

APS NEWSLETTER

March 2005 Diary Dates:

Saturday 5th March: Preview of the APS entry to the Dorset Drama League Festival of One Act Plays; *Four Queens Wait for Henry* by L. Du Garde Peach. This short play, directed by Jennie Ward, is to be staged in Nether Compton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door £5 to include refreshments.

Saturday 12th March: DDL Festival at the Arts Centre Shaftesbury. This is the fourth and final night of the Festival where APS will perform 'Four Queens'. The evening starts at 7pm. Tickets are available on the door – let's hope as many as possible can go along to support the Players. Please look in the Blackmore Vale Magazine because you will find a coupon for a reduced price ticket on page 17.

Cast of 'Four Queens Wait for Henry' is as follows:

Katherine of Aragon	Sarah Finnegan
Anne Boleyn	Caroline Hart
Jane Seymour	Lucy Ross
Catherine Howard	Hannah Chamberlain
Angel	Rachel Mortimore

Wednesday 16th – Saturday 19th March: 'Daisy Pulls It Off!' in the Digby Hall at 7.30pm.

'Daisy Pulls It Off' by Denise Deegan engagingly captures the uncomplicated innocence of Angel Brazil's schoolgirl novels. It is about the attempts of superachiever Daisy Meredith to submerge her poor elementary school background and find acceptance in the snobby confines of Grangewood School for Young Ladies.

Cast of 'Daisy Pulls It Off' is as follows:

Daisy Meredith	Diana English
Mother/Matron	Daphne Clapperton
Monica Smithers	Samantha Dorsey
Clare Beaumont	Kathy Messinger
Sybil Burlington	Rachel Mortimore
Alice Fitzpatrick	Patricia Stewart
Trixie Martin	Natalie Cox
Miss Gibson	Diana Somerville
Miss Granville	Elsie Lombard
Mademoiselle	Judith Pearson
Belinda Mathieson	Ria Rylatt-Chandaman
Winnie Irving	Laura English
Dora Johnston	Katie Ross
Mr Scoblowski	David King
Mr Thompson	Stuart McCreadie

Please come and support the cast of this very amusing play which is directed by Jo Freestone; rehearsals are going very well and it should be a spiffingly good show! Jubilate! Jemima! Hinc Spes Effulget!

Past Events:

January: ‘Give Us a Clue’ organized by Stuart McCreadie was, if I say so myself, great fun especially with some new rules such as team challenges.

February: The Annual Dinner at The Antelope was a real success, combining good food, convivial company and an excellent talk about Miss Bluebell.

February 28th: A very well attended and well thought out evening devised by Pat Harris entitled: ‘Brush Up Your Shakespeare’.

Next Club Evening: 29th March Unrehearsed Play Reading

Please note that Jennie is keeping a record of those who attend club evenings for future reference.

Finally, I am sure we were all saddened by the death of Hrolf Trump, such a stalwart member of the APS, at the Christmas Party. I have received some information about Hrolf from Mark Lambert and Charles Napier but I would like more personal reminiscences from those who remember him in the early days of APS so that I can put together, perhaps belatedly, a fitting obituary tribute to him. I know for instance that Mark Lambert has obtained a sound archive comprising of recordings of Players’ Evenings, made by Hrolf, which are a fascinating insight into the past workings of the Players. Please email or post to me any information that you think is worthy of inclusion.

Stuart McCreadie