

Great night out in the Luncheon Club Hall

What a great night out we had for our 2012/13 'Opening Night' in the Luncheon Club Hall. Such a marvellously accessible in-town location, and surely a first choice venue for future get togethers.

It was great too that so many members were able to come along and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

A terrific bonus to the evening was the enrolment of many new members. (See news item on this page.)

And our little light entertainment 'Our Man Marlowe', starring David Smith, Andrew Cross and Roy Catchpole, was well appreciated with huge applause.

Many thanks to Helen Smith et al for the bounteous finger buffet, such a truly appetizing display of a tantalizing variety of snacks one hardly knew where to start.

Editor's Note: Many apologies for the quality of the photos. Mine are never great, but particularly not so this time.

THE ROSE BOWL AWARDS

As announced in last month's newsletter, Annabelle Fricker has received a nomination in



Photo by Mark Lambert

the Rose Bowl category 'Barbara Macrae Award for Best Actress Youth performance'. There is only one other nomination - and that person won the award last year.

The awards will be announced at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare on Sunday evening 14 October.



WELCOME
new members

A warm welcome to our new members: Amanda Carr, Sophia Bishop, John Crabtree, Nick and Julie Soul.

We wish them a long, enjoyable and involving time with APS.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE NOW



Those few of you who couldn't unfortunately make it along to our 'Opening Night' to renew their membership can easily rectify that by sending your cheque for your annual subscription of £10 to your Membership Secretary, Jim Reville at The Chantry, Marston Road, Sherborne DT9 4BL.

By return you'll receive your membership card with full details of our 2012/13 programme of social events and activities.

THE WINTER'S TALE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO LAUNCHED

Click on 'Forthcoming Productions' on our website and immediately below the play poster you'll find our promotional video.

The funeral service to remember the life of Gwyneth Schofield who died on Sunday 23 September will be held in the Abbey at 1.30 pm on Thursday 4 October.

APS 2012-2013 season

Upcoming Events

Friday 19 October

Shakespeare & Light Workshop with Sylvie Lord and Adrian Hole demo of new lighting console

Saturday 20 October

About *The Winter's Tale*, by Charles: 5-6 pm in the Old School Room, the Boys School

Wednesday 14 November

Film Quiz hosted by Question Master Gilly Savage

Sat 17 17-Sun 24 November

The Winter's Tale Production week. Performances 22-24 Nov

Monday 3 December

Play Reading & Auditions for *Heatstroke* Spring Production

Friday 14 December

Christmas Party at The Cider House, Over Compton

Wednesday 30 January

Play reading led by Charles

Friday 22 February

Variety Evening to name Jenny Ward Room

Thursday 7 March

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 19 July

AGM and Summer Party.

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



Sylvie Lord will host the Shakespeare Workshop part of the social event evening at **7.30 pm on Friday 19 October in our ClubHouse**. She spent an exciting and inspirational week this summer at NODA Summer School on 'An Actor's Approach to Shakespeare' course. She aims to share her experiences and what she has learnt. We also hope Adrian will reveal some of the capabilities of our new lighting desk.



'The Winter's Tale' rehearsals now in full swing.

WE FIELD TWO TEAMS IN FISH AND CHIP QUIZ



Yes, we have entered two 'highly intelligent and knowledgeable' teams of 6 in **The Mayor of Sherborne's Charity Quiz Night Wednesday 24 October at 7 for 7.30 pm in the Digby Hall.**

The entry fee of £10 per person includes a Fish & Chip Supper and entry into the Big Raffle. And all in aid of the Mayor's Charities - **The Senior Lunch Club and Sherborne Good Neighbours.**

heatstroke

Things are set to heat up in our ClubHouse, and not just with the installation of three new Dimplex Panel Convector radiators. Likely, it'll be the Play reading and auditions for 'heatstroke', our spring production 2013, which will be held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 3 December** in our ClubHouse.



"THE PLAY'S THE THING!"*

Our President, Eve Simmonds, has come up with a bright new initiative to aid our selection of plays which we might produce in the future.

Simply put, we're looking for your ideas of plays you think are worth considering (there's no commitment to direct.) All you have to do is pass them on to Eve who will read the plays you suggest and present her opinion to your committee.

So, do contact Eve on 01935 812933.

* Hamlet Act 2, scene 2

THE Sherborne

LITERARY FESTIVAL

Sherborne's first Literary Festival, Friday 19 to Sunday 21 October, is aimed at all sectors of the community - old and young, working, studying or retired, those who love reading and those who don't yet know they do. There will be workshops on creative writing, organising book clubs and self-publishing; there will be opportunities for those who want to share their own talents through poetry and essay writing competitions. Events will range from a literary dinner to free debates, listening to a poem in a pub or reading a short story in a coffee shop.

As part of the festival Charles will give a talk about *The Winter's Tale* at 5.30 pm Sat 20 October in the Old School Room at the Boys School. Tickets £8 from the Tourist Information Centre.

Arts SCENE

A selection of what's on around and about



The latest in a stream of excellent adaptations to be staged at the National Theatre, The Last of the Haussmans

High society drop-out Judy (Julie Walters) is the aging hippy matriarch of the Haussman clan. The spirit of the 1960s still infuses her anarchic lifestyle in a dilapidated Art Deco house on the Devon coast. Recovering from an operation, Judy welcomes her wayward adult children Nick (Rory Kinnear) and Libby (Helen McCrory). Also joining the party are her granddaughter Summer, local doctor Peter, and Daniel - a troubled local teen. Lubricated by alcohol in the sweltering heat over the next few months, infatuations, festering resentments and disappointments bubble to the surface. Stephen Beresford's new play is a blackly comic portrait of the consequences of being raised by the revolutionary 'free love' generation - with a peach of a role for much-loved Julie Walters.

Thursday 11 October at 7 pm. Tickets £13.50, Seniors and students £11.50. Call 0871 200 2000 or Google Cineworld Yeovil. Save 10% booking online, plus no booking fees.

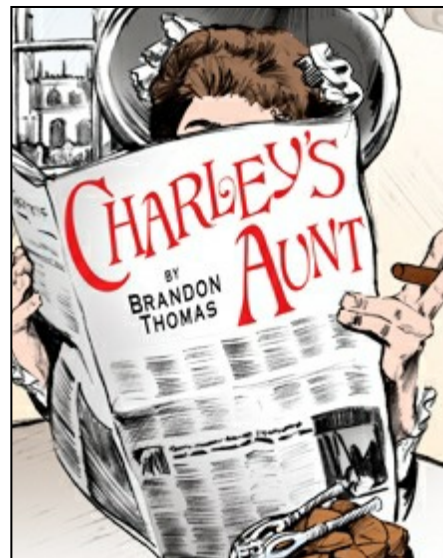
Outside Edge is a comedy set in a cricket pavilion. Do Roger and Miriam really have the perfect marriage? Does Ginnie really



have a cold? And will little Kev persuade big Maggie to leave the bricklaying and watch him play for once? Roger has troubles enough in assembling his team, but they pall before those amongst the wives and girlfriends.

It's playing from Wed 7 to Sat 10 November at 7.30 pm in the Mission Theatre, Bath. Box Office call 01373 465949

www.merlintheatre.co.uk



Brandon Thomas's comedy, with its side-splitting mix of chases, scenes of mistaken identity, conversations at crossed purposes and wildly improbable coincidences, is one of the most entertaining farces of all time. When Charley's Aunt opened in 1892 it broke all box office records and it has been a perennial favourite ever since.

It's on at the Theatre Royal Bath from Mon 12 to Sat 17 November. Mon to Wed at 7.30 pm Thurs to Sat 8 pm. Matinee Wed at 2.30 pm. For contact details see page 4.

Calendar Girls by Tim Firth

CALENDAR GIRLS FEVER OUTBREAK IN SOUTH WEST

They're playing all over the place. No less than four productions this autumn of this popular smash hit.

The Swan: Fri 14 - Sat 22 Sept

The Exchange: Thurs 18 Oct

Studio Theatre: Wed 3-Sat 13 Oct

Merlin Theatre: Tues 2 - Sat 6 Oct

See Diary Dates, page 4, for more details

The Cabinet Maker's Daughter



AsOne Theatre presents their powerful dramatisation of the extraordinary true story of the 19th century Dorset amateur fossil-hunter Mary Anning - who helped turn the scientific world of her time on its head with the sheer volume of her dinosaur finds along the Jurassic Coast.

See it at the Shaftesbury Arts Centre at 7.30 pm on Sat 23 November. Tickets £12.50, under 18s £6. See more Page 4.

Catch '**Frankland & Sons**' in Nether Compton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thurs 8 November, a true story of the astonishing life of a couple living through two world wars and a recession. It's part of the autumn ArtsReach programme For more details go to www.artsreach.co.uk Call 01935 817993 to book.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2012


Mon 1 to Sat 6	Mansfield Park New adaptation	Theatre Royal, Bath Mon.Wed 7.30 Thurs.Sat 8 Wed.Sat 2.30
Tues 2 to Sat 6	Calendar Girls Merlin Theatre Company	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.45 pm
Wed 3 to Sat 13	Calendar Girls Studio Theatre Company	Studio Theatre, Salisbury 7.30 pm
Wed 10 to Fri 12	The Rivals Creative Cow	New Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm
Tues 16 to Sat 20	Radio Times Musical	Salisbury Playhouse 7.30 pm Matinees Thurs/Sat 2.15
Thurs 18	Calendar Girls SNADS	The Exchange, Sturminster Newton 2 pm and 7.30 pm
 Friday 19	Shakespeare & Light Workshop Sylvie Lord & Adrian Hole	ClubHouse, The Old Chapel 7.30 pm
 Saturday 20	The Winter's Tale - a talk Charles	Old School Room, Boys School 5 pm
Tues 23 to Sat 27	Doubt Next Stage Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm

NOVEMBER 2012

Thurs 1 to Sat 24	The Spire William Golding	Salisbury Playhouse 7.30 pm Mats Thurs & Sat 2.15
Sat 3	The Cabinet Maker's Daughter AS One	Shaftesbury Arts Centre 7.30 pm
Wed 7 to Sat 10	Outside Edge Platform 8	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm
Mon 12 to Sat 17	Charley's Aunt Classic comedy	Theatre Royal, Bath Mon.Wed 7.30 Thurs.Sat 8 Wed.Sat 2.30
Tues 13 to Sat 17	Lend Me A Tenor Taunton Thespians	Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, Taunton 7.30 pm Mat Sat 2.30 pm
Wed 14 to Thurs 15	The Caucasian Chalk Circle Frome Community College	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.30 pm
 Thurs 22 to Sat 24	The Winter's Tale An APS Production	Digby Hall, Sherborne 7.30 pm

Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre: Box Office 01823 414141 www.tacchi-morris.com
Shaftesbury Arts Centre: Box Office 01747 854321 www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk
New Theatre Exeter: Box Office 01392 277189 www.cygnetnewtheatre.com
Theatre Royal, Bath: Box Office 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk
The Exchange, Sturminster Newton: Box Office 01258 475137 www.stur-exchange.co.uk
Studio Theatre: Call 01722 334956 www.studiotheatre.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 send details to me at: 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.
OCTOBER Copy Deadline: Saturday 27 October

Last Word...
 "Drama is like a plate of meat and potatoes, comedy is rather the desert, a bit like meringue."
 Woody Allen