

APS Newsletter

**November
2007**

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I expect some of you have heard on the news what is happening with Sherborne House. Here is an update and good news from Dorset County Council.

"Our alternative proposal of the land south of Paddock Gardens, however, has much to recommend it. A new purpose-built community arts centre would be more financially achievable, and more likely to win the support of the wider community. It would also provide a much-needed base for groups such as Artslink, the Amateur Players of Sherborne and the local University of the Third Age."

This means we will have to vacate our present clubroom and find temporary accommodation until the new arts centre is built. I will be able to give you more news about this in the next Newsletter.

Pat

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LAST MONTHS EVENTS

Both the play reading of 'Ten Times Table' and 'Poetry Please' were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed, so thanks to Pat Harris and Tony Gregory for organising the two events.

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OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MURDER

An author, Peter Knight, is sent by his agent to a remote and gloomy old mansion in Vermont to complete his latest book and reach his publisher's deadline. He has thought of the characters he wants for the mystery he is writing but has writer's block. A violent storm rages outside and the old mansion is struck by lightning. To Peter's amazement all his characters come to life – they have different ideas of how the book should be written and murder is on their minds.

a break in rehearsals !



As you can see from the above picture, rehearsals are going well and the cast think Jennie is a wonderful director!

Performances are in the Digby Hall on 22nd, 23rd and 24th November.

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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 only a few are left. 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

It was noted that an announcement about Sherborne House would be made on 31st October. A full account and how this is likely to affect the APS will be made in the December Newsletter.

For those folks who want to book tickets in advance for any future APS production, we now have the facility to book on line through email by contacting Adrian Thorpe at adrianthorpe@tiscali.co.uk

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HELP WITH THE WARDROBE / PROPS

Work is continuing and progress being made regards cataloguing the Wardrobe / Props. 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 EVENTS

George Pearson would like to remind you that the Annual Dinner will be held at The Crown Hotel, Sherborne, on Friday 15th February 2008 at 7 p.m. for 7.30. There will be a choice of menus and tickets will be £20 each, (the same price as last year) dress to be lounge suits. The speaker will be Mr Jim Donnelly of The Powell Theatre and parking has been arranged with the kind cooperation of the International School. Menus will be available soon. Further details from George at 01935 851194.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2007		Venue
Tue 6 th	The Lady's Not for Burning an unrehearsed play	The Club Room
Fri 9 th , Sat 10 th and Mon 12 th to Sat 17 th	The Dresser	Swan Theatre Yeovil at 7.45pm
Thur 15 th	Live music from 'We Start Fires' Music Show Band	Powell Theatre
Thur 22 nd - Sat 24 th	Out of Sight, Out of Murder	Digby Hall at 7:30 pm
Thur 22 nd	Stand up Comedy	Powell Theatre at 8:30 pm
Thur 29 th – Sat 1 st Dec	Les Misérables	The Big Schoolroom, Sherborne School for Boys at 7:30 pm
DECEMBER 2007		
Mon 3 rd	Party Pieces Revived an evening of entertainment by the Committee and Friends	The Club Room
Fri 14 th	Christmas Party theme this year is 'Wear Something Christmassy'	Cider House Compton Park

To book tickets for the above venues, contact the following
 Powell Theatre on 01935 810579
 Swan Theatre at South Somerset Information & Heritage Centre on 01935 845946

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From the Editor, Elaine

If you have any comments regarding the situation with Sherborne House, please contact me – I will print these in next months Newsletter.

In the Dates for your Diary section, I have included some of the local performances taking place around the Sherborne area. If you know of any other music / theatre events taking place, please let me know and I can include it in the next Newsletter. Please send any information to me at elaine@grumpyhaggis.com or give me a ring -01935 873085 – if I am not there, I will call you back.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elaine