

Amateur Players of Sherborne
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Thornton Wilder's
Pulitzer Prize winning play

Our Town

directed by
Jennie Ward

17th - 19th November, 2011
Digby Hall, Sherborne
7.30 pm

Tickets £7.50
Students £4.00 from
E.B.Marsh & Son, Cheap St
and the Abbey Shop, Abbey Close



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DO COME ALONG TO 'OUR TOWN'

Heading towards production week, the rehearsals are gathering pace - as the American accents!

And soon, posters will be going up all over town. If you would like one to put in your window do let me know at jim.reville@btinternet.com

Meanwhile, do check out an interview Jennie has given to Roger Johnson as 'Sherborne Face of the Month' at www.sherbornedorset.co.uk

And finally, do come along to 'Our Town' - and tell all your friends to come as well.



Do come along to the After Show party on Saturday 19th. It's a celebration of all our time, energy and hard work in putting on yet another successful APS production. Over 150 productions now and still going strong!

ROSE BOWL TRIUMPH



At the 2011 Rose Bowl Awards Adrian won the John Lewis Award for Best Actor for his role as Mr Toad in 'The Wind in the Willows'.

'Wealthy, charming and impossibly conceited, heedless and reckless in pursuit of his latest craze. This was a famous piece of swaggering casting that lingers joyfully in the mind.' said the adjudicator panel.

'The Wind in the Willows' scooped the John Coe Award for Best Dramatic Production. 'The staging of this English classic beloved by children and adults everywhere demanded impeccable taste, sensitivity and invention that this society was richly able to deliver.' was the adjudicators' verdict.

Pat said, "It was a wonderful production. Team work and hard work, especially with a very complicated set, produced a very special event. I refute the old adage about 'never work with children and animals', I worked with both, the delightful Junior Wriggle Valley Players under their director Caroline Hart and a toad, rat, mole, badger plus several other furry animals. Well done everyone."

Programme of events 2011-2012 season

Saturday 12 to Sunday 20:
November: Autumn production,
'Our Town'. Performances 17 to
19 November

***Thursday 24 November:**
Read-through of *Wyrd Sisters* led
by Sylvie Lord

***Tues 29 & Wed 30**
November: Try-outs for *Wyrd*
***Sisters* led by Sylvie Lord**

Friday 9 December: Christmas
Party at the Cider House, Over
Compton

Thursday 19 January:
Presentation on pantomime by
Bernard Tinker

Thursday 9 February:
Theatre Visit to Salisbury, to see
Noël Coward's *Design for Living*

Sat 23 March to Sun 1 April:
Spring production, '*Wyrd*
***Sisters*' Performances 29 to 31**
March

Tuesday 17 April:
Play-reading, led by Charles
Napier

Friday 18 May:
Annual Dinner at Castle Gardens

Wednesday 20 June:
Poetry evening *Life and Death on*
Mount Helicon led by Maurice
Freeland. In Paddock Gardens
(weather permitting)

Friday 20 July:
AGM and Summer Party. Venue
to be decided

All events at 7.30 pm in our Club
Room at The Old Chapel unless
indicated otherwise

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to
returning members Joy and Nigel
Parkinson.



From stables to chapel - the big move is on

Under a blazing unseasonal
October sun a good turn-out by
members toiled tirelessly to move
all our costumes out of the
Stables to The Old Chapel.

And last Saturday morning with
a big 'white van' and a bit of heavy
lifting the bulk of our scenery was
also moved. All that remains are
the lights and some bits and pieces.
Very nearly 'Mission Accomplished.'



THE AYES HAVE IT AT EGM

A majority of 21 votes to zero
passed the amendments marking
an important step towards
charitable status.

For the rest of the evening we
thoroughly enjoyed a play-
reading of G B Shaw's 'Arms and
the Man' led by Best Actor Rose
Bowl winner Adrian Thorpe.

BOOK NOW FOR THEATRE DAY 2012

Thursday 9th February 2012 is
the date for our annual theatre
visit to Salisbury Playhouse, and
organised once again by David
Smith.

The play is Noel Coward's
witty and passionate 1930s
comedy '**Design for Living**'. It
centres on a group of bohemians
for whom three is not a crowd.

David has booked 18 seats
in row B and 2 in row C plus 20
Theatre Day tickets.

Theatre Day lifts the lid on
the production by offering
insights into both the artistic and
technical choices.

And now, the cost. Theatre
Day at 11.30 am is £7, the play
at 2.30 pm is £14 = £21 per head

Noel Coward's **Design** **For** **Living**



plus rail fare of approx £7 - to be
confirmed.

Bookings must be confirmed
and payment made to the theatre
by 9th December 2011. So,
please note, David will need
reservations (with £28) by
Sunday 4th December. Anyone
using their own transport need,
of course, pay only £21.

Get in touch with David right
now on 01935 817439, email:
drysmith@btinternet.com

Arts SCENE

A selection of what's on around and about



“Something ^{really} wicked this way comes”

It's our Spring production of *Wyrd Sisters*. Terry Pratchett takes Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and then turns it up till the knob comes off. It's all there: a wicked duke and duchess, the ghost of the murdered king, dim soldiers, strolling players, a land in peril. And who stands between the Kingdom and destruction? Three witches. Granny Weatherwax (intolerant, self-opinionated, powerful), Nanny Ogg (down-to-earth, vulgar) and Magrat Garlick (naïve, fond of occult jewellery and bunnies).

Then there's *Verence: late King of Lancre*, Leonal Felmet: *Duke of Lancre*, Lady Felmet: *his wife*, Vitoller: *an actor-manager*, Mrs Vitoller: *his wife*, Fool: *a Fool*, Tomjon: *son of Verence*, Hwel: *a playwright*, Sergeant, Demon, not to mention a host of Robbers, Players, Guests, Guards and Peasants.

Thursday 24 November: Read-through

Tues 29 & Wed 30 November: Try-outs

**Be in our Club Room
in The Old Chapel
at 7.30 pm**

CIVIC PLAYERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION

The Civic Players' 40th Anniversary
Comedy by **ALAN AYCKBOURN**
ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR

Directed by June Colledge

SWAN THEATRE YEOVIL
30 Nov - 3 Dec 2011 at 7.45pm
Box Office: 01935 421772
Tickets: £7.50 ; concessions £6.50
Wednesday 30th: 2 tickets for £12
www.civicplayersyeovil.co.uk
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Civic Players celebrate their 40th anniversary with Alan Ayckbourn's *Absurd Person Singular*.

Three couples meet at Christmas in each other's homes for three years in succession. This wonderful comedy examines the changes that have taken place in their lives over the years. But it also exposes the tensions, the desperation and the loneliness that lurk behind the festive laughter.

It's on at The Swan at 7.45 pm
Wed 30th Nov till Saturday 3rd Dec.
Call Box Office 01935 421772.

www.civicplayersyeovil.co.uk

See, hear some 'Hardy Perennials'



The Mellstock Band celebrates the most popular of their musical and spoken pieces, under the broad headings of Love & Marriage, A Soldier's Life, Rogues & Villains, Speed the Plough, Faith & Superstition and Making Merry.

Nearly all the music is from Dorset tradition, linked by poems and stories from the works of Thomas Hardy and the Dorset dialect poet William Barnes. They sing, tell tales, and play fiddle, concertina, oboe, clarinet and serpent, performing in period costume.

They're appearing at 7.30 pm Thursday 1 December, Chetnole Village Hall 01935 873555 and at 7.30 pm Friday 2nd in Cerne Abbas Village Hall 01300 341332.

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COMING SOON TO CINEWORLD YEOVIL

Moscow, 1938. A dangerous place to have a sense of humour; even more so a sense of freedom. Mikhail Bulgakov, living among dissidents, stalked by secret police, has both. And then he's offered a poisoned chalice: a commission to write a play about Stalin to celebrate his sixtieth birthday.

Inspired by historical fact, *Collaborators* embarks on a surreal journey into the fevered imagination of the writer as he loses himself in a macabre and disturbingly funny relationship with the omnipotent subject of his drama.

It's on at 7 pm on Thursday 1 December. Tickets: £12, Senior & students £10. Call 0871 200 2000 or Google Cineworld Yeovil then select Advance Booking.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**NOVEMBER 2011**

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| Wed 2nd to Thurs 3rd | Hard Times Creative Cow | New Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm |
| Tues 8th to Sat 12th | A Murder is Announced Taunton Thespians | Tacchi-Morris, Taunton 7.30 pm |
| Wed 9th to Sat 12th | The Elephant Man Platform 8 Productions | Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm |
| Fri 11th to Sat 19th | Tess of the D'Urbervilles Thomas Hardy | Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.45 pm |
| <i>APS event</i> Thurs 17th to Sat 19th | Our Town An APS Production | Digby Hall, Sherborne 7.30 pm |
| Tues 22nd to Sat 26th | The Real Thing Tom Stoppard | Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm |
| <i>APS event</i> Thurs 24th | Wyrd Sisters Read through | The Old Chapel 7.30 pm |
| Wed 28th to Sat 3rd Dec | The Turn of the Screw Henry James ghost story | Studio Theatre, Salisbury 7.30 pm |
| <i>APS event</i> Tues 29th & Wed 30th | Wyrd Sisters Try-outs | The Old Chapel 7.30 pm |
| Wed 30th to Sat 3rd Dec | Absurd Person Singular Alan Ayckbourn | Swan Theatre, Yeovil 7.45 pm |

DECEMBER 2011

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|  Thurs 1st | The Collaborators NT Live | Cineworld, Yeovil 7 pm |
| Thurs 1st to Sat 10th | My Very Own Story Alan Ayckbourn | New Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm Mats Dec3 & 10 2 pm |
| Tues 6th to Sat 10th | The Wind in the Willows Next Stage Youth | Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm Matinee Sat 2.30 pm |
| Thurs 8th to Sat 17th No show Mon 12th | The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe | Merlin Theatre, Frome 7 pm |
| <i>APS event</i> Fri 9th | APS Christmas Party | The Cider House, Over Compton 7.30 pm |
| Sat 10th to Sat 17th | Robin Hood pantomime | Little Theatre, Wells 7.30 pm |
| Fri 16th to Thurs 29th | The Princess and the Goblin Quirk Theatre Company | Phoenix Theatre, Exeter Times vary |

New Theatre: Box Office 01392 277189 www.cygnetnewtheatre.com

Merlin Theatre: Box Office 01373 465949 www.merlintheatre.co.uk

Studio Theatre, Salisbury: Call 07789 858126 www.studiotheatre.org.uk

Mission Theatre: Call 01225 428600 www.missiontheatre.co.uk

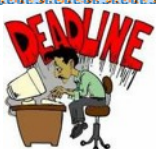
Tacchi-Morris: Box office: 01823 414141 www.tacchi-morris.com

Cineworld, Yeovil: Call 0871 200 2000. Google Cineworld, Yeovil then select advance booking.

Phoenix Theatre: Box Office 01392 667080 www.exeterphoenix.org.uk

Little Theatre, Wells: Box Office 01749 672280, opens 19 November www.littletheatrewells.org

Swan Theatre: Box Office 01935 421772 www.civicplayersyeovil.co.uk



If you would like any local performances advertised in the **Dates for your Diary** section please send any details to me at: jim.reville@btinternet.com or give me a ring on (01935) 814626. If I'm not there, leave your message and I will ring you back.

December Copy Deadline: Thursday 27 November

Last Word...

Many plays - certainly mine - are like blank checks. The actors and directors put their own signatures on them.

Thornton Wilder