

# Sodbury Players Newsletter

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## Spring Play

Rehearsals for our Spring Play, "Rumours" by Neil Simon, are now well underway. It's good to see that virtually all "books" are down with some four weeks still to go - an example to all for future productions!

The Technical rehearsal will be on Monday 20 May followed by the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 21 May. Performances are on 22-25 May.

Good progress is being made on the set construction. There will be a Sunday set-building/painting on 5th May starting at 10:00am - please come along and give a hand. Also remember that we will be at the Town Hall all day on Sunday 19 May (from 9am) assembling and decorating the set - there will be something for everyone to do!

Finally please do your best to sell as many tickets as possible - lets see if we can match the excellent audiences we achieved earlier in the season for The Winslow Boy and Sleeping Beauty. You can get tickets from Stephen Bashford on Tuesday evenings, by calling him on 0117 9478848 or by e-mail to tickets@sodburyplayers.org.uk

The traditional Friday night after show meal will be at the Chinese on Cranleigh Court Rd. Please sign up on the list which will be displayed on the notice board soon if you want to join in.

## One Act Festival 2002

Since the last newsletter we have done two further performances of our One-act festival play, "Olive and Hilary" directed by Pauline Pincott. The first was at the Cheltenham festival and the second at the Divisional Final in the Tecchis-Morris Arts Centre in Taunton. We did not go through at the Divisional Final but at Cheltenham we won the Best Technical award and Sian was nominated for best actress

Well done to Pauline and her team for an excellent run this year.

## Chipping Sodbury Festival

Following a successful evening last year we will be taking part in the Chipping Sodbury Festival again this year. On Friday 7th June the SPYS will be performing "Ghostwriter" by Nick Warburton followed by the Adults who will be performing our one-act festival entry, "Olive and Hilary". This will be held in the Town Hall starting at 7:30pm. Please come along and give your support and to see the excellent progress being made by our youth section.

## Drama Workshop

On Sunday 16th June we have been very fortunate to have secured the services of Chris Harris to lead a Workshop on "Characterisation". Many of you will have seen Chris in his performances as pantomime dame at the Bristol Old Vic. He has an excellent reputation for running workshops and this is an opportunity that should not be missed. The costs of the workshop, which will run from 10am to 4:30pm, will be met by the Group. We are hoping to provide a buffet lunch but more details of this will be provided nearer the time.

Some of the Workshop will be aimed at our forthcoming production "She Stoops to Conquer" and ladies are asked to bring a long "practice" skirt. However, everyone is welcome even if you are not intending to read for "She Stoops to Conquer".

## 2002/03 Season

The Committee are working hard on finalising our plans for the 2002/3 season so that we can publish our next season's "brochure" in time for the Spring Play. As mentioned previously our September production will be "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith which will be directed by Maggie Allsopp. Details of audition dates will be in the next newsletter.

## 2002 AGM

Our 2002 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 June at Ridgewood at 7:30pm prompt. Please make a note in your diaries - further details will be sent to all members shortly.

## Treasure Hunt

The date for our annual Treasure Hunt has been set for Sunday 30 June. It will start at lunchtime and finish with a barbecue at Rob and Diane's in Hawkesbury Upton. Let's hope the weather stays fine - more details in the next newsletter.

## Christmas Dinner Dance

A reminder that our 2002 annual dinner dance will be on **Friday 13 December** - make a note in your diaries!

## Ridgewood

We learnt recently that the Adult Education Centre which uses the buildings at the front of Ridgewood have been successful in obtaining a substantial grant for re-furbishing their buildings. We understand that the main Ridgewood building will not be affected by this development but it is possible that some of the areas where we currently store scenery may be affected - we will provide more information when the position becomes clearer.

## Future Production Dates

For those who like to plan early below are our production dates through to 2005:

Autumn 2002	18-21 September 02
Pantomime 2003	18-25 January 03
Spring 2003	21-24 May 03
Autumn 2003	10-13 September 2003
Pantomime 2004	10-17 January 04
Spring 2004	19-22 May 04
Autumn 2004	8-11 September 2004
Pantomime 2005	15-22 January 05
Spring 2005	18-21 May 05
Autumn 2005	7-10 September 2005

## Dates for your diary

### 2002

5 May	"Rumours" set building
19 May	"Rumours" set construction at the Town Hall
20 May	"Rumours" Technical Rehearsal
21 May	"Rumours" Dress Rehearsal
22-25 May	"Rumours" performances
26 May	Strike set at Town Hall
7 June	Youth/adult one-act plays in Chipping Sodbury Festival
16 June	Chris Harris Workshop
25 June	Annual General Meeting
30 June	Treasure Hunt
18-22 Sep	"She Stoops to Conquer"
28 Nov	Yate Xmas event
13 Dec	Xmas Dinner Dance