

# Sodbury Players Newsletter



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## Annual General Meeting

At the AGM on 23 June the following new committee was elected:

Chairman	Stephen Bashford
Vice Chairman	Julian Hinton
Secretary	Diane Owen
Public Relations	Orion Abbot-Davies
Patrons Sec.	Wendy Whittle
Social Sec.	Debbie Bashford
Member	Andrew Stubbs
Member	Will Wrighton
Member	Robert Owen

Following the AGM Mark Graves was co-opted as treasurer and Lin Bowden as Youth Group Leader. Congratulations to Will Wrighton for being awarded the Barry Ward Rose Bowl award for his contribution to Sodbury Players over the last year.

## Don't Dress for Dinner

Rehearsals are now well underway for our autumn production "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti (9-12 Sep).

The cast is:

Bernard	Rob Creer
Jacqueline	Nicky Shipton
Robert	Grant McCotter
Suzanne	Sarah Dean
Suzette	Katie Salt
George	Richard Cottle

The backstage crew are:

Director	Pete Williamson
Assistant Director	Andrew Stubbs
Stage Manager	Phil Lovell
Lights	Robert Owen
Sound	Julian Hinton
Costumes	Lin Bowden

Properties  
Prompt  
Box Office  
Front-of-House

Lin Bowden  
Andrew Stubbs  
Orion Abbot-Davies  
Diane Owen

## Alice in Wonderland

Rehearsals are on-going for our summer outdoor production "Alice in Wonderland" adapted by Ted Hughes and directed by Phil Lovell. Performances are on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th August at Camers in Old Sodbury. Tickets are available from Gerry Hunt on 01454 317057. Come and enjoy the entertainment in the wonderful setting of Camers gardens - not to be missed.

## Treasure Hunt

Our annual treasure hunt was held on Saturday 4th July. The weather was kind and a great time was had by all:



The winners this year were "Team, Team" and "The Red Rattlers" (the Spys team) were the losers and have the privilege of setting next years hunt! Thanks to all who made this a great

## Dinner Dance

Our annual dinner dance will be held on 12 December at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club - please get it in your diaries now so you are not disappointed.

## Membership Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are now overdue (£20 adults, £5 juniors). Please pay up as soon as possible to keep Mark, our Treasurer happy!

## A PRIME opportunity for a future outing?

A production of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" by Jay Preston Allen, adapted from the novel by Muriel Spark is being staged at the Mission Theatre in Bath from Tuesday 27th October to Saturday 31st October. Performances are at 7.30 pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 pm. Tickets cost £9 (concessions £7). If there is sufficient interest we could organise a group trip. Names if you are interested to Debbie Bashford within the next two weeks

## Plays go to print after premiers by Sodbury Players

Congratulations to Mark Seaman who has just heard that two of his one act plays, "Leaving Tommy" and "A Life Sentence", are to be published. Both plays were performed by Sodbury Players at One Act Festivals and met with much success. It's possible the group will get a mention in the publishing detail. Well Done to Mark!

## Storage of Props and Costumes

Many of our members have spent much time over the last few weeks clearing our props and costumes from the Cottage at Ridgewood. There is still more clearing to do at the Horse St. huts which is likely to involve significant expense in hiring a skip to dispose of unwanted items. Many of these have been "kindly" donated by members thinking that they may be useful to the group but not appreciating the implications of storage. **In order to avoid a further build-up of similar items the committee would like to request that if anyone is considering donating furniture, costumes, or props to the group please check with a member of committee in advance that the item is required by the group and that we have adequate storage capacity.** (NB. we found ~7 typewriters in the clear-out!)

## Diary Dates

### 2009

7-8 Aug	Alice in Wonderland (Camers)
5-6 Sep	NODA SW Conference Weekend (see Diane for details)
9-12 Sep	Don't dress for dinner
12 Dec	Dinner Dance

### 2010

15-23 Jan	Jack and the Beanstalk
19-22 May	Pygmalion