



Let's make it a night to remember!



Roll up! Roll up! On Friday evening 22 February we will formally name our Clubroom the Jennie Ward Room. But that's not all! To mark this special occasion we also aim to put on an evening's entertainment of all varieties: poems, songs, sketches - or whatever.

So that we can start work on putting a scintillating programme together would you please contact Carol Foster on 01935

509745 with details of what you would like to do. Or you can email me at

jim.reville@btinternet.com.

It would be much appreciated if you are able to give an idea of the length of your contribution and also whether you would might need accompaniment.

Now, we know there's a lot of performance talent within our membership - otherwise you wouldn't have joined, would you - so please, don't be backward in coming forward.

Let's pack the Clubroom to the rafters, making it a night to remember just as we remember the tremendous contribution Jennie made to our society she's most certainly worth it!

Mark the time and date: 7.30 pm Friday 22 February.

TREASURER WANTED

Your Committed has a pressing need to appoint



Obviously, we would prefer someone who is already a member, but if you know of some nonmember who could help us out that would be great.

Please do contact any member of your Committee <u>as soon as possible</u>.

APS 2012-2013 season

Upcoming Events

Friday 22 February

An evening entertainment to celebrate the naming of the Jennie Ward Room

Friday 8 March <u>Date change</u>
Visit to Dorset Drama League at
Shaftesbury Arts Centre

Sat 13 April-Sunday 21 April *Heatstroke* Production Week
Performances 18-20 April

Friday 17 May

Annual Dinner at Castle Gardens with Murder Mystery. TBC

Tuesday 11 June

Part rehearsed drama of Hemingway's short story *The Killers*.

Friday 12 July Date change AGM and Summer Party.

All events take place at 7.30 pm in our Clubroom unless indicated otherwise.



AGM DATE CHANGE

Please see above date

change for our AGM & Party. Venue yet to be confirmed.

NODA SUMMER SCHOOL 2013 SAT 3 TO SAT 10 AUGUST

NODA announces that you can now book your places on the 2013 Summer School. Once again it is being held at the University of Warwick with more courses than ever.

It offers an unrivalled training opportunity for all those involved in amateur theatre.

Following the latest trends in professional theatre, there is a wide variety of week long and 3 day courses in a mix of disciplines for performers, directors and technicians.

With competitive course fees and top class residential facilities

Quartermaine's Terms Report



Quartermaine's Terms is perhaps Simon Gray's finest work in its ability to combine comedy with melancholy and loss. These aspects were much appreciated in our play-reading not only by members but also by the surprise appearance of APS all-rounder of recent past, Tony Birks-Hay (second right) and his wife Leslie.

"THE PLAY'S THE THING!"

Many thanks for all the play suggestions, but keep them coming. It's a valuable initiative by our President, Eve Simmonds, to aid our selection of plays we might produce in future.

So, let's have more ideas of plays you think are worth considering (no commitment to direct.) Just pass your suggestions to Eve who will read the plays and present her opinion to your committee.

You can contact Eve on 01935 812933.

OORSET DRAMA LEAGUE FESTIVAL OF ONE ACT PLAYS 2013

Please note the date change to the Dorset Drama League Festival at Shaftesbury Arts
Centre has been rearranged for Friday evening 8 March.

The DDL Festival is one of many throughout the country, the winning production going on to compete against other winning teams. A professional adjudicator, John Scowen, will assess each play, giving his views on the entire production - which could be very

instructive.

Curtain up is at 7 pm. Three plays will be performed, each around 30 minutes long. 'The Red Balloon' and 'Stop the Clocks' by Royal Manor Theatre Club Juniors and 'Mother Figure' to be performed by Broadstone Players. There will also be the opportunity to take a look backstage. Tickets £7.50.

Call me 01935 814626 or email: jim.reville@btinternet.com if you would like to go. Stuart will organise the tickets and hopefully we can also arrange car-sharing.



at the University of Warwick (see above) you are guaranteed a funpacked week of top quality training.

Courses for 2013 include many aimed at Musical Theatre but also: An introduction to Acting and The Method.

Short Courses:

Costumes

Design for Directors
Working with text for Directors

An introduction to Stage Lighting. An introduction to Stage Lighting design

RSC - Voice and Text Additional Shakespeare Short course TBC.

For full details about the NODA summer school 2013 courses, the tutors, the terms and conditions and booking go to: www.noda.org.uk/summerschool

A selection of what's on around and about

FREE DRAMA AT POWELL

School House 'Maria Martin' Thurs POWELL & Fri 7th & 8th Feb at 8.00 pm.



Abbeylands 'Black Comedy' Thurs & Fri 28th Feb & 1st March at 8.00 pm.

School Play 'Julius Caesar' Thurs & Fri March 21st & 22nd at 7.45 pm. Tickets are free from the Sherborne School reception office.

My Darling Clemmie' The remarkable. moving and highly entertaining story of the woman who

married one of the great figures of the 20th century, Winston Churchill.

Performed by Rohan McCullough, it's on at 7.30 pm Nether Compton Thurs 7 March. Contact: 01935 413220

RE-ENACTORS FIGHT BATTLES IN THE WAREHOUSE

THE WAREHOUSE THEATRE 6th to 9th February 2013





There are fields all across England upon which the pitched battles of the War of the Roses were fought. From the Battle of St Albans in 1455 to the closing Battle of Bosworth three decades later much blood was spilt as the houses of York and Lancaster fought to rule the land (Lancaster won, sports fans). These battles have not been forgotten - they are frequently re-enacted on the grass where the action originally took place by a strange breed of folk who enjoy dressing up in armour and embracing aspects of

This Robert Shearman comedy tells the tale of six such re-enactors, a motley bunch who use their weekend hobby to escape from a variety of personal tribulations. Shearman avoids giving a history lecture, although there are some interesting points about 15th century battling to take home, instead focusing attentions on conflicts in the characters personal lives.

medieval life (and death).

'Knights in Plastic Armour' is on at The Warehouse. **Ilminster Wed 6 to Sat 9** February. Call 07943 779880 www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk

DANGEROUS CORNER AT SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE

It's 1932, and at their stylish country retreat, Freda and Robert Caplan host a dinner party for their colleagues and friends, all executives at a transatlantic publishing company. Young, beautiful and



successful they have the world at their feet.

Gradually, however, events turn a dangerous corner and a relentless series of revelations expose the darkness that lies beneath the glamorous facade. As truths and secrets tumble out, the cost of professional and social success is laid bare.

Performances: Thurs 31 Jan to Sat 23 Feb. Monday to Saturday evenings at 7.30pm. Matinees on Thursdays and Saturdays at 2.15pm (exc. 2 Feb) Box Office: 01722 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

Live at *Cin*eworld Yeovil



Award-winning writer Alan Bennett is reunited with director Nicholas Hytner and Olivier Award-winning actress Frances de la Tour, with whom he worked on 'The History Boys' and 'The Habit of Art'.

People spoil things; there are so many of them and the last thing one wants is them traipsing through one's house. But with the park a jungle and a bath on the billiard table, what is one to do? Dorothy (Frances de la Tour) wonders if an attic sale could be a solution.

Thursday 21 March at 7 pm. Call 0871 200 2000 or Google Cineworld Yeovil. Save 10% booking online, plus no booking fees.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FEBRUARY 2013		
Tues 1	Romeo & Juliet Icarus Theatre Collective	Octagon, Yeovil 1 pm & 7.30 pm
Wed 6 to Sat 9	Knights in Plastic Armour A comedy	Warehouse, Ilminster 7.30 pm See page 3
Mon 11 to Sat 16	Surprises Alan Ayckbourn	Theatre Royal, Bath Mon/Wed 7.30 Thurs/Sat 8 pm
Wed 13 to Sat 16	Animal Farm Zenith Youth Theatre Co.	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm Mat Sat 2.30 pm
Sat 16	Creatures Arena Theatre	Shaftesbury Arts Theatre 8 pm
Wed 20 to Sat 23 Tues 26 to Sat 2 March	Going Postal From Terry Pratchett novel	Studio Theatre, Salisbury 7.30 pm
APS Fri 22	Naming the Jennie Ward Room An evening of entertainment	The Clubroom 7.30 pm
Sat 23	Jane Eyre Hull Truck	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.45 pm
Wed 27 to Sat 23 March	Joking Apart Alan Ayckbourn	Salisbury Playhouse 7.30 pm Mats 7&9 Mar 2.15 pm
MARCH 2013		
Tues 5 to Sat 9	Dirty Great Love Story Winner Fringe First Award 2012	Bristol Old Vic 8 pm Mat Sat 1.30 pm
Thurs 7 to Sat 9	Of Mice and Men Tin Shed Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm Mat Fri&Sat 2.30 pm
Fri 8 to Sat 9	Carter Davies: Secret Agent Moonstone Theatre Company	New Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm
Tues 12 to Sat 16	Snake in the Grass Taunton Thespians	Tacchi-Morris, Taunton 7.30 pm Mat Sat 2.30 pm
Wed 13	The Boy at the Edge of the Room Forest Forge Theatre Company	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.45 pm
Mon 18 to Sat 23	Play On Rick Abbot play	The Swan Theatre 7.45 pm
Mon 18 to Sat 23	39 Steps Olivier award-winning comedy	Theatre Royal, Bath Mon/Wed 7.30 Thurs/Sat 8 pm
National Thurs 21	People New Alan Bennett play	Cineworld, Yeovil 7 pm

Shaftesbury: Box Office 01722 321744 www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk
Studio Theatre: Box Office 01722 334956 www.studiotheatre.org.uk
Octagon: Box Office 01935 422884 www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

Warehouse: Box Office 07943 779880 www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk Bristol Old Vic: Box Office 0117 987 7877 www.bristololdvic.org.uk Cineworld, Yeovil: Call 0871 200200 or save 10% by booking online

The Swan Theatre: Tkts from 26 Feb. Call 07500 376031 or book online www.swan-theatre.co.uk

Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre: Box Office 01823 414141 www.tacchi-morris.com **Theatre Royal, Bath:** Box Office 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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

NB: As Diary Dates are compiled in advance, do check with the venue for any programme changes.

If you would like any local performances mentioned in the newsletter please email details to: jim.reville@btinternet.com or call me on 01935 814626. Please leave a message if I'm not available and I'll ring you back. March Copy Deadline: Tues 26 Feb