

Godbury Players Newsletter

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Autumn Play

Our first production of the season, "Breezeblock Park" by Willy Russell was a great success - a strong cast, excellent set and good teamwork all round. Many thanks to Mark and his cast and crew for giving us such a good start to the season. The only disappointing part was the size of the audiences which will result in an overall loss of several hundred pounds. The petrol crisis didn't help but it is clear that the Group as a whole needs to do more to ensure that our excellent productions are better supported.

Thanks to all who came and helped with the clearout on Sunday morning, to Mark and Norma for hosting the "after show" party and to Stephen and Debbie for arranging the Thai meal.

2001 Pantomime

Casting of the panto, "Jack and the Beanstalk" by John Morley has now been completed:

Dame Trot	Roy Whitlow
Jack	Karin Davies
Silly Billy	Julian Hinton
King Satupon	Mike Hardwick
Princess Melanie	Charlie Green
Daisy	Laura and Kate
Sergeant Spick	Ros Kent
Corporate Span	Jim Coventry
Clarence clanger	Nigel Chambers
Immortals:	
Fleshcreep	George Kousouros
The vegetable fairy	Sue Bridgeman
The dreaded dragon	Jenny Green
Giant Blunderbore	Andrew Allsopp
Mrs Blunderbore	Maggie Allsopp

Stan is currently assembling his back stage team. If anyone is interested in helping in any area, particularly with costumes, please contact Stan.

2001 Spring Play

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

Play Readings

Further Play Readings will be held on Tuesday 17 October and Tuesday 21 November. We are now looking at possible plays for the 2001/02 season. If you are not involved in rehearsals for the panto please come and join in.

One Act Festivals - 2001

The Committee have selected an original play "Privileges" by Roy Whitlow for next year's one-act festivals. The cast is 5 women and 2 men. The director is still to be finalised - more details next newsletter including audition dates.

Rose Bowl Awards

As many of you will know we had four nominations from last season in the Rose Bowl Awards:

- Best Panto - Frankenstein the Panto
- Best Actress- Sue Bridgeman for Granula
- Technical Achievement - Farndale Macbeth
- Best Drama - Time of My Life

A group of us attended the awards ceremony last Sunday and unfortunately all we came away with was a raffle prize! Nevertheless we should not underestimate the achievement of gaining these

Update on Social Events

10-pin bowling

There was a good turn out on Thursday 12th October when 30 members and friends of Sodbury Players turned up at Longwell Green for an evening of 10 pin bowling. Rob Owen with a high score of 132, who admits to “playing a bit after work” (Diane asks “playing at what”!), took honours for the evening. The wooden spoon went to Sarah with only 35 – more practice needed there Sarah! The photos for the evening will be available as soon as they’ve been developed.

Bonfire/Firework Party

The next social event is the firework party to be held at Rob & Diane’s on Sunday 5th November. The bonfire will be ignited at 6:30pm, and Rob would probably appreciate offers of help to build it and/or provide wood – please contact him. We also need a guy – any offers? (to make one that is). Tickets are available from Debbie at £5 each, to include a burger, a hot dog and a jacket potato. Under 5’s free.

The Sound of Music

We are organising a group to see The Sound of Music as performed by Sodbury Vale at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall on Wednesday 8th November. Tickets are advertised at £6.50 but with concessions for groups of 10 or more, so hopefully it will be less than that. There will also be an outing to a Sing-Along-A-Sound of Music at Bath Theatre Royal on Sunday 10th December, for which you are encouraged to dress up as a nun or wear anything made of curtains! Could be a good opportunity for the panto cast to practice singing “Climb every Mountain”.....Tickets for this are £10. If anyone is interested in attending either event please contact Debbie Bashford.

Christmas Dinner Dance

Our annual dinner dance will be held on Friday 1st December at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club. Full details are attached to this newsletter.

Dates for your diary

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| 17 October | Play Reading |
| 5 November | Bonfire/Firework Party |
| 8 November | Sound of Music (Sodbury Vale) |
| 15 November | Committee Meeting |
| 21 November | Play Reading |

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| 1 December | Christmas Dance |
| 10 December | Sound of Music (sing-along) |
| 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 |