

APS Newsletter

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all. A little late I must admit and I feel that half the year has already gone as your Committee have been so busy trying to find alternative premises. At the moment we have been given one months reprieve and can stay in the Clubroom until the end of March. It has been a hard task to find space that fits all the criteria required but we have tried several options.

The Committee has decided that probably the best solution, so far, is Over & Nether Compton Village Hall. The cons of being outside Sherborne (and I am one who will have to travel 22 miles there and back) are outweighed by the pros. A warm, clean hall with a stage, kitchen, inside toilet (wonderful) and car parking. It is inexpensive to hire and they want us! We have already used this hall for rehearsal purposes. I know that there is a problem with driving especially in the winter months but we will arrange transport and car sharing. We are still exploring a couple of venues in Sherborne but it is impossible to find a room that is 'our own'. Hopefully the new Arts Centre will not be long in construction!

Patricia



LAST MONTHS CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

There was a good turn out for 'The Committee Entertains' early in December, where not only the audience were entertained but the committee were too. Amazing the talent that is in APS – why are more of you not on the stage? Not sure, but I think Patricia may have another of these evenings!

The Christmas Party was as usual an excellent affair and thanks to our hosts, Adrian and Myoko Thorpe. Nobody disgraced themselves and David and Sylvia Smith won the Christmas dress theme by appearing as Santa and Mrs Claus.

The most recent evening hosted by Charles Napier, was very well attended. The play was 'The Love of Four Colonels' and was very well received.



SOCIAL EVENTS IN February

Don't miss the Fish & Chip Quiz Supper organised by David & Sylvia on Monday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. Cost: £3.50 per head for the food (chicken available for non-fishy folk). If you want fish or chicken without chips it will be £2.70. Very informal and lots of fun. David has pointed out that you will be in teams, so no need to worry about exposing your ignorance.

Theatre visit to Salisbury. We have a party of 23 going to Salisbury Playhouse for the theatre day and The Herbal Bed. I have all the theatre tickets and will get the train tickets shortly. Please note that we are catching the 9.26 train from Sherborne. (Not the 10.30 originally planned).

Annual Dinner - Just a reminder that there is still time to book your places at our Annual Dinner this year on Friday 15th Feb at the Crown Inn Sherborne. The guest speaker will be Jim Donnelly of The Powell Theatre and parking has been arranged with the kind co-operation of the International School. Please contact George Pearson before 9th Feb on 01935 851194 or email george.pearson@tinyworld.eclipse.co.uk to reserve tickets and give him your choice from the menu.

The menu choices are

Starter choices:

- (A) Vegetable Soup
- (B) Breaded Brie
- (C) Prawn Cocktail

Main course choices, all served with Roast and New Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables

- (A) Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
- (B) Roasted Chicken Supreme with a White Wine, Honey and Mustard Cream Sauce
- (C) Poached Fillet of Salmon with a White Wine, Lemon and Dill Sauce

Dessert choices :

- (A) Apple Pie and Ice Cream
- (B) Profiteroles with Warmed Chocolate Sauce
- (C) Lemon Cheesecake
- (D) Cheese and Biscuits

Dress is lounge wear. Hope to see you there.

THE GRYPHON SCHOOL PRESENTS SWEENEY TODD

No, not the film with Johnny Depp but the play that will be put on by the Gryphon School! Performances will be on the 27th to 28th February. This will be a good production. For tickets please contact the School.

THE SWAN THEATRE PRESENTS THE REAL THING a play by TOM STOPPARD

The Swan Theatre Company in Yeovil is performing The Real Thing during the first week in February – Mon 4th to Sat 9th. There is a strong cast, including Chris Yardley (playing Annie) who will be playing the part of Lottie in our Spring Production of **Lettice and Lovage**.



FUTURE EVENTS

Rehearsed Play reading on 5th March, will be led by me. I haven't quite decided which play or plays to do as yet, as I have quite a choice. There will be more on this in the next Newsletter.

SPRING PRODUCTION: Lettice & Lovage – 23rd March to 29th March 2008

Rehearsals are under way but I was disappointed that I had to cast the leading roles from outside the APS. I still need help on the Production side namely, **Prompt, Production Manager (now called Producer) and Front of House Manager**. We will need help with Publicity (taking flyers and posters around). Please let me know if you can help - ring Patricia Harris on 01963-210462 or e-mail:

patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com

DIRECTOR'S MEETING - Please note that March 13th 2008 as shown in the Programme, is a 'Directors' Meeting'. If you would like to direct a play or have a particular play in mind, please keep this date free and come along. As mentioned in the last Newsletter and again in this one, this night is not just for plays, so if you are interested in making a film, come along and put your creative thoughts forward. We have to plan our future productions, so please don't be shy, come along with your ideas. It is your society and we need your support to ensure we have future productions.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRODUCE A FILM?

A small group has been formed called "The Sherborne Documentary Film Group" to produce films / DVDs that are of interest to Sherborne. The Group are currently copying and saving old cine films etc of Sherborne and are also learning how to work together as a team to produce a high technical standard of film. (If you would like to join the Group please contact Jim Schofield on 01935 812051.)

If any member of the APS would like to produce a film during the summer, could they make their proposals known to any member of the committee at or before the Directors meeting on the 13th March. Their proposal should include the name of the play, a script, an indication of actor's availability, locations required and also whether the play has any copyright restrictions. The Producer will be expected to direct the whole production, undertake rehearsals prior to the filming and oversee the editing of the final film. The Documentary Film Group will provide all the technical equipment and expertise required but work under the direction of the Producer.

HELP WITH THE WARDROBE / PROPS

Work is continuing regarding cataloguing the Wardrobe / Props. Jakki has asked that folk contact her before taking anything up to the Castle as space is now at a premium due to the move and unfortunately we don't have room for duplicates. Please contact Jakki on 01935 389201 or drop an email to tandjax@yahoo.co.uk.

EARLY WARNING - HELP WITH THE MOVE OUT OF THE CLUBROOM

With the move from the Clubroom at the end of March, we will be asking for your help as we have accumulated quite a lot of stuff in the various rooms. This all needs to be sorted and where still required, moved up to the Castle or other suitable stores. Please keep this in mind for March as we will be asking for willing volunteers to help.

If you would like to offer help now, please contact Patricia Harris on 01963-210462 or e-mail: patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com, myself on 01935 873085 or e-mail: elaine@grumpyhaggis.com or any committee member.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| FEBRUARY 2008 | | |
| Mon 4 th | Fish and Chip Quiz | The Club Room at 7:30pm |
| Mon 4 th to Sat 9 th | The Real Thing | Swan Theatre Yeovil |
| Thur 14 th | Outing to see The Herbal Bed | Salisbury Theatre |
| Fri 15 th | Annual Dinner | Crown Hotel Sherborne |
| Wed 27 th to Fri 28 th | Sweeney Todd | Gryphon School |
| MARCH 2008 | | |
| Tue 4 th | A Rehearsed Play | The Club Room at 7:30pm |
| Thur 13 th | Directors Meeting | The Club Room At 7.30pm |
| APRIL 2008 | | |
| Sat 5 th | Showing of the film of "The Woodlanders" | Sherborne Library At 7.15pm |

From the Editor, Elaine

A Happy New Year to you all. As Patricia said, it feels as though we are well into 2008 now. The mornings are starting to get a bit lighter – very helpful when you have to walk the dog before work - and with the early flowers out spring is on its way!

There is a lot on this year, not just productions, but the move out of the Clubroom. It will be sad to move out of a place we have been able call our own for a number of years, but there is the future prospect of the Arts Centre being built in Sherborne, so that is something to look forward to.

The Spring Production of Lettice and Lovage has an ambitious set and for this we will need an army of painters. The next Newsletter will have details of how you can help if you feel like wielding a paint brush up at the Castle.

News does travel fast, and I am sure you will be aware that Jim Schofield has not been too well recently. On behalf of the committee I would like to wish Jim a speedy recovery.

Remember, if you would like any local performances advertised in the **Dates for your Diaries** section in future Newsletters, please send any details to me at

elaine@grumpyhaggis.com or give me a ring -01935 873085 – if I am not there, I will call you back.

Elaine

