

# Sodbury Players' Newsletter

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## Billy Liar

Rehearsals are well under way for our autumn production, the comedy Billy Liar which is being directed by Nicky Shipton.

Tickets are on sale from the Box Office being run by Jill Hughes on 0845 1260859.

We will be moving the set into the Town Hall from the Horse Street huts on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September from about 6pm. If you're able to help then please let Pete Williamson know on 07712 874309.

The after show meal will be at the Mughal Balti (above The George) on the Friday night. Debbie will be posting more details during the week of the show.

## A Life Sentence

Congratulation to the team who travelled to the Isle of Man in July to perform the 2008 One Act



Play written by Mark Seaman, The competition was tough and both the play and Siân's performance were nominated for the Adjudicators Award.

## Wind in the Willows

Phil Lovell and the cast/crew put on two excellent



performances of Wind in the Willows at Camers in Old Sodbury on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Despite the pouring rain on Friday the play went ahead and was watched by over 50 people. Well over 100 people enjoyed a picnic in the gardens followed by the play.

## AGM

The AGM was held on Tuesday 24th June. The new Committee for the 2008/2009 season are:

Chairman : Rob Creer

Vice-Chairman : Wendy Whittle

Secretary : Jill Hughes

Treasurer : Mark Graves

Public Relations : Chrissie Bassett

Patrons' Secretary : Stephen Bashford  
Social Secretary : Debbie Bashford  
SPYS : Lin Bowden (standing in)  
Committee 1 : Lin Bowden  
Committee 2 : Andrew Stubbs  
Committee 3 : Will Wrighton

## Membership Fees

Membership fees are due at the AGM and Jill Hughes will has forms available. If you are not a member then you are not eligible to be cast for any of the productions. Please hand your completed forms and payment to the Treasurer Mark Graves.

## Bonfire Party

Rob & Diane have once again agreed to let us organise a bonfire party in their garden. This will be on Saturday 8th November, more details to follow.

## Pantomime 2009

Rob Creer & Bryony Ward are producing the 2009 panto of Treasure Island written by Ted Hughes. Readings for this will be after Billy Liar so keep your eyes peeled for an announcement on the notice board at Ridgewood.

## Spring 2009

Roy Whitlow has offered to produce "Daisy Pulls it Off" as our Spring 2009 production. This play has a large cast of 14 women and 5 men.

## One Act 2009

We are always on the look out for Directors for future productions. We currently have no offers for directing the One Acts for 2009. If you would like to direct on your own or jointly then please let a member of Committee know.

## Rose Bowl Nominations

Congratulations to the group for two nominations for the 2008 Rose Bowl Awards. Dick Whittington has been nominated for the

"Bristol Hippodrome Award for Best Variety/Revue/Panto". 'Allo 'Allo has been nominated for the "Stage Electrics Award for Technical Achievement - Backstage and Lighting Teams".

The awards ceremony is on October 19th at the Winter Gardens in Weston-super-Mare. Tickets are £21 including a hot supper. For further details please contact Jill Hughes on 01454 852218.

## Income & Expenses

Please can any member receiving income for the group or with expense claims please ensure that they are handed to the Treasurer in a timely manner. This ensures that the figures get entered into the correct accounts.

## Smoking at Ridgewood

The Ridgewood Committee have requested that the members of the group who smoke at Ridgewood contribute towards the cost of a smoking bin fixed to the wall (like at the Town Hall). Rob Creer will be getting estimates for this and speaking to smokers.

## SPYS

The SPYS have broken up for the summer and will restart in mid September. Lin Bowden will be coordinating the SPYS leadership assisted by Kayleigh & Maria.

## 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

10-13 Sept. ~ Autumn Production  
Sunday 19 Oct. ~ Rose Bowl award ceremony (Weston-s-Mare)  
Saturday 8 Nov. ~ Bonfire Party  
Saturday 13 Dec. ~ Dinner Dance  
16-24 Jan. ~ Treasure Island