

APS Newsletter

**October
2007**

OPENING NIGHT

Our Opening Night went well – lots of excellent food (thanks to the committee for preparing the buffet) and great company. It is always good to have new members come along as well as the return of some old faces. So welcome to our new members

Marina Blackburn

Beth Dean

and Kris Wessels

and those old faces from past years

Andrew Cross

Malcolm Cockburn and Richard Lindley

We hope you enjoy the 2007 / 2008 Programme we have compiled for all of our entertainment, as well as the productions during the coming year.

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RECENT NEWS

News travels fast, so you probably all know about this by now, but for those who don't – Waltz of the Toreadors, which was to be our Autumn production has been postponed and the Spring production 'Out of Sight ... Out of Murder' has been brought forward to fill the gap.

Jennie is pleased to announce that all the parts have been filled by willing actors at very short notice! and that all the cast have been found within our membership (or past membership). Rehearsals started this week with the cast having to work hard as there are only 7 weeks until the performances. First night will be November 22nd and the play runs until 24th. So book your tickets now, it will be a very entertaining evening.

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THEATRE VISIT

We have arranged a "Theatre Day" at Salisbury Playhouse on 14 February 2008. The programme is as follows:

- 10.26 Leave Sherborne by train. Fare with group ticket approx £6 pp.
- 11.15 Arrive Salisbury station and walk (or taxi if preferred) to Playhouse.

- 11.30 "Theatre Day" in the main auditorium & backstage offering, insights into both the artistic & technical processes behind the show. Cost £5pp
13.00 Lunch cannot be pre-booked but is available at the Theatre restaurant (£5 to £10 for 2 courses) or make your own arrangements.
14.30 Matinee performance of "The Herbal Bed" by Peter Whelan. Cost £10pp.
17.53 Leave Salisbury by train.
18.33 Arrive Sherborne station.

Synopsis:

John Hall, a physician, is married to Shakespeare's daughter, Susannah. When a neighbour is spotted leaving their herb garden at night Susannah is accused of adultery and of gathering herbs for a purpose far from innocent. Accusations and denials are fought out in the courts at Worcester Cathedral where Susannah tries to protect her name and her husband's practice.

We have a block of 25 seats (5 each in rows A, B, C, D & E) of which 19 are now taken, so the remainder are on a first come first serve basis. If you want to come along please reserve your place as soon as possible by contacting David at drysmith@fish.co.uk or on 01935 817439. Last date for booking is 7th January 2008 (which is also the date for payment) or when all places are reserved.

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COMMITTEE NOTES

As a result of the note from George in last months Newsletter,

- the committee will be updating the job profile of the Production Manager to include the need to ensure all the cast in a production are members of APS.
- the Newsletter will include an outline of any future plays along with details about the characters involved. This will be well in advance of the auditions.

In order to ensure all members know about any last minute changes to programmed events, the committee now has a rota so that those members not on email will be contacted by phone.

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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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FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

Waltz of the Toreadors, directed by Donald Warren-Knott will now be staged during Spring. Donald still needs a leading man to play the General. There will be more info on this in next months Newsletter.

Please note that March 5th 2008 as shown in the Programme, is a 'Directors' Meeting'. If you would like to direct a play or have a particular play in mind, please keep this date free and come along. We have to plan our future productions, so please don't be shy, come along with your ideas. It is your society and we need your support and abilities to make sure we have future productions.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2007

Wed 10 th October	'Ten Times Table' – a play reading (at Club Room)
Sun 14 th October	Rose Bowl Awards
Mon 29 th October	'Poetry Please' (at Club Room)
Tue 6 th November Room)	'The Lady's Not for Burning' –an unrehearsed play (at Club
Thur 22 nd - Sat 24 th November	Performances of 'Waltz of the Toreadors'

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From the Editor, Elaine

For those of you who have received their Membership Card and Programme, if you are wondering about Charles' new title – I have to own up to that – not sure how it happened as I am sure it wasn't there when I hit the key to print them out! Similarly, the additional letters after Jim Donnelly's name is another mysterious occurrence – however feel free to send me your suggestions for what the letters stand for!

As always, if you would like to include anything in next months Newsletter please send it to me at elaine@grumpyhaggis.com , or give me a ring – if I am not there, I will call you back. This includes anything else going on in Sherborne that would be of interest to APS members such as Artslink, performances at the Digby Hall or the Boys School.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elaine