

Summer Party and AGM 2014

Our AGM - and Summer Party - will take place at **7.30 pm on Friday 11 July at Gainsborough House, South Street Sherborne.**

by kind invitation of Jim Schofield.

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 three new Committee Members: two for three years and one for one year.

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.

Below: scenes from a very well supported and enjoyed play-reading of 'Relatively Speaking' and led by Eve Simmonds.

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

New to fatherhood, George is nevertheless rather peeved that his wife has delivered of 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?

The Stepmother

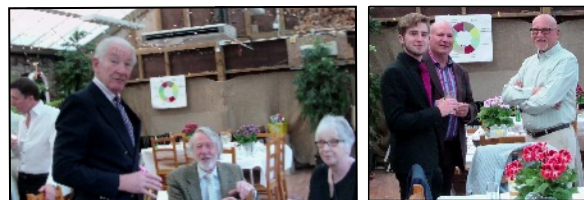
A deliciously, witty farce of "hysteria in lady novelists"! Uproarious deceptions, assumptions, and personality clashes ensue between an eccentric author, her efficient but not-so-innocent secretary, and the men that admire them.

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



What a lovely evening. Under a canopy of pretty lights, over a third of our members enjoyed a delightful evening of delicious food, fun and laughter in the Butterfly House.

Many thanks to Helen and Gilly for organising another most enjoyable Annual Dinner



APS 2014

Upcoming Events

Tues 10 June

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

Fri 11 July

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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!



NODA SOUTH WEST REGION 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 when available.

Public Statement by the Trustees of the Sherborne Community Arts Centre Trust (SCACT)

The Sherborne Community Arts Centre Trust (SCACT) was established to raise the funds required to build an arts centre to meet the needs of the local community identified in a needs analysis study commissioned by West Dorset District Council (WDDC) and Sherborne Town Council (STC) which reported in 2008. The proposed Centre was to be constructed on land to the south of Paddock Gardens gifted to the Trust for that purpose by Dorset County Council.

It is with regret that the SCACT Trustees have had to take the difficult decision to call a temporary halt to their efforts to raise the required funding. While they are proud of the imaginative scheme devised by their architects, Proctor Watts Cole Rutter of Shaftesbury, and are confident that the Centre would have proved a popular and viable venue, they have had to concede that the chances of raising the required level of capital funding are now very low.

If the scheme had been launched in more propitious economic circumstances the outcome might have been different. However, the funding climate for arts projects in the recent economic recession has been extremely difficult. The requirement so clearly identified in the original needs analysis study for studio space for arts related organisations in Sherborne remains pressing and, in our view, has increased during the intervening period. The Trustees have been impressed by the support shown by such organisations for a dedicated Centre and did not take lightly the decision to suspend, but not abandon, the project.

The trustees have chosen this course mindful of the plans of STC and the Sherborne House Trust to meet the requirement for arts provision in Sherborne, but, at the same time, they wish to retain the option of re-launching the project if those initiatives fail to meet the demonstrable needs of the community. This decision has been taken after consultation with both District and County authorities.

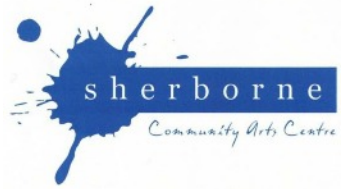
DIGBY HALL MAKEOVER PLANNED

Sherborne Town Council are proposing a £750,000 refurbishment of the Digby Hall. Although it has served the community well for the last 40 years, it is now tired and in need of attention. Their aim is to improve the attraction of the venue and create a versatile multifunctional community facility for the town.



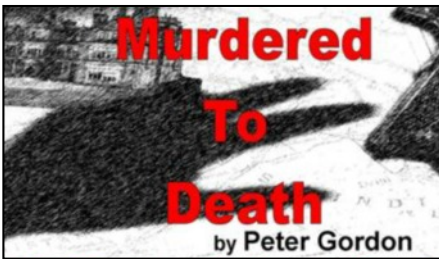
The Council are canvassing the views of the users of the Digby Hall to find out what improvements they would like to see included.

On your behalf your committee has submitted a very extensive list of much-needed works required to raise the hall to a standard that will meet the needs of the community so that the hall can continue to function for another 40 years.



WHAT'S ON

A selection of what's on around and about



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....

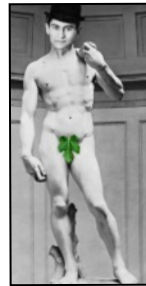
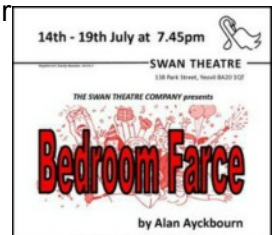
Box Office: 01935 429236.

'BEDROOM FARCE' AT THE SWAN 14 TO 19 JULY AT 7.45 PM

Ernest and Delia go out to dinner to celebrate their wedding anniversary. When this is a failure they return home and prepare to celebrate with pilchards on toast in bed. Super!!

Malcolm and Kate are preparing a house warming party; Nick and Jan have been invited to this but Nick has hurt his back and prepares to rest quietly in bed - Shame!

All three preparations are doomed, however, to disaster by the marital problems of Trevor (son of Ernest and Delia) and his wife Susannah, who descend on each couple in turn leaving chaos in their wake, finally taking over the bedroom (and bed) of the long suffering Malcolm and Kate.



KAFKA'S DICK THEATRE ROYAL BATH 9 - 26 JULY

Insurance man Sydney and his wife Linda are leading perfectly ordinary lives in 1980s suburban Leeds

when the esteemed (and long-dead) author Franz Kafka suddenly pitches up. With the

great writer is his (also long-dead) friend Max Brod, he who ignored Kafka's dying wish that all his work should be burned and, as a result, made him one of the best-known writers of the 20th century. Things get even stranger when Kafka's father, Hermann, arrives and threatens to reveal some very personal details about his son, details that Kafka would prefer kept private.

This brilliant flight of fantasy shows Alan Bennett at his most overtly comic. Highly entertaining, clever and fast-moving, Kafka's Dick considers the nature of celebrity and our fascination with the salacious details of artists' lives.



This fizzy concoction takes the classic ingredients of romantic comedy, love, humour, coincidence and fantasy and serves them up with a surprisingly touching twist... **Strawberries in January**

This is a biting heartwarming comedy about four romantically challenged singletons who stumble through contemporary Montréal in search of love.

Cygnets Theatre, Exeter: see Diary dates for details.



cineworld Yeovil

Thursday 12 June

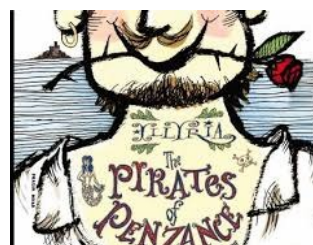
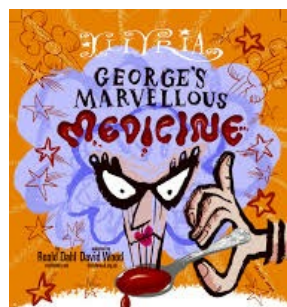
A Small Family Business

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



This summer Castle Gardens hosts a quartet of Illyria productions. There's Roald Dahl's classic 'George's Marvellous Medicine' on Saturday 21 June. Followed by the 'Pirates of Penzance' on Thursday 17 July, and after that 'Macbeth' on Wednesday 30 July exclusive to Gold Club members and on Thurs 14 August 'Robin Hood'

All productions in the open air at 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm start.

Box Office: 01935 814633.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**June 2014**

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

July 2014

Wed 2, Fri 4, Tues 8, Fri 11	Strawberries in January Comedy	Cygnnet Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm
Mon 7 to Sat 12	Oh What A Lovely War Next Stage Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm Mat Sat 2.30 pm
Tues 6 to Thurs 10	A Jump to Cow Heaven Frome Drama Club	The Silk Mill, Frome 8 pm
Mon 9 to Sat 26	Kafka's Dick Alan Bennett play	Theatre Royal, Bath 7.30 pm
 Friday 11	APS AGM and Summer Party	Gainsborough House 7.30 pm
Mon 14 to Sat 19	Bedroom Farce Alan Ayckbourn comedy	The Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.45 pm
Mon 21 to Sat 26	Ladies Day Comedy	Studio Theatre, Salisbury 7.30 pm
Fri 25	Private Lives Wessex Actors Company	The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 7.30 pm

Frome Drama Club/Frome Festival: Call Festival Box Office 01373455420 www.fromedrama.com

Cygnnet Theatre: Exeter Visitor Information 01373 277189 www.cygnnettheatre.com

Studio Theatre: Salisbury Information Centre 01772 342860 www.studiotheatre.org.uk

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

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.theatreroyal.org.uk

The Swan Theatre: Tickets on sale June 23. 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.

Deadline Newsletter 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. **JULY Copy Deadline: Friday 27 June, 2014**