

Sodbury Players Newsletter

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Autumn Play

At the time of writing we are in the final preparations for our first production of the season, "Breezblock Park" by Willy Russell. Thanks to all who came and helped set build on Sunday. Good progress was made but as always there is plenty left to do before the curtain comes up on the first night!

Unfortunately, advanced tickets sales have been rather slow and in order to break even for this show we need to sell at least 400 tickets. Please do your best to help us get a good audience each night - all the ingredients are there for an excellent show. Best of luck to Mark, his cast and his crew.

Finally, do not forget the "after show" party which Mark and Norma will be hosting and also the clear-out on Sunday morning - more hands make light work!!

2001 Pantomime

Our Pantomime this season will be "Jack and the Beanstalk" by John Morley and will be directed by Stan Ward. Stan has directed many pantos in the past but this will be his first for a number of years. Some of us more recent members who have not seen one of Stan's shows but have heard much about them look forward to witnessing one in real life!

Auditions for the panto will start immediately after the play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The parts are:

Dame Trot	The Dame
Jack	Principal "boy"
Silly Billy	Probably male
King Satupon	
Princess Melanie	Principal girl

Daisy	The cow
Sergeant Spick	Male or female
Corporate Span	Male or female
Clarence clanger	Town Crier

Immortals:

Fleshcreep	The baddie (male)
The vegetable fairy	Female
The dreaded dragon	Male or female
Giant Blunderbore	Male
Mrs Blunderbore	Giant's wife

2001 Spring Play

Our next year's spring production will be "A Day of Reckoning" by Pamela Valentine. This will be directed by Sue Bridgeman.

Play Readings

A further Play Reading was held in early September. Again, the turnout was disappointing but a good evening was had by those who did come. Further readings are planned on the following dates subject to enough people being available who are not in the panto!

Tuesday 10 October

Tuesday 7th November

2000/01 Membership

There are still a few members from last year who have not paid their subs - please see Roy Whitlow ASAP to renew your membership.

Lighting Course

Five members of Sodbury Players will be attending the one day lighting course to be held at Bristol University on 18 November. It is good to see such strong interest in further developing our

Pub Walk

On Monday 28 August a small group of members led by Stephen and Debbie went for a ramble - from the pub at Tormarton and back to the pub again! The route took us down across Doddington Park - ask Norma how high the stiles were! - and then back up to the village for a pint (or 4) and lunch. The weather was kind to us and a good time was had by all.

Thai Meal

Following recent tradition, on the Friday of the play (15 Sept) we will be going for a meal after the show. Rather than an indian curry we will be trying the Thai restaurant in Sodbury. Please sign-up on the list backstage or contact Debbie for more details - a night not to be missed!

Ten Pin Bowling

On Thursday 12 October, Debbie has booked two lanes for ten pin bowling at aspects Leisure Park in Longwell Green. Bowling starts at 7:30 and the cost is about £12 including 2 games and food. Please contact Debbie if you are interested.

Bonfire/Firework Party

On Sunday 5th November we will be holding a Sodbury Players bonfire party with fireworks and barbecue. This will be at Rob and Diane's in Hawkesbury Upton - more details next time.

Sodbury Vale - Sound of Music

From 7-11 November, Sodbury Vale will be staging "Sound of Music". Debbie will be arranging for anyone interested to go as a Group from Sodbury Players - watch the notice board for more details.

Scripts

A number of scripts have been lent out for members to read and then pass on. Please will you ensure that you do not "sit on" scripts - please read them and pass them on within a week so others get the chance to read them. If you are in doubt who to give them to please return them to Robert or Roy.

Me and My Girl

Many of you will know Paul who comes and gives a hand backstage. His Group, Avon Light Opera are presenting "Me and My Girl" from 10-14 October at the Redgrave Theatre. For tickets call 0117 965 0201.

Dates for your diary

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13-16 Sept	Autumn Play
15 Sept	Thai meal
17 September	Clear-out of Town hall
19 September	Panto auditions start

10 October	Play Reading
11 October	Committee Meeting
12 October	Ten Pin Bowling

5 November	Bonfire/Firework 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
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