

APS Newsletter October 2004

Welcome to the new style newsletter which has one simple aim and that is to convey information to you about the Players.

Key diary dates:

Tuesday 2nd November: Fish & Chips Quiz at 7.30pm in the Clubroom organised by David and Sylvia Smith.

This event was omitted from the membership card so please add and attend!

Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th
December

Autumn production: Farndale 'Christmas Carol'
Ticket prices are £6 and £4 students with a £16 Family Ticket for 2 adults and 2 children. These should be on sale from the usual outlets in early November.
Make sure you obtain your tickets for a production that needs to be seen to be believed!

Friday 17th December:

7.30pm Christmas Party at The Cider House, Over Compton by kind invitation of Adrian and Miyoko Thorpe. Please remember to bring your own plate, bowl, knife, fork and spoon. Glasses will be provided, but it is polystyrene plates for those who forget to provide their own! Hot food and a punch/mulled wine will be available.
The theme of the evening will be black and gold so please wear something incorporating these colours. There will be a prize for the best 'costume'.

Event Reports

Opening Night: This was a super evening where the champagne flowed, good finger food was consumed and rousing drinking songs were sung! A large number of members attended, with subscriptions in hand, and all had an enjoyable time.

If you weren't present and still need to pay your subscription please contact the Membership Secretary, George Pearson.

Theatre of the Absurd: How extraordinary of Maurice Freeland to devise such a thoroughly extraordinary evening involving Janet Vincent, Pat Harris, Jean (How extraordinary!) Pearson, Fiona Stewart, Patricia Stewart, Michael Baatz, George Pearson and Joan Freeland. Members were treated to an extraordinary reconstruction of an actual scene in a 60's Lambeth Market Pub entitled 'At the Duke of Cambridge' as well as five extraordinary scenes from 'The Bald Prima Donna' by the extraordinary Eugene Ionesco.

How extraordinary that 25 people (only 8 members in the audience) should either participate in or enjoy the absurdity of the situations and the endless repetition of ‘---
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Unrehearsed Play Reading: J.B. Priestley’s classic play ‘An Inspector Calls’ formed the basis of this evening on Thursday 14th October organised by Joy Parkinson. Although only 13 people (10 members) were present, Hrolf Trump’s reading of Inspector Goole and Adrian Thorpe’s of Arthur Birling, together with alternating voices for other parts, provided this timeless play with a certain authenticity.

Committee: A number of people are unaware of the current composition of the committee, so here it is:

President: Tony Field
Chair: Jennie Ward
Secretary: Carolyn Fausset (acting until a permanent secretary can be found)
Treasurer: Ed Oaksford
Membership: George Pearson
Newsletter: Stuart McCreadie
Members: Jakki Gregory, Joy Parkinson, Wendy Simmonds, and Adrian Thorpe.

Please note that an Extraordinary General Meeting has been called for Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Clubroom to discuss a name change. Do try to attend this important meeting.

STOP PRESS: Congratulations to Adrian Thorpe for winning the Rose Bowl Award for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of ‘Duff’ in ‘The Old Country’.

Finally, I am sure that there may be other items for inclusion in the newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at one of the addresses below if you think there are areas of interest etc that I am not covering.

The next newsletter will be published after ‘Farndale’ during December.

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