

APS Newsletter December 2004

To Change or not to Change that was the Question!

After an interesting and well debated EGM on Thursday 9th December, the resolution about the change of name was defeated. 19 voted for a change, 9 voted against and 2 abstained. A two thirds majority was needed for the vote to be carried.

Key diary dates:

Friday 17th December: **CHRISTMAS**
PARTY

As you know, the Christmas Party will be held at the house of Adrian and Miyoko Thorpe, The Cider House in Compton Park, from 7.30 pm on Friday 17 December. All members are welcome.

Please bring your own kfs (knife, fork and spoon), main-course plate and pudding bowl. Glasses (plus food and drink!) will be provided.

The theme of the party is "black and gold". Be imaginative! There will be a prize for the best dressed guest.

The Cider House is exactly opposite Trencherman's, so if you know where Trencherman's is you can find The Cider House easily.

Directions for those of you who do not know where Trencherman's is: from Sherborne take the dual-carriageway A30 towards Yeovil. After 2½ miles you will see a signpost to the right for Over Compton and Trent. Make a U-turn here. You are now facing back towards Sherborne. Immediately after the Chinese restaurant, and just before the sign for the old Butterfly Farm, turn left through the gate-posts into Compton Park. Then take the first right, over a cattle-grid, following the sign for Trencherman's. Continue about 400 yards down a bumpy road. Bear left at the bottom and The Cider House is the first building on the left, through a wooden gate.

PARKING: Please do not park in the courtyard of The Cider House. There is parking outside, in front of Trencherman's and in the car park of St Michael's Church.

PLEASE NOTE: The building works and excavations at Compton House are making the paths uneven and slippery: please be extra careful walking to and from your car. It would be a good idea to bring a torch.

Wednesday 12th January 2005 7.30pm Clubroom Give Us A Clue

I am organising this event so my first task is to thank Meg Whittingdale for all the efforts she has made in the past to entertain and challenge us. I hope to find some fiendishly difficult titles for you all to try both your patience and the wits of your team mates. The event will only be a great success if a large number of you turn up prepared to embarrass

yourselves, slightly. And let's face it you all had a practice run through at charades when you went to watch the last production. Speaking of which:

Farndale: Christmas Carol

I know all Members would wish me to pass on to all those involved our congratulations for a wonderful show. Fizz Lewis selected an incredibly funny piece which had audiences rolling in the aisles with laughter. The cast were superb – dare I say typecast – (no perhaps I had better not say that) – bringing to life all the quirks and quibbles of an ‘am dram’ society with remarkable realism! Their timing and enthusiasm were excellent – had that not been the case then the show would have been far less successful. Equally the backstage work was excellent – although I am not sure about the dancing cameo of the stage manager as Mr Fezziwig!

A Plea from Mark Lambert :The Publicity File appears to have gone missing. This is a red folder containing the publicity material (some of it irreplaceable) from the last five or so productions, together with a publicity brief and other useful information for Publicity Managers. The file went missing after **Nude with Violin**, and those who were dealing with publicity at the time cannot recall where it has ended up. This is an important file that is required on a regular basis--it was greatly missed during the last production. So if anyone knows of its whereabouts, please contact Mark Lambert. Someone must have it, so even if you think you haven't got it, please check thoroughly.

Well done to the Lamberts and co. for winning the Quiz at the Fish ‘n’ Chips supper ably organised by David and Sylvia Smith. Thanks to David & Sylvia from all who attended.

SPRING PRODUCTION

The idea of putting on *The Variety Show* by the Young Sherborne Players has had to be abandoned for lack of interest. Instead, Jo Freestone will direct the smash comedy *Daisy Pulls It Off* by Denise Deegan. As you probably know, this is set in a girls' school in the 1920s. Part of the fun is that the “girls” can be played by actresses of all ages. And there are male parts too, of course. The Committee and Director hope there'll be plenty of team spirit from the membership in making this a success. Jolly hockey sticks and all that so let's all turn out and support the old school! Read-through and try-outs will be on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 January 2005 from 7.30 pm in the Club Room. Rehearsals will start as soon as possible thereafter. The production will be in the week of 13-18 March. Further details, and copies of the script, from Jo Freeland on 01935 815313.

Well that just about wraps up this Newsletter and the year. So it just remains for me to remind you not to forget the party at Adrian and Miyoko's on the 17th and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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