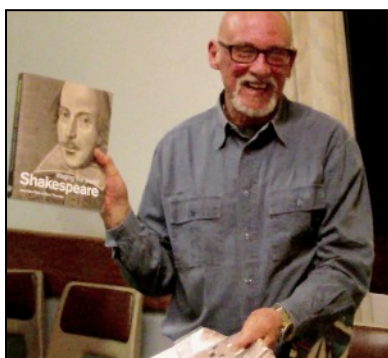


“A great big thank you to everyone involved”



“Looking back on our planning stages I reckon we have largely achieved exactly what Sylvie and I set out to do,” said John at the After Show Party. “And we only achieved that through the support we had



(John face to face with Shakespeare)

from everyone. I was delighted with the cast. Our creative team and our technical team have really done us proud. A great big thank you to everyone involved.”

For photos of our ‘The Merry Wives of Windsor’ production head over to our website

www.aps-sherborne.co.uk and click on ‘Past productions’ to reveal Mark’s extensive photo gallery. Full details of how you can order your favourite photos can be found at the foot of the Members’ Page.

Can the DVD be far behind?



(Sylvie shows off her new ‘buck-basket’)

Last Minute Bookings



Annual Dinner Friday 16 May

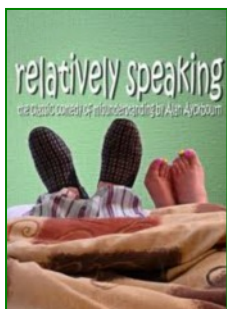
There’s only a few days left before the deadline to book for our Annual Dinner at 7.30 pm **Friday 16th May** in the Butterfly House at Castle Gardens.



Very latest date for bookings is by Friday 2 May.

A menu choices and booking form with full details is available to print off in the events column. on the Members’ Page of our website. www.aps-sherborne.co.uk

Send the completed form, together with your cheque, made payable to Amateur Players of Sherborne, to Gilly Savage, Myntern House, Longford Rd, Thornford DT9 6QN 01935 872098 or email her at: gillysavage@hotmail.com



‘Relatively Speaking’ by Alan Ayckbourn - “a beautifully constructed and very funny comedy” Noel Coward

After just one month, Greg has made up his mind that Ginny's the girl for him. When she tells him that she's going to visit her parents, he decides this is the moment to ask her father for his daughter's hand. After discovering a scribbled address, Greg follows Ginny to Buckinghamshire. Here he finds

Philip and Sheila in the garden, enjoying a lazy Sunday morning breakfast, but the only thing is they're not Ginny's parents!

Make a date for this play-reading, led by Eve at 7.30 pm Tuesday 29 April in our Clubhouse

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Upcoming Events

Fri 16 May

Annual Dinner, Butterfly House
Castle Gardens.

Tues 10 June

Two Arnold Bennett farces: 'A
Question of Sex' and 'The
Stepmother'. Produced by Jim
Reville.

Fri 11 July

AGM and Summer Party.
Gainsborough House by kind
invitation of Jim Schofield.

COMING SOON

Arnold Bennett Evening

Two polite farces for the Drawing Room to be performed part-rehearsed at
7.30 pm Tuesday 10 June in the Jennie Ward Room of our Clubhouse

A Question of Sex The Stepmother

New to fatherhood, George is nevertheless rather peeved that his wife has delivered a girl. A boy would have delivered a cheque for £10,000 from his Uncle Francis. Is there some way he, with the help May and Helen, persuade his uncle to part with the cash?

A deliciously, witty farce of "hysteria in lady novelists"! Uproarious deceptions, assumptions, and personality clashes ensue between an eccentric author, her efficient but not-so-innocent secretary, and the men that admire them.

There will be an interval during which tea or coffee will be available. Glasses of wine may be purchased at favourable APS prices.

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2013/14



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 welcome so do get in touch with any committee member right now!



Taking a break from Merry Wives rehearsals, Pistol aka Roy attended Waitrose opening.

"A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND"*

Older members of APS will be sad to learn of the death of Peter Wheeldon, an active member of the Players in the 60's and 70's. He directed three plays for us: 'Present Laughter' 1968, 'Angels in Love', 1972 and 'And so to Bed' in 1976.

More recently he was the NODA representative for Dorset and was always delighted to come back for our productions, to meet old friends and to write always warm reviews.

We shall very much miss seeing him and send our love and sympathy to his wife Judy.

* Nick Lawrence, NODA South-West Councillor



[Photo from 'And so to Bed', 1976]



- One production a year
- Two productions a year
- One major production, plus a minor production i.e. a couple of one act plays

This was the topic raised at the last meeting of your committee. Now they would like to know what you think.

You can have your say in the determining the future of the APS by emailing your comments, observations etc to me at jim.reville@btinternet.com and I will pass them on to the committee for their consideration.



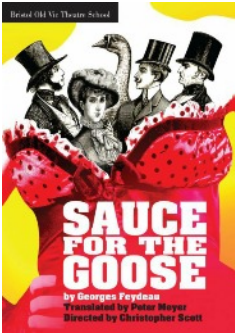
NODA SOUTH WEST REGION ANNUAL WORKSHOP WEEKEND

The Annual NODA South West region Conference Workshop Weekend will take place on 20th & 21st September 2014 at the Palace Hotel, Torquay.

Courses to include: acting, improvisation, directing from the script, puppetry, costumes (all day), business/advertising, building a set, and backstage organisation. More details, including Agatha Christie connections, when available.

WHAT'S ON

A selection of what's on around and about



Georges Feydeau's high spirited romp **Sauce For The Goose** is stuffed with preening characters knitting their legs in sexual frustration.

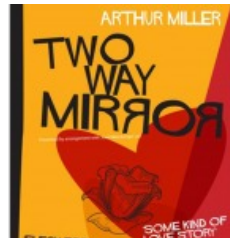
Its heady mix of passions, pace and pleasure are the perfect mix for a good night out. Untrustworthy husbands, betrayed wives, artful servants and crazed Germans demonstrate why the "naughty nineties" were so named, as master French farceur Feydeau's sparkling play switches from riotous farce to barbed social satire.

Thursday 22 May 7.30 pm Digby Hall, Sherborne. Box Office: Tourist Information Centre, Digby Road, 01935 815341

Red Rope Theatre Company bring you Arthur Miller's intimate two-hander **Two-Way Mirror**.

It consists of 2 short plays thought to be inspired by Miller's relationship with Marilyn Monroe. *Elegy for a Lady* is the moving encounter between a customer, trying to buy a gift for his dying mistress and the proprietress, who curiously takes on the characteristics of the mistress. In contrast *Some Kind of Love Story* is an almost tongue in cheek pastiche of film noir and deals with a private investigator and his relationship with a prostitute who may hold the secret to his case - a compelling study of two people destined by their mutual dependence to to tear one another apart.

The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 7.30 pm Fri 2 May.



Unravelling the Ribbon at The Swan 7.45 pm
Mon 19 to Sat 24 May.



Rose lives on a farm with her husband and two children. She worries she may have married too young. Lola wants to sell her home. Nobody ever calls, and she has stopped opening the post. Lyndsey and her best friend has stopped sitting beside her in art class.

When breast cancer touches their lives, everything starts to unravel - Rose's marriage falls apart, Lola gets arrested and Lyndsey hides a cooked ham in a thorn bush.

'Unravelling the Ribbon' tells the funny and touching story of these three women, as they interact, separate and come together in a moving and frequently hilarious tale of friendship and survival.

National Theatre Live

cineworld Yeovil
Thursday 1 May at 7 pm
King Lear

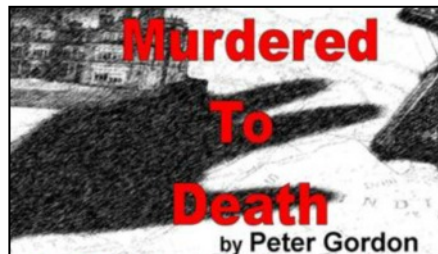
Wednesday 14 May at 7 pm
Henry IV Part 1

Thursday 22 May at 7 pm
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Thursday 12 June
A Small Family Business
Alan Ayckbourn

Wednesday 18 June at 7 pm
Henry IV Part 2

Cineworld, Yeovil: Call 0871 200200 or save 10% by booking online, Google cineworld yeovil



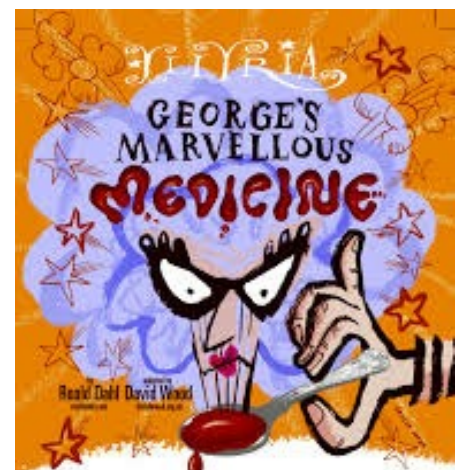
The Civic Players present **'Murdered to Death'** at 7.45 pm Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 June in The Swan Theatre, Yeovil.

In this comedy, an Agatha Christie spoof, will have the audience die laughing before the murderer is unmasked?

Inspector Pratt battles against the odds and his own incompetence to try to solve the murder of the house's owner.

But the murderer isn't finished yet. Meet the usual suspects of butler, Colonel, shady Frenchman. And a well-meaning local sleuth who has an unerring way of attracting murder....

Box Office: 01935 429236.




A Roald Dahl classic full of (literally) larger-than-life characters, plenty to join in with, and just a twist of malicious fun! We guarantee to send you through the roof...

Performed by Illyria at Castle Gardens Saturday 21 June. Open 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm start.

Also this summer: Pirates of Penzance; Macbeth; Robin Hood
Box Office: 01935 814633.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**May 2014**

Thurs 1	Othello Icarus Theatre Company	Octagon, Yeovil 7.30 pm
Thurs 1 to Sat 3	Abigail's Party Frome Drama Club	Merlin Theatre, Bath 7.45 pm
Fri 2	Two-Way Mirror Two Arthur Miller short plays	The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 7.30 pm
Mon 5 to Sat 10	Under Milk Wood Prior to London run & US tour. Marking centenary of Thomas's birth	Theatre Royal, Bath Mon/Wed 7.30 Thurs/Sat 8 pm Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 pm
 Fri 16	APS Annual Dinner 7 for 7.30 pm	Butterfly House Castle Gardens
Mon 19 to Sat 24	Unravelling the Ribbon Swan Theatre Company	Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.45 pm
Thurs 22	Sauce for the Goose Bristol Old Vic Theatre School	Digby Hall, Sherborne 7.30 pm
Thurs 22 to Fri 23	The Ballad of Martha Brown Angel Exit Theatre	Dorchester Corn Exchange 7.30 pm

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Tues 3 to Fri 6	Murdered to Death Civic Players	Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.45 pm
Tues 3 to Sat	Tis a Pity She's a Whore Jacobean Tragedy	Theatre Royal, Bath Tues:Wed 7.30 Thurs:Sat 8 pm
Thurs 5 to Sat 7	Her Posted Memory Novato Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm
 Tues 10	Two Arnold Bennett farces APS production	Clubhouse 7.30 pm
Tues 10 to Sat 14	Spider's Web Exeter Drama Company	The Shed, Exeter 7.30 pm
Sun 15	The Ballad of Martha Brown Angel Exit Theatre	The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 7 pm
Tues 17 to Sat 21	As You Like It	Salisbury Playhouse 7.30 pm
Fri 20 to Sat 21	The 39 Steps Street Theatre	Strode Theatre 7.30 pm
Sat 21	George's Marvellous Medicine Illyria	Castle Gardens 7.30 pm

Illyria/Castle Gardens: Call Castle Gardens on 01935 814633 www.illyria.uk.com

The Shed, Exeter: Call 01392 221481 www.exeterdramacompany.co.uk

Salisbury Playhouse: 01722 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

Sauce for the Goose: Box Office: Tourist Information Centre, Digby Road, 01935 815341

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

Strode Theatre: Box Office 01458 442846 Mon-Sat 10 am to 2 pm www.strodetheatre.org.uk

Mission Theatre: Box Office 01225 428600 www.missiontheatre.co.uk


Sturminster Newton Exchange: Box Office 01258 475137 www.stur-exchange.co.uk

Theatre Royal, Bath: Box Office 01225 448844 www.theatroyal.org.uk

Octagon: Box Office 01935 422884 www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

The Swan Theatre: Tickets on sale 28 April. Call 07500 376031 or book online www.swan-theatre.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. **JUNE Copy Deadline: Wednesday 28 May, 2014**