach would then look to leave London at 10.30pm.

Please speak to Annette if you are interested.

Isle of Man Festival

In the next week we should hear if 'A Life Sentence', written and directed by Mark Seaman, has been selected to be performed at the prestigious Isle of Man Festival. Fingers crossed!

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SPYS LEADERS WANTED!

If you feel you have what it takes to develop the excellent talent we have in the SPYS please speak to any member of Committee to find out more about this rewarding role in our drama group.

Diary

19th June – Curses, Foiled Again! & Dickens' Children @ Chipping Sodbury Town Hall 7.30pm

24th June – AGM @ Ridgewood Community Centre 7.30pm

28th June – Treasure Hunt & Fun Day 2pm @ The Barley Mow, Hawkesbury Upton

11th & 12th July - Chipping Sodbury Beer Festival @ Chipping Sodbury Rugby Club

1st & 2nd August – Wind in the Willows @ Camers, Old Sodbury

10th to 13th September – Billy Liar @ Chipping Sodbury Town Hall