

Sodbury Players Newsletter

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Autumn Play

Rehearsals continue to progress well for our next production "Breezblock Park" by Willy Russell. This is being directed by Mark Graves and will be staged from Wed 13th to Sat 16th September.

Phil Lovell has completed his set design and set building will start soon - please see the club notice board for details of dates and times.

The play calls for a fairly ambitious set so there will be a lot to do on Sunday 10th September at the Town Hall - please make a note in your diary.

Following discussions at the AGM a provisional budget has been agreed by the Committee for this production - details are on the Club notice board. Because of the higher than average predicted costs we need to sell about 400 tickets (in addition to Patrons) in order to break even. Please start pushing tickets now to help meet this target. Note that we have an additional ticket outlet - The Kiosk in Yate Shopping Centre.

Posters have now been printed - contact Karin if you have anywhere you can display them.

To keep in character with the time of the play our front-of-house manager, Karin wants all front-of-house staff to be dressed in 70's gear. If you are not already involved in the play please consider coming and giving a hand - contact Karin if you are interested.

2001 Pantomime

Stan Ward, who has offered to direct our next pantomime, has suggested Jack in the Beanstalk. Copies of a proposed script are currently being circulated and a final decision will be taken at the next Committee Meeting. Watch this space for details of auditions etc.

Play Readings

As planned, a Play Reading session was held last Tuesday and two one-act plays were read. Unfortunately attendance was disappointing but those that did turn up had a good time! Further readings will be held on:

Tuesday 5th September

Tuesday 10 October

Tuesday 7th November

We already have a good selection of plays to read so if you are not rehearsing please do your best to turn up and contribute to these sessions.

2000/01 Membership

Please note that this year's membership is now due. The new rate is £15 - please see Roy Whitlow ASAP to renew your membership.

Sodbury Players Web Site

There is now an even easier way to access our new Web site - just log in to sodburyplayers.org.uk

Lighting Course

A one-day lighting and lighting design course is being held at Bristol University on 18 November. The cost is £18 per person. Sodbury Players will assist with costs for any members wishing to attend depending on the level of interest. Please see Stephen Bashford for further details.

Ridgewood

We are currently in the process of clearing the stairs, passageways and one of the rooms in the cottage. This is necessary to meet fire regulations and to provide some space to enable the condition of the building to be assessed. We have been offered alternative space in one of the Ridgewood outbuildings.

We also plan to carry out limited refurbishment work in the kitchen area adjacent to our rehearsal room. The "heater" cupboard will be removed and the "kitchen units" moved around to provide a seating area. Work on this will start after the current play is finished.

At the last committee it was agreed that members would be asked not to smoke in the kitchen area due to the small size of this room. We understand that the Ridgewood Committee are considering introducing a building-wide smoking policy but until the outcome of this is known members are free to smoke in the corridors.

Social Events

Our next social event is a "pub walk" to be held on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August - meet at the clock tower at 10:00am - see club notice board for more details or contact Stephen or Debbie.

Debbie has also been busy planning for the rest of the year and the planned schedule is:

Aug 28 Pub Walk
Sept 15 Curry night (after play)
Oct 12 Ten Pin Bowling
Nov 5 Bonfire/Halloween Party
Dec 1 Christmas Dance
Jan Wine Tasting at Harveys
Feb Skittles evening
Mar Ten Pin Bowling
Apr Tour of local brewery
May Cycle Ride
June Boules tournament
July Treasure Hunt

In addition, Debbie is planning visits to local

amateur productions. More details of the above events nearer the time but get the dates in your diaries NOW!

2001 One Act Play Festival

The Avon One-Act festival will be held next year at the Rondo Theatre in Bath from 18-24 Feb. The next round (held in Frome last year) will be at the Town Hall in Chipping Sodbury on April 7th and the committee have accepted an offer for us to host this event (not far to travel if we win again!!)

Dates for your diary

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| 28 Aug | Pub Walk |
| 5 September | Play Reading |
| 6 September | Committee Meeting |
| 13-16 Sept | Autumn Play |
| 15 Sept | Curry night |
| 10 October | Play Reading |
| 11 October | Committee Meeting |
| 12 October | Ten Pin Bowling |
| 5 November | Bonfire/Halloween Party |
| 7 November | Play Reading |
| 8 November | Committee Meeting |
| 1 December | Christmas Dance |
| 13 December | Committee Meeting |

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| 10 Jan | Committee Meeting |
| 20-28 Jan | Pantomime |
| 18-24 Feb | Avon One-act |
| 7 April | One act regional final |
| 23-26 May | Spring Play |