

Sodbury Players Newsletter

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The Perfect Murder

With all this hot weather it seems a long time ago since our last production of the 2002/03 season. In reality its only a few weeks since Roy's production of "The Perfect Murder" gave us an excellent end to our season. Many thanks to Roy, his cast and crew for all their efforts - the very positive adjudications were very well deserved.

The Government Inspector

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our first production of the 2003/4 season; 'The Government Inspector', directed by Sian Butler. The cast is:

The Police Inspector

Anna, his wife

Marya

Klestatov

Osip

Schools Superintendent

Super's wife

Judge

Postmaster

Dobchinsky

Bobchinsky

Charity Commissioner

Police Inspector

Mishka

Waiter

Poshlepkin

Sergeant's widow

1st Merchant

2nd Merchant

3rd Merchant

Stepan Korobkin

Korobkin's wife

Roy Whitlow

Jane Elliot

Claire Taylor

Rob Creer

Richard Cottle

Mark Graves

Annette Crump

Keith Cox

Duncan Collins

Simon Owen

James Murdon

Steve Crump

Adam Morgan

Ross Brown

Joe Derrick

Norma Graves

Annette Crump

Steve Mercer

Nick Elliot

George Kousorous

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Gondarme

Steve Mercer

This is an ambitious production and as well as a large cast will require considerable support back stage. If you can spare some time to help with set building then please see Phil Lovell who has the "small" task of converting an excellent model of the set into reality!

2003 Annual General Meeting

A very positive AGM was held recently - Rob reported on a very successful season for the Group with three very successful full-length productions, an excellent entry into the One-act festivals and several very enjoyable social events.

The following new Committee was elected for the 2003/4 season:

Chairman	Mark Graves
Vice Chairman	Stephen Bashford
Secretary	Sian Butler
PRO (admin)	Rob Creer
PRO (promotions)	Richard Cottle
Patron's Secretary	Steve Crump
Social Secretary	Claire Taylor
Committee Member	Mike Hardwick
Committee Member	Diane Owen
Committee Member	Rob Owen

The Committee have co-opted Norma Graves to continue with the role of Treasurer.

Membership Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are now due (£20 adults, £5 juniors). Please pay up as soon as possible to keep Norma, our Treasurer happy!

2004 Pantomime

Our 2004 Pantomime will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and will be directed by Julian Hinton, assisted by Stan Ward. Details of auditions will be in the next Newsletter.

2004 Spring Production

Our 2004 Spring Production will be "Tons of Money", a comedy adapted by Alan Ayckbourn. This will be directed by Mike Hardwick.

Treasure Hunt

Another successful Treasure Hunt was held in June. The winners this year were Mark and Norma Graves. Pity we didn't have this week's glorious sunshine but nevertheless it remained (mainly) dry and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Stan and Margaret for their efforts in setting this year's "hunt" and to those who helped arrange the catering..

Sodbury Players "Weekend Away"

About a dozen of us converged on Steve Mercer's house in Devon last weekend. Steve has a lovely spot complete with Steam Railway which we all rode on. Fun was had moving caravans through small gaps and a few got a bit toasted by the glorious sunshine. A day on the beach followed by a picnic accompanied by a Jazz band were Saturday's highlights followed by a leisurely barbecue on the Sunday. A great weekend was had by all - many thanks to Steve and his family for their excellent hospitality.

Bonfire Party

The date for our annual bonfire extravaganza has been set for Saturday 1st Nov. Details still to be sorted but make a note in your diaries.

Future Productions

The Committee will soon be looking to start assembling a programme for the 2004/05 season. Please contact any of the Committee if you have any ideas for productions or are interested in directing.

Diary Dates

2003

8 Sep	Autumn Play Tech run
9 Sep	Autumn play Dress rehearsal
10-13 Sep	Autumn Play
1 Nov	Bonfire Party
12 Dec	Xmas dinner dance

2004

10-17 Jan	Pantomime
19-22 May	Spring Play