

Sodbury Players Newsletter

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Pantomime 2000

Our first Panto of the century maintained the usual high standard of Sodbury Players pantomimes with lots of positive feedback from members of the audiences. Thanks to Sian and her team for all their hard work. Overall, audiences were slightly down on previous years but picked up towards the end of the run. This, coupled with slightly higher production costs prevented the usual profit being made.

It was very pleasing to see such a good turn-out at the Sunday clear-up after the show - thanks to all who turned up and particularly to Phil Oliver who provided the transport.

One Act Festival 2000

Our One Act Festival entry this year, "Pity about Kitty" by Jimmie Chinn has done extremely well. We were overall festival winners at the Avon Festival and as a result we go through to the next round of the "All England" festival in Frome on Saturday 15 April. A minibus is being organised for this and if you would like to reserve a place please contact Margaret Ward. At Avon we also had two nominations for awards; Sian Butler for best actress and Sandra Bunclark for best supporting actress.

At Cheltenham we were in 3rd place, just one point behind the runners-up. We also won the Technical award (the adjudicator loved the dummies!).

At Malmesbury we were runners-up and Norma Graves won the Best Director award. Sian Butler and Sandra Bunclark were nominated for best

actress. Congratulations to Norma and her cast and crew for these excellent achievements and good luck for the next round - hopefully we will see a strong support from members.

Spring Play

Rehearsals for our next production "Time of my Life" by Alan Ayckbourn are now well under way. This will run from 17-20 May and is being directed by Pauline Pincott. The cast and crew are:

Gerry	Roy Whitlow
Laura	Marion Whitlow
Glyn	Mark Graves
Adam	Richard Turner
Stephanie	Diane Owen
Maureen	Karin Davies
The Waiter	Rob Naish

Stage Manager	Phil Lovell
Lights	Tim Hunter
Sound	Stephen Bashford
Prop	Brenda Allen
Prompt	Sue Bridgeman
Box Office and FOH	Norma Graves

Set building will take place at Ridgewood from 9am to 4pm on:

Saturday 1 April
Sunday 9 April
Sunday 23 April
Sunday 30 April
Sunday 7 May

The set will be moved to the Town Hall on Thursday 11 May and will be built all day on Sunday 14 May. Please come along and give a hand.

main hall which we use.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th June - please make a note in your diaries. More details nearer the time.

Sodbury Players Web Site

Thanks to the efforts of Stephen Bashford, Sodbury Players have now entered the 21st Century! Stephen has created us a Web site on <http://website.lineone.net/~players> and we can be contacted on E-mail on players@lineone.net.

Why not give it a try - if you have any suggestions or comments contact Stephen (or send him an E-mail!)

For the less technically minded this "paper" Newsletter will continue for the time being! Contributions always welcomed by any means including E-Mail (barleym@strayduck.com).

Future Productions

The Committee is keen to agree our future programme about a year in advance both to avoid last-minute panics in selecting plays and also to enable us to maximise the publicity for our shows.

In order to achieve this we need to know who may be interested in directing for next season - if you are interested please contact Mark or one of the committee.

Ridgewood

After many years of rehearsals in the cold and a failed attempt at a lottery grant for re-building Ridgewood, progress has at last been made towards real improvements in the overall facilities provided. Heating is already working on the ground floor of the main building and is currently being installed in the

Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make all this happen.

Christmas "Dinner Dance"

In order to ensure that we do not "miss the boat" we have provisionally booked the Golf Club for our annual Christmas dinner dance on 1st December. Some members were not entirely happy with the Golf Club last year and the committee are following up the issues raised with the Golf Club. In the mean time if anyone has any alternative suggestions please let one of the committee know.

Treasure Hunt

Our annual Treasure Hunt will be held on Sunday 2nd July. Mark and Norma Graves have kindly agreed to set the trail and in the usual tradition the afternoon will finish with a barbecue. Please make a note in your diaries - more details later.

Dates for your diary

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1 April	Set Build
9 April	Set Build
23 April	Set Build
30 April	Set Build
7 May	Set Build
14 May	Town Hall Set Build
15 May	Spring Play Tech run
16 May	Spring Play Dress
17-20 May	Spring Play
20 June	Annual General Meeting
2 July	Treasure Hunt