

APS Newsletter

**September
2007**

From your Chairman, Pat

Thank you for voting me to be your next Chairman and I must say 'thank you' to Jakki and her Committee for all their work in the past two years. Also a big 'thank you' must be given to David Smith for his brilliant production of 'Julius Caesar', not just for his intelligent interpretation but also because more than forty people were involved.

I hope my term of office can bring forward some interesting and enjoyable social evenings as well as good productions. As a Society we need members to volunteer not just to act but to organise social evenings and most important we need Directors!

As a group we need to pull together and unite. I hope to see some good numbers for the social evenings and volunteers for the backstage jobs which bring no accolades but are so important.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Opening Evening later this month.

Pat

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From the Membership Secretary, George

I have noticed there is an increasing tendency for acting parts to be filled by performers who are not, in fact, members of the A.P.S. I understand the Directors' desire to cast those who they feel will contribute the most to their productions but I feel this policy is discouraging the talent inherent amongst our members and will contribute little to the future of the Society. I have given this some thought and would like to put forward the following suggestions for us all to consider and discuss:

- Much greater publicity should be given to future auditions with a comprehensive description of the proposed production and the characters involved.
- If people are not coming forward, a newsletter should be distributed with a special invitation to budding performers amongst the membership (Directors can apply to me for an up-to-date copy of the Members List).
- If the use of non-members proves unavoidable it should be a matter of course that the relative performers are asked to join the Society and pay the very reasonable subscription involved. They could then become valuable assets for the A.P.S. !

Please feel free to send comments to the Newsletter.

George

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Rose Bowl Awards Ceremony

This year's Rose Bowl Awards Ceremony will take place at the Winter Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare, on Sunday 14 October. The Presenter will be Eddie Large. The Programme is as follows:

6.15 Doors and Bar open
7.00 Seated
7.15 Introduction
7.30 Awards ceremony
9.00 Supper
10.15 Socialise
11.30 Finish

Dress code: "Smart: Dress to Impress" (whatever that means)
Cost: £20 a head.

We are not nominated for an award this year so there will be no stress as the

envelopes are opened! The organisers call it "The Amateur Stage Get-Together of the Year".

Anyone interested in attending, please contact Adrian Thorpe (Secretary) on 01935 422141 (office) 01935 431321 (home) or adrianthorpe@tiscali.co.uk as soon as possible and ***in any case no later than 10 September***. He will organise a joint ticket order so that APS members can be together.

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Help with the Wardrobe

Work is continuing and progress being made regards cataloguing the Wardrobe. If you are able to offer your help for a few hours, please contact Jakki either on 01935 389201 or drop her an email to tandjax@yahoo.co.uk

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Next Production – Waltz of the Toreadors, directed by Donald Warren-Knot

Most parts are now cast and rehearsals are to start soon. We also have the set that has been designed by Jim Schofield. Help will be needed with painting and decorating the set, if you are able to help with this or are interested in helping in any other way with this production, please contact Donald on 01935 817462.

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Future Productions

At the moment, only the spring production is finalised, however, the date and venue of this production has still to be decided, so watch 'Dates for your Diary'. This is - 'Out of Sight --- Out of Murder' by Fred Carmichael and directed by Jennie Ward.

A future suggestion is to stage the Andrew Lloyd-Weber musical Jeeves, directed by Andrew Helson.

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Dates for your diary

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Opening Night

Fri 28th September

Rose Bowl Awards
Performances of Waltz of the Toreadors

Sun 14th October
Thur 22nd to Sat 24th November

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From the Editor, Elaine

I have just taken over this task from Stuart and on behalf of the Committee; I would like to thank him for producing the Newsletter over the previous months.

The Newsletter is not just a means to tell you what is going on from a Committee point of view; it is also your voice too, so I am very keen on getting your thoughts and comments. Please feel free to drop me an email at the easy to remember address of

elaine@grumpyhaggis.com

or you can give me a ring – if I am not there, I will call you back. (By the way I'm not all that grumpy!)

To be in time for the next issue, please send things to me by Wednesday 26th September.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elaine