

# APS Newsletter

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## FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

We are nearly at the end of our season and this is the last Newsletter you will receive before we move into our new meeting place in Over with Nether Compton Village Hall. I know it is a bit more effort to get there but please continue to support our social evenings if you can. This year the attendance has been very encouraging and we have had some memorable moments. Wednesday 2nd July is our first visit to the Hall and it looks like it will be a very interesting event; please support Eve Simmonds who is leading it. The next event is our AGM & Summer Party both events Elaine will elaborate on further in this Newsletter.

I would like to say that 'Lettice & Lovage' won a Certificate of Excellence from NODA. This was a complete surprise to me but the cast and production team certainly deserve it.

Now we come to Spring 2009 and as yet we have no director for our Spring Production. It is most important that we keep our productions on track otherwise the APS will certainly start to run down. PLEASE think about this. Directing is hard work but so satisfying and rewarding, we would ensure that someone would be on your shoulder to help if you are unsure.

Once more I thank Elaine for all her help and the Committee too on guiding us smoothly through a tricky and troubled year. I look forward to seeing you on 2nd July and at the AGM.

Patricia



## LAST MONTHS CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

The unrehearsed play reading of 'The Presidents Holiday' hosted by Adrian Thorpe was well attended and a thought provoking but enjoyable reading. I for one had forgotten there had been an attempted coup against Mikhail Gorbachev and found the background to the play, expertly relayed by Adrian, extremely helpful in understanding a significant time in our recent history. Well done to Adrian for providing us with such a good recent play to read.



## SOCIAL EVENTS IN JULY

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm, 'A correspondence between .....** will be at Over with Nether Compton Village Hall and is led by Eve Simmonds. The committee had a tour of the hall this week and are very happy with the facilities, so please come along. If you need a lift please contact Patricia (01963 210462) or one of the committee.

Our final event of the season, the **Summer Party**, occurs after our **AGM on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, which will take place at 7.30 pm. Jim and Gwyneth Schofield have very kindly agreed to host the event again at Gainsborough House, South Street, Sherborne. The charge will be £3.00 a head – payable at the door – to cover food (weather permitting a barbeque, but other things as well) and a first drink. Please bring a bottle – alcoholic or otherwise – for second drink onwards, as well as knife, fork, spoon and plate.

The AGM is your opportunity to vote for new Committee Members and Officers and, if you like, to propose and second candidates of your own. This year there'll be vacancies for Treasurer, Secretary,

Membership Secretary and two Ordinary Committee Members. There's at least one candidate for each job but that doesn't mean there couldn't be more! You should have received the nomination papers with the AGM notice in the post from Adrian.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

As this is the last Newsletter for this season, there is no information yet on future events, but knowing Patricia, I am sure she has started to think about it! I have included a couple of plays being held in September in the *Dates for your Diary* section.



## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **AUTUMN PRODUCTION**

We held auditions for "The Love of Four Colonels" in mid-June, and I was really pleased and encouraged that so many people came to try out for parts: we had seventeen people over two evenings, and the standard of readings was extremely high – it made choosing a final cast quite difficult. Very many thanks to everybody who came. The cast is as follows:

Colonel Rinder-Sparrow: Stuart McCreadie  
Colonel Frappot: Patrick Knox  
Colonel Breitenspiegel: Roger Chadbourne  
Colonel Ikonenko: Adrian Thorpe  
The Wicked Fairy: Donald Warren-Knott  
The Good Fairy: Bethany Dean  
The Beauty: Lenna Webster  
Mrs. Rinder-Sparrow: Gill Manns  
Mme. Frappot: Jackie Gregory  
Mrs. Breitenspiegel: Chris Yardley

I'm very lucky to have Ed Oaksford as Stage Manager, Jennie Ward on the book and Patricia our Chairman on wardrobe, as well as the usual super-reliable team (Adrian, Mark, Sylvia) on lights, sound and props. Rehearsals will start in early September, and production week is November 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Charles**



### **AWARD FOR LETTICE AND LOVAGE**

I was delighted to receive an email from Adrian saying that APS has been awarded a CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE for District 11 by the NODA South West Awards, for our production of Lettice and Lovage. Well done to Patricia the Director and also all the cast (especially Fizz and Chris) and crew. I think this is a great achievement for APS, and shows that all the commitment and hard work by everyone, pays off!



### **SPRING PRODUCTION**

As yet we don't have a play ear marked for next years Spring production. Get your thinking caps on and why not try your hand at directing! If you have any suggestions or would like to direct a play, why not have a chat with Patricia at the Summer Party.

### **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 or are interested in producing a film, please contact

Jim Schofield on 01935 812051. A 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.

### THE MOVE OUT OF THE CLUBROOM

Adrian would like to thank all on the sub-committee for their help with organising the move and for those who turned up to help on the actual moving days. All of our stuff is now in store (or sent to the tip / Furnicare / Freecycle). Having popped into the old Clubroom to hand back keys, it was looking quite empty and sad without all our past production posters on the wall.

### APS MAILING LIST

If you have any names and addresses of people that would be interested in receiving information about our productions, could you send details to Mark Lambert -- [lambert.ridge@virgin.net](mailto:lambert.ridge@virgin.net) (or by post to Ridge Farm, King's Stag, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2AU).

### NEWS FORM NODA

NODA, the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, will be running their annual Summer School at Loughborough University from 2 to 9 August 2008. This intensive week of training courses in amateur theatre is available to adult society members of all ages. Details on <http://domain992762.sites.fasthosts.com/summer.asp> or from our Secretary, Adrian Thorpe - 01935 422141 (office), 431321 (home). To make it easier for students to take advantage of this, NODA has a number of bursaries which effectively halve the cost of attendance.

A reminder that NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) is organising a South-West Region weekend at Bicton Agricultural College near Exeter from Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August. The programme includes a big selection of workshops to choose from, ranging from Lighting to Armed Combat! The cost of the full package is £105 per person, including two nights' accommodation and meals. Bookings must be made by 31 July. Details from Adrian Thorpe on 01935 431321.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>JULY 2008</b>		
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>'A correspondence between ....'</b> led by Eve Simmonds	Over with Nether Compton Village Hall At 7:30 pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Sherborne Comedy Presents</b> Brian Higgins, Geoff Whiting, Reves Peterson Compere Paul T Eyres	Powell Theatre <sup>1</sup> Sherborne Doors open 7.30 pm show at 8.30pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> to Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>'Old Dogs'</b> by Steve Raw	The Swan Theatre, Yeovil <sup>2</sup> At 7:45 pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>'Cyrano'</b> presented by Gryphon School	Paddock Gardens, Newland <sup>3</sup> Entertainment starts 6pm & performance at 7pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual General Meeting and Summer Party</b>	Gainsborough House, South St, Sherborne At 7:30 pm
<b>AUGUST 2008</b>		
	No events	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2008</b>		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>'A Murder is Announced'</b> by Agatha Christie	The Swan Theatre, Yeovil At 7:45 pm

Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>'Stepping Out' The Musical</b> Presented by Kasmatt Productions	The Swan Theatre, Yeovil
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1. Contact 01935 810579 or [www.powelltheatre.co.uk](http://www.powelltheatre.co.uk) for tickets
2. Contact South Somerset Information & Heritage Centre on 01935 845946 for tickets
3. Contact Gryphon School Reception Area on 01935 810103 for tickets

### **From the Editor, Elaine**

Well it's the end of an era! We have moved out of our Clubroom and are now looking forward to events and rehearsals taking place at Over with Nether Compton Village Hall. Please do not be put off by the thought of having to travel out of Sherborne, the facilities at the Hall are very good – I know certain members of the committee who will definitely not miss Sherborne House toilets in the middle of winter. So please make every effort to attend events next season.

I also have to say goodbye to you all, as this is my last Newsletter. I have enjoyed keeping you up to date and I hope you have all enjoyed my spelling mistakes (intentional of course!). Although moving across the 'pond', I am sure I will be kept informed of all the clubs' events and performances. Any of you who do venture over to Canada and want a bed, food and beer (I would like to get back into brewing, so there should be an abundant supply if all goes to plan) and are passing through Nova Scotia, please get in touch on [elaine@grumpyhaggis.com](mailto:elaine@grumpyhaggis.com)

Your new editor is Jim Reville, if you have any suggestions for next seasons' Newsletter, I am sure he would be delighted to hear from you. His email is [jim.reville@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.reville@btinternet.com)

Au revoir,  
Elaine

