

# Godbury Players Newsletter



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## Jack and the Beanstalk: Panto 2010

Our 2010 pantomime is now in full swing and we have had excellent feedback from the audiences so far. Instead of the traditional second dress rehearsal, we did an additional show on the first Thursday for families with autistic children. This was much appreciated by the families involved. The rest of the performance dates are virtually sold out and we look forward to the rest of the run, hopefully without any difficulties such as snow and power cuts — both of which affected our preparations! It is a testament to the team spirit of everyone involved that these little difficulties did not stand in our way!



## Spring Play 2010: Pygmalion

Preparations for our next production will start in earnest straight after the pantomime. A reminder of the cast list is given below. See the December newsletter for fuller details and please note that the ages are those of the characters, not the actors.

**Clara Eynsford Hill** Female About 18 - 20 years  
**Mrs Eynsford Hill** Female 40 – 50 years  
**Bystander** Male or female 20 – 50 years  
**Freddy Eynsford Hill** Male Early twenties  
**Eliza Doolittle** Female 18 – 20  
**Colonel Pickering** Male Elderly – over 60  
**Henry Higgins** Male 40 – 50 years  
**Sarcastic bystander** Male or Female 30 – 50  
**Mrs Pearce** Female Middle aged: 40 – 60  
**Alfred Doolittle** Male Mid-40 to 60  
**Mrs Higgins** Female Over 60  
**Parlormaid** Female Teens to mid-twenties  
**Additional bystanders** for the opening scene, male or female, any age.

If you want any more information or a copy of the script, please talk to Diane.

Auditions will take place **at Ridgewood** as follows, starting at 7.30 pm:

Tuesday 26th January: Initial read through

Thursday 28th January: Selected pieces

Tuesday 2nd February: Selected pieces and casting.

Rehearsals will start in earnest from Tuesday 16th February.

We already have a number of “back-stage” roles filled as shown below but further help will be welcomed as this is a big production involving three sets, period props and costumes!

Stage Manager: Rob Owen  
Lighting: Tim Hunter  
Sound: Steve Bashford  
Costumes: Brenda Allen, Annette Crump  
Props: Sarah Dixon  
Box Office: Stephen Bashford  
Publicity: James Murden

Again, talk to Diane if you want to get involved in any way. Gaps include front of house and more help with props and backstage.

## One Act Festival

Final preparations are in-hand for both our adult entry, “You and me makes three” by Mark Seaman and the SPYS entry, “Henry VIII” by Geoff Bamber. We still await all our performance dates with just Swindon confirmed so far. Please check the diary dates for details as there have been changes since the last newsletter.

A reminder that all members are invited to watch a dress-rehearsal of the adult play on Tuesday 9th February at Ridgewood.

A reminder also about an opportunity to see one of Mark’s previous plays being performed professionally. Details are as follows:

### MAX THEATRE

Present

**“Leaving Tommy” by Mark Seaman**  
**26th– 30th of Jan & 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8.30pm**

at The Alma Tavern Pub Theatre, Alma Vale Road, Clifton, BS8 2HY

**Booking:** [www.almataverntheatre.co.uk](http://www.almataverntheatre.co.uk)

Tickets: £8.00

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## Play Reading

A reminder that Roy Whitlow will be leading a reading of “On the Razzle” by Tom Stoppard on Thursday 4th February. This will now take place at Ridgewood. Do come along and support this event.

## Diary Dates

### 2010

15-23 Jan	Jack and the Beanstalk
26 Jan	Auditions Pygmalion
28 Jan	Auditions Pygmalion
2 Feb	Auditions and casting Pygmalion
4 Feb	Play reading “On the Razzle”
7 Feb	Swindon One Act Technical Day
9 Feb	One Act Dress Rehearsal
11 Feb	SPYs at Swindon One Act (first play - 7.15 pm start)
13 Feb	Adults at Swindon One Act (first play - 7.15 pm start)
21 Feb	Avon One Act Technical Day
26-28 Feb	Avon One Act Festival, Backwell
7 March	Cheltenham One Act Technical Day: from 1.00 pm
Week beg. 8th March	Cheltenham One Act
19-22 May	Pygmalion
8-11 Sept	Autumn Production

### 2011

14-22 Jan	Pantomime
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