

NOISES OFF

APS newsletter June 2012



TUCKING IN AT THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE



Good food, convivial company hallmarked our Annual Dinner in the Butterfly House at Castle Gardens.

Many thanks to Gilly and Helen for their organisation.

Unplanned, Greece made its presence felt with the clatter and shatter of accidentally dropped plates.



Summer Party and AGM 2012

Our AGM - and Summer Party - will take place at **7.30 pm on Friday 20 July** in Nether Compton Village Hall..

This is your chance to let your committee know what you think of how they have managed our society over the year, and also to air your views and ideas for the future.

This year we need to elect a new President, Secretary and two Committee Members.

Nomination papers will be sent out with the formal notice of the AGM approximately three weeks beforehand by email and by post to those without email.

There will be a charge of £5 per person to cover food and first drink. Please bring a bottle - alcoholic or otherwise - for second drink onwards.

Please also bring with you cutlery, plate (for main course) and bowl (for pudding) and take them home afterwards. Plastic cups will be provided.

Do contact a committee member if you need a lift to Nether Compton.

THE WINTER'S TALE

Auditions for our autumn production of Shakespeare's **'The Winter's Tale'**, will be held in our Clubhouse at 7.30 pm on Tuesday evening 12 June.

Actually, it will be a combined workshop and audition at which Charles will explain the background and plot of the play.

Please feel free to come along just for the workshop element. Of course, you may find, by the end of the evening you would like to try out for a part after all.

Charles has audition pieces he would like people to read. So, please don't hesitate to get in touch with him if you would like a copy or have any questions about them or about the characters.

Meanwhile, there's been an early start on other aspects of pre-production. A tech meeting has been held and work has begun on creating a really stunning set.

Draft versions of a poster are under consideration (see above) and the creation of a video trailer is underway.



Contact Charles on 01935 812698 or charlesnapier@hotmail.com



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Programme of events 2011-2012 season

Tuesday 12 June:

Auditions and workshop for our autumn production of **'The Winter's Tale'**

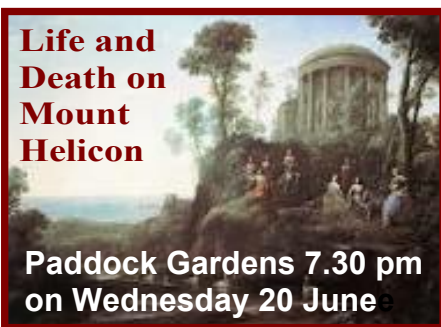
Wednesday 20 June:

Poetry evening *Life and Death on Mount Helicon* led by Maurice Freeland. In Paddock Gardens (weather permitting) Otherwise in our Club Room.

Friday 20 July:

AGM and Summer Party. Nether Compton Village Hall.

All events at 7.30 pm in our Club Room at The Old Chapel unless indicated otherwise.



Come along and enjoy an evening devoted to poetry.

Mount Helicon, a mountain in south-east Greece in Boeotia was believed by the ancient Greeks to be the source of poetic inspiration and home to the muses.

The evening begins with a selection of poems personal to Maurice Freeland, some sombre, others light-hearted.

After the interval the floor is yours. Please bring your favourite poem for reading to the rest of us. And a picnic if you wish.

In the event of bad weather we will transfer to the Club Room.

MYSTERY OBJECT IN OUR CLUBHOUSE



Our 'Noises Off' undercover photographer has captured this picture of a mystery object in our Clubhouse workshop.

Could it be the first stage of a rocket assembly to a huge Olympic torch. 'Noises Off' will probe further to uncover the truth about this mystery object.



NODA's South West Region are holding their annual 'Weekend' again at Bickton College, Devon - barely a 1½ hour drive away - Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July.

This year's programme of the Saturday morning and afternoon workshop sessions include Characterisation for Actors, So you want to be a Director, Sound without Crackles, Stage Make-up, Showstoppers and a Youth Actor's Workshop. The cost is just £30 per session. Plus another £10 if you want lunch.

Here's more detail on the morning workshop on

Characterisation for Actors: Developing a character. The course will be directed towards the more experienced actor with the expectation that participants know the basics and have tried the in real situations. Definitely not for the novice.

I have a copy of the programme and please do contact me and I'll get it to you somehow.

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Otherwise, for a copy of the programme of all the weekend's activities and all enquiries please contact Mrs Lynne Caygill, 'Caybrook' 33 Drakes Avenue, Exemouth, Devon EX8 4AD 01395 272 577

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Booking deadline: Monday 9 July



IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO BE THINKING AHEAD

Already your committee has turned its attention to our next season's programme of social evenings and activities. But, don't just leave it up to them! It's time for all of us to be putting our thinking caps on and coming up with ideas. What about a themed evening, a play-reading, theatre trips, quizzes - or something completely different.

Also, most importantly, we need to come up with a play for our spring production slot.

All suggestions very welcome so do get in touch with any member of your committee right now!

noda Summer School

4th-11th August 2012 - Scarman Conference Centre, Warwick University

If you are passionate about amateur theatre and looking to boost your existing skills and confidence, learn something completely new, or simply spend

a week doing something you love, NODA Summer School 2012 is the place for you.

Visit the NODA website at noda.org.uk or contact Membership Services on 01733 374790 for more information.



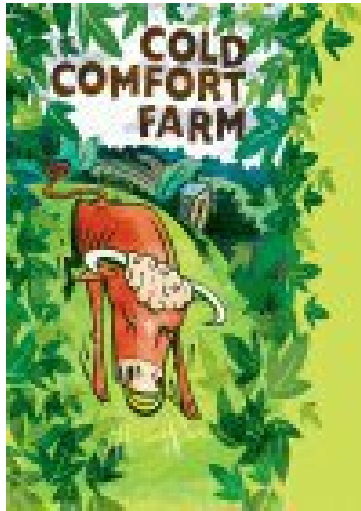
Arts SCENE

A selection of what's
on around and about

COLD COMFORT IN DIGBY HALL

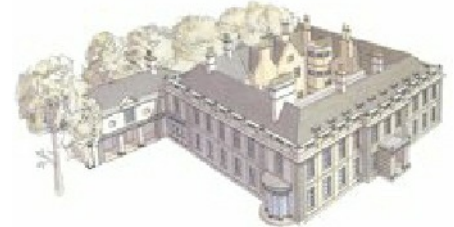
Bristol Old Vic Theatre School presents 'Cold Comfort Farm' at 7.30 pm Wednesday 27 June in the Digby Hall.

Flora Poste embarks upon a quest to discover her family's roots, and as a result the "nice girl from London" meets the rough and ready Starkadders of Cold Comfort Farm. Come along into a world where there's something nasty in the woodshed, where porridge pulsates with the latent lust of rural romance and the Sukebind draws you every closer into an intrigue that will keep you gripped and laughing in equal measure.



Tickets £10/£8 Artslink members, £12/£10 non-members, Under 18s £6, Family ticket (2 adults + 2 Under 18s) £20 - available in advance from the Tourist Information Centre 01935 815341 or on the door.

OPEN AIR SHAKESPEARE AT POLTIMORE HOUSE



Poltimore House, is just off the B3181 4 miles north of Exeter just south of the village of Poltimore. between Pinhoe and Broadclyst.

Henry V - Sat 16 June at 7 pm.

To unite in common cause a kingdom torn by civil strife, England's new monarch decides to enforce his claim to the throne of France. But after his invasion's initial success, he finds himself facing a vastly superior French force on the fields of Agincourt, and with it, the ultimate test of his leadership.

As You Like It - Thurs 28 to Sat 30 June at 7 pm.

Shakespeare's delightful romantic comedy is brought to life in a zesty new production.

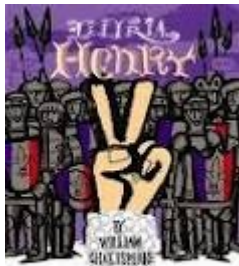
Banished by Duke Frederick, Rosalind and Celia disguise themselves and escape to the Forest of Arden. Romantic adventures ensue as they meet a love-lorn shepherd, a love-struck shepherdess as well as a melancholy lord and finally find true love with Orlando and Oliver.

The Winter's Tale - Fri 20 & Sat 21 July at 7 pm.

It includes everything needed for magical outdoor theatre; a statue that comes to life, a lost princess, a sheep-shearing festival, a roguish clown and a happy ending.

In inclement conditions all performances will take place in the Chapel.

Call 01392 248938 or www.poltimore.org/events



ILLYRIA PLAYS AT CASTLE GARDENS

Illyria perform Roald Dahl's fun family favourite **the Twits** at 7 pm on Saturday 30 June (Approx 1hr 45 mins inc 20 minute interval) and **Henry V** at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18 July (Approx 2½ hrs inc 20 minute interval).

Tickets £17.50. Concessions £15. Child £12.50 from Castle Gardens 01935 814633.

Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic. Hot drinks available. Cancellation only in the event of a hurricane!

CIVIC PLAYERS DELIVER US FROM EVIL

The Civic Players' next production at the Swan Theatre, Yeovil, Deliver us from Evil, is a thriller. It will run from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th June at 7.45 pm.

There is a new Rector at Wychcombe Magna who is slowly gaining acceptance with the the locals. Then the unthinkable happens - there is a murder at the Rectory and it becomes apparent that not all is as it seems in the village.

At  cineworld *Yeovil*

NT live Frankenstein directed by Danny Boyle

With Benedict Cumberbatch as the Monster

Thursday 14 June at 6.30 pm

Sunday 17 June at 4 pm

With Jonny Lee Miller as the Monster

Thursday 21 June at 6.30 pm

Sunday 24 June at 4 pm

Tickets now on sale: £10, Senior and Students £8. Save 10% by booking online. Call 0871 200 2000 or Google Cineworld, Yeovil

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2012

Tues 5 to Fri 8	Deliver us from Evil Civic Players	Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.30 pm
Thurs 7	Comedy Club Matt Price	Powell Theatre, Sherborne 8.30 pm Doors open 7.30 pm
Sat 16	Henry V RSC Open Stages	Poltimore House, nr Exeter 7 pm ends 9 pm. See page 3
<i>APS event</i> Wed 20	Life and Death on Mount Helicon Led by Maurice Freeland	Paddock Gardens, Sherborne 7.30 pm See page 2
Thurs 21 to Fri 22	Othello Rum Doxy Theatre	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm
Wed 27	Cold Comfort Farm Bristol Old Vic Theatre School	Digby Hall, Sherborne 7.30 pm See page 3
Thurs 28 to Sat 30	As You Like It Cygnet Theatre Company	Poltimore House, Exeter 7 pm See page 3

JULY 2012

Wed 4 to Sat 7	Animal Farm George Orwell	Little Theatre, Wells 7.30 pm
Wed 4 to Sat 14	Me and My Girl Musical	Shaftesbury Arts Centre 7.30 pm
Fri 6	Emma Chapterhouse Theatre Company	Bishop's Palace, Wells 7.30 pm
Wed 11	The Collector John Fowles	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.45 pm
Mon 16 to Wed 18	The American Dream Edward Albee	New Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm
Wed 18	Richard II The Festival Players	Shaftesbury Abbey 7.30 pm
<i>APS event</i> Fri 20	AGM & Summer Party	Nether Compton Village Hall 7.30 pm
Fri 20 to Sat 21	The Winter's Tale The idle Theme Theatre Company	Poltimore House, Exeter 7 pm See page 3
Wed 25 to Sun 29	The Marriage of Figaro Winterborne Opera	Bishop's Palace, Salisbury Wed/Thurs/Sat 6.30 Sun 2 pm

Bishop's Palace: Box Office Salisbury Playhouse 01722 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

Shaftesbury Abbey: Call 01747 852910 or 01747 853514 shaftesburyabbey.org.uk

Powell Theatre: Call 01935 810579 www.powelltheatre.co.uk

New Theatre, Exeter: Box Office 01392 277189 www.cygnetnewtheatre.com

Little Theatre, Wells: Box Office opens 16 June 01749 672280 littletheatrewells.org

Salisbury Playhouse: Box Office call 01722 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

Merlin Theatre: Box Office 01373 465949 www.merlintheatre.co.uk

Mission Theatre: Call 01225 428600 www.missiontheatre.co.uk

Bishop's Palace, Wells: Call 01749 988111 extn 200 www.chapterhouse.org

Swan Theatre: Box Office 01935 462781 www.swan-theatre.co.uk



If you would like any local performances mentioned in the newsletter please send details to me at:

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message if I'm not available and I'll ring you back.

July Copy Deadline: Thursday 28 June

Last Word...

If you give audiences a chance they'll do half your acting for you.

Katharine Hepburn