

# NOISES OFF

APS newsletter June 2013

## “It has been absolutely lovely”

So said Stuart, our chairman, and a sentiment echoed by all who wined and dined amid lots of fun and laughter at our Annual Dinner in the Butterfly House.

Many thanks go out to Gilly and Helen for organising a most enjoyable evening.



## COMING SOON THE KILLERS



Adapted and dramatised from an Ernest Hemingway short story of high tension, sharp dialogue and grim humour.

Two hit men come to a small town to kill an ex-boxer.

To be performed part-rehearsed in two acts in the Jennie Ward Room of our ClubHouse at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 11 June.

You best be there or we send the boys around

Click on 'News and Social Events' on our website: [www.aps-sherborne.co.uk](http://www.aps-sherborne.co.uk) to watch the thrilling trailer video.

## Summer Party and AGM 2013

Our AGM - and Summer Party - will take place at **7.30 pm on Friday 12 July in the Luncheon Club, Digby Road, Sherborne.**

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 Chairman, Treasurer 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.

A donation of £5 per person would be appreciated 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.**

## FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

A campaign to raise the £900,000 now needed to get work started on the proposed Sherborne Community Arts Centre has been launched at the Abbey.

The centre is likely to take 18 months to two years to build and work could start next year if fundraising progresses well.

## APS 2012-2013 season Upcoming Events

### Tuesday 11 June

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

### Friday 12 July **Date change**

AGM and Summer Party in the Luncheon Club, Digby Road.

### Tues 23 & Wed 24 July

'A Chorus of Disapproval' auditions.

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



It's not too soon to turn our attention to creating our next season's programme of social events.

It's time for all of us to be putting our thinking caps on and coming up with ideas. What about a themed poetry-reading evening, play-readings (definitely need more of these), theatre trips, quizzes - or something completely different.

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

**"THE PLAY'S THE THING!"**

Many thanks for all the suggestions for future plays but keep them coming.

So, let's have more ideas of plays you think are worth considering. Pass them on to Eve who present her opinion to your committee.

Contact Eve on 01935 812933.

## A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL **The Auditions** Tues 23 and Wed 24 July

There are 9 male actors (1 non-speaking)  
6 Female actors

Guy Jones - A widower from Leeds 30s

Dafydd ap Llewellyn - Welsh late 30s

Hannah Llewellyn - his wife **not** Welsh early 30s

Bridget Baines - 30s

Mr Ames - a shy middle aged piano player

Enid Washbrook - early 40s

Rebecca Huntley-Pike - late 40s

Fay Hubbard - 30s

Ian Hubbard - 30s

Jarvis Huntley-Pike - A Northerner late 50s

Ted Washbrook - Late 40s

Crispin Usher - 20s

Linda Washbrook - Enid & Ted's daughter 20s

Raymond - 30s

Stage Manager (non-speaking)

The action occurs between the first rehearsal and the first performance of an amateur production of Gay's 'The Beggar's Opera'. It takes place in and around a small provincial theatre. It is a 'play within a play' and has some singing.

**The auditions will be held on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 July at 7.30 pm in our Clubhouse.**

Rehearsals will start in early September which leaves plenty of time for learning lines while sunbathing on the beach!

If anyone wants information please ring me on 01963-210462 or e-mail me at [patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com)

## ANNUAL WORKSHOP WEEKEND AT BICTON COLLEGE

Our region of NODA, the South West region, is holding its annual Workshop Weekend at Bicton College EX9 7BY from Friday to Sunday 19 - 21 July.

This year's programme includes 10 Workshops including: acting from the text, improvisation, lighting, vocal technique, wardrobe, write a show.

There are individual prices for workshops. Cost for the weekend is just £130 and there is a special weekender price of £120 for Individual NODA Members.

For enquiries and bookings contact the Conference Co-ordinator Lynne Caygill, 33 Drakes Avenue, Exmouth, Devon



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Contact me on 01935 814626 or [jim.reville@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.reville@btinternet.com) for a look at the brochure.



# What's On

A selection of what's on around and about



**'STRICTLY SEX FACTOR ON ICE'** is just one of a trio of David Tristram comedies Civic Players bring to The Swan at 7.45 pm Wed 5 to Sat 8 June.

Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic face a threat to their very existence. Reality TV shows have ravaged their

Saturday night audiences. Chairman Gordon devises a cunning plan - their very own live Saturday night blockbuster. All they need is an audience, some contestants, four judges, a mirror ball ...oh, yes, and some ice.

In **Last Tango in Little Grimley** the society is in trouble again. Membership is down to four - the audiences not much bigger - and if they don't come up with some rent money soon, they're going to be thrown out. "There's only one thing that sells tickets these days" says Chairman Gordon "Sex!"

**Peas** is about the first date of a mismatched couple. Daisy is a snakebite-drinking dancer, while Prosser is a nerdy Star Wars fan.

## The Audience NT Live

Helen Mirren reprises her Oscar-winning role as Queen Elizabeth II in this National Theatre production. The Audience is on at Cineworld, Yeovil **7 pm Thursday 17 June**. An unmissable opportunity to see the regal Helen Mirren return to the role that secured her the Academy Award.

Call **0871 200 2000** or **Google Cineworld Yeovil**. Save **10% booking online**, plus **no booking fees**.



**Monday 3 June: Henry V at 1 pm and 7 pm**  
**Monday 1 July: Twelfth Night at 1 pm and 7 pm**  
**Monday 29 July: The Taming of the Shrew 7 pm**



**GRIPPING WEST COUNTRY YARN** Smugglers, shipwrecks, a haunted crypt, hidden treasure, vengeance and enduring love are the ingredients of **Moonfleet**, brought to life in Bristol Old Vic Theatre

School's latest West Country touring production.

Set on the Dorset coast in the village of Moonfleet, orphan John Trenchard is captivated by the story of the ghostly Blackbeard and his lost treasure. His search leads him to high adventure with smugglers, the revenue men, and eventually to love.

Wed 19 June: Digby Hall, Sherborne at 7.30 pm

Tickets from Tourist Information 01935 815341

Sun 30 June: The Exchange, Sturminster Newton at 7.30 pm.

**Illyria perform 'As You Like It' at Castle Gardens at 7.30 pm Wednesday 17 July.**

This is Shakespeare's ultimate romantic comedy. Four people each find their perfect soulmates in the Forest of Arden. One pair leap straight into bed, another are instantly struck by each other's beauty, the third tease each other endlessly - while the fourth enjoy a courtship that is so witty and playful that Love itself is stretched to the limit. But pitted against political intrigue, multiple disguises and overwhelming cynicism, can even Love win through in the end...?



## WAITING FOR GODOT - OUTDOORS

Miracle Theatre demonstrates why *Waiting for Godot*, once famously described as a play in which 'nothing happens, twice', is one of the most profound, moving and funny plays ever written. Both deadly serious and seriously funny, Beckett's timeless masterpiece explores what makes us tick with clarity, dramatic force and genuine humour.

It takes place outdoors at Maumbury Rings 7.30 pm Saturday 6 July as part of the Dorchester Arts Festival. [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE 2013

Wed 5 to Sat 8	<b>3 David Tristram comedies</b> Civic Players	The Swan, Yeovil 7.45 pm
Thurs 6 to Sat 8	<b>Monstrous Regiment</b> Terry Pratchett	The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 7.30 pm
<b>APS Live</b> Tues 11	<b>The Killers</b> Part-rehearsed drama	<b>The ClubHouse</b> 7.30 pm
Wed 12 to Sat 29	<b>Relative Values</b> Trevor Nunn directs	Theatre Royal, Bath 7.30 pm Mats Thurs Sat 2.30 pm
Mon 17 to Sat 22	<b>Alice</b> Based on Lewis Carroll's tale	Salisbury Playhouse 7.30 pm Mats Thurs Sat 2.15 pm
Tues 18 to Sat 29	<b>Last Days of Mankind</b> Apocalyptic satire	Bristol Old Vic 7.30 pm Mats Thurs Sat 2.30 pm
Wed 19	<b>Moonfleet</b> Bristol Old Vic Theatre School	Digby Hall, Sherborne 7.30 pm
Thurs 20 to Sat 22	<b>A Cup of Coward</b> Next Stage Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm
Tues 25 to Sat 29	<b>Pardon Me, Prime Minister</b> Exeter Drama Company	The Shed, Exeter 7.30 pm

### JULY 2013

Wed 3 to Sat 20	<b>Tristan and Yseult</b> Kneehigh Theatre Co	Bristol Old Vic 7.30 pm Mats Thurs/Sat 2.30
Fri 5	<b>The Merry Wives of Windsor</b> Taunton Thespians	Dillington House, Ilminster Outdoors 7.30 pm
Sat 6	<b>Waiting for Godot</b> Miracle Theatre Company	Maumbury Rings, nr Dorchester Outdoors 7.30 pm
<b>APS Live</b> Fri 12	<b>AGM and Summer Party</b>	<b>Luncheon Club, Sherborne</b> 7.30 pm
Sat 13 and Sun 14	<b>Under Milk Wood</b> Dylan Thomas 'play for voices'	Ecos Amphitheatre, Frome 2 pm
Mon 15 to Sat 20	<b>The Lady in the Van</b> Alan Bennett play	Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.45 pm
Wed 17 to Sat 27	<b>Dad's Army</b> Music & Drama group	Shaftesbury Arts Centre 7.30 pm
Fri 19	<b>The Importance of being Ernest</b> Wessex Actors Company	The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 7.30 pm
<b>APS Live</b> Tues 23 and Wed 24	<b>A Chorus of Disapproval auditions</b>	<b>APS Clubhouse</b> 7.30 pm

**Waiting for Godot:** Box Office 01305 266926 [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)

**Shaftesbury Arts Centre:** Box Office 01747 854321 [www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk](http://www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk)

**The Shed, Exeter:** Call 01392 221481 [www.exeterdramacompany.co.uk](http://www.exeterdramacompany.co.uk)

**Moonfleet, Sherborne:** Tourist Information Centre 01935 815341

**Salisbury Playhouse:** [www.salisburyplayhouse.com](http://www.salisburyplayhouse.com)

**The Exchange:** Call 01258 475137 [www.stur-exchange.co.uk](http://www.stur-exchange.co.uk)

**Bristol Old Vic:** Box Office 0117 987 7877 [www.bristololdvic.org.uk](http://www.bristololdvic.org.uk)

**The Swan Theatre:** Call 01935 421722 [www.swan-theatre.co.uk](http://www.swan-theatre.co.uk)

**Theatre Royal, Bath:** Box Office 01225 448844 [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

**Merlin Theatre - Under Milk Wood:** Box Office 01373 465949 [www.merlintheatre.co.uk](http://www.merlintheatre.co.uk)

**Mission Theatre:** Call 01225 428600 [www.missiontheatre.co.uk](http://www.missiontheatre.co.uk)

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

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