

APS Newsletter November 2005

Welcome to the November edition of the APS newsletter, which I hope all current members will receive either by email or through the post.

Key Diary Dates:

Wednesday 24th – Saturday 27th November in the Digby Hall at 7.30pm performances 'A Busy Day' by Fanny Burney our autumn production directed by Sarah Finnegan. Tickets are on sale at the usual places but please **do not use the Tourist Information Centre** since they are surcharging us for the privilege of selling the tickets. Tickets can be bought from EB Marsh or ordered from Ed Oaksford (01935 812496) and then collected at the door.

The cast of 'A Busy Day' is made up of the following old and new members: Adrian Thorpe, Patrick Knox, Melissa Jones, Mark Freestone, Jonathon Hodge, Jenny Wright, Rachel Mortimore, David Smith, Ruth Rice, Caroline Hart, Ria Rylatt-Chandaman, Charles Napier, Sylvie Lord, Ian Roberts, Stuart McCreadie. Please try to make every effort to support all those involved in the production by attending at least one performance!

Wednesday 30th November in the Clubroom at 7.30pm auditions for the spring production of 'Confusions' by Alan Ayckbourn'. This production takes place during the week beginning 13th March 2006.

Friday 16th December Christmas Party commencing at 7.30pm at The Cider House, by kind invitation of Adrian & Miyoko Thorpe. Please park outside Trenchermans or in the church car park – do not park in Adrian & Miyoko's drive. For those who have not been to The Cider House it can be found by taking the A30 towards Yeovil and then turning down the drive of what was the butterfly farm at Nether Compton House. The turn is just by the Beijing Palace Chinese restaurant.

A glass of warm mulled wine, or a soft drink, awaits you on arrival after which hot food will be served so you will need a plate, bowl, knife, fork and spoon (also a bag to carry away your dirty utensils since the washing up is down to you!). All this for only £3.50 payable at the door! Further beverages, soft or alcoholic, will be charged at the usual clubroom rates.

Last year the theme was gold and black and there were many interesting variations. This year the theme is **green and red**, which should allow plenty of scope for all manner of sober and outrageous outfits to be on display. There will be a prize for the person deemed to be wearing the best clothes or costume reflecting the theme of the party!

Saturday 18th February 2006 APS Annual Dinner at The Antelope Hotel

This annual black tie shindig has proved extremely popular so keep the date in mind since an application form and menu will be available with the January Newsletter. Please note now the time of the event 7 for 7.30pm – I believe there was some confusion in the minds of some members last year.

The cost will be £20 for a three-course meal to include coffee and mints. Please note that numbers will be limited to 40 so book early when you receive the forms etc. George Pearson will be co-ordinating the bookings.

Other Issues:

- Currently we have about three full-blown parties each year, namely Opening Night, Christmas Party and the End of Season Party. Committee members currently prepare food for each of these parties, which seems somewhat onerous since the party benefits all members. Therefore, this is a plea for any willing souls who deem themselves to be culinary adept to come forward and reveal their identities to Jakki Gregory (01935 389201) who will then approach them in the future to help with the victuals!
- If members wish to have information included in future newsletters please contact Stuart McCreadie (01963 210548)
- There may still be old members, (who have yet to confirm their membership for this year), and new members, (who are yet to become fully fledged), fluttering somewhere in the ether that surrounds the computer of the Membership Secretary George Pearson. If you are such a one, or know of such a one, please encourage them to pay their dues and join up! Officially, any person who is not a member is not covered by the society's insurance so joining is a must for all! George can be contacted on 01935 851194.