

# NOISES OFF

APS newsletter July 2012



## Summer Party and AGM 2012

Our AGM - and Summer Party - will take place at **7.30 pm on Friday 20 July** in Nether Compton Village Hall..

This is your chance to let your committee know what you think of how they have managed our society over the year, and also to air your views and ideas for the future.

This year we need to elect a new President, Secretary and two Committee Members.

Nomination papers will be sent out with the formal notice of the AGM approximately three weeks beforehand by email and by post to those without email.

There will be a charge of £5 per person to cover food and first drink. Please bring a bottle - alcoholic or otherwise - for second drink onwards.

**Please also bring with you cutlery, plate (for main course) and bowl (for pudding) and take them home afterwards. Plastic cups will be provided.**

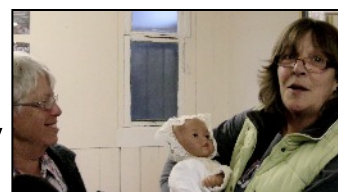
Do contact a committee member if you need a lift to Nether Compton.



Poems from all over the world were read and very much enjoyed throughout Maurice Freeland's Life and Death on Mount Helicon, transferred to the Clubhouse on a certainly not 'flaming June' evening.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a spirited and enacted reading by Carol Foster and Jane Pitts of Thomas Hardy's 'The Ruined Maid'.

## ***"I could have cast the play three times over!", says Charles, 'The Winter's Tale' Director***



Easy casting for Perdita as a baby



"I was very delighted with the remarkable turnout by members - and also non-members - at the Audition Evening last month. It made my task of casting all the more difficult because they were all so good. I was truly sorry not to be able to give parts to everybody who came, but I'm confident that I have a very strong cast."

Production week for the play is November 17-24.

### **'The Winter's Tale' Production Team**

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Director             | Charles Napier |
| Stage Manger         | Kris Wessels   |
| Prompter             | Janet Vincent  |
| Costumes             | Helen Smith    |
| Lighting             | Adrian Hole    |
| Sound                | Mark Lambert   |
| Props                | Sylvia Smith   |
| Front of House       | Jane Pitts     |
| Business Manager     | Jim Reville    |
| Poster and Programme | Mark Lambert   |

### **'The Winter's Tale' Cast:**

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Leontes                         | Patrick Knox       |
| Polixenes                       | David Smith        |
| Mamillius, Leontes' infant son  | James Wendell      |
| Camillo, Courtier to Leontes    | Adrian Thorpe      |
| Antigonus, Courtier to Leontes  | Stuart McCreadie   |
| Rogero, Courtier to Leontes     | Malcolm Cockburn   |
| Florizel, Son of King Polyxenes | Matt Ward          |
| Autolycus, a rogue              | Roy Catchpole      |
| Solinus                         | Geoffrey Martyn    |
| Hermione, Leontes' Queen        | Sylvie Lord        |
| Paulina                         | Bev Taylor-Wade    |
| Perdita                         | Antonia Littlewood |
| Cleomenes, Courtier to Leontes  | Adam Rice          |
| Dion, Courtier to Leontes       | Andrew Cross       |
| Old Shepherd                    | John Bowles        |
| Young Shepherd                  | Zac Graham         |
| An Officer of the Court         | Michael Baatz      |
| A Mariner                       | Bill Rice          |
| Emilia                          | Ruth Rice          |
| Dorcas                          | Alex Ferris        |
| Mopsa                           | Amanda Carr        |
| Shepherdess                     | Annabel Thornton   |
| Piper                           | Christine Wendell  |
| Gentlewoman                     | Rachel Norton      |
| A Gaoler                        | Jim Reville        |
| Servant                         | Kevin Yates        |

## Programme of events

### 2011-2012 season

#### Friday 20 July:

AGM and Summer Party. At 7.30 pm Nether Compton Village Hall.

#### REMEMBERING STUART CARTER

Long-standing APS members will no doubt be saddened to hear that Stuart Carter died on 28 May after a long struggle against Parkinson's disease.

Stuart was an active member during the 70s and 80s, serving on the committee as Chairman, and playing an active part both on-stage and off. He was a perceptive and versatile actor, equally at home in Shakespeare (*The Tempest*) and Ayckbourn (*How the Other Half Loves*, *Table Manners*), though his favourite part was the villainous Roat in *Wait Until Dark*.

It was, however, as a director that Stuart really made his mark: he was responsible for several productions including *The Chalk Garden*, *The Militants* and *Abelard and Héloïse*.

He will be especially remembered for his exciting and innovative staging of Hardy's *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *The Woodlanders*, which won the Rose Bowl award for the best production of 1982.



#### IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO BE THINKING AHEAD

Already your committee has turned its attention to our next season's programme of social evenings and activities. But, don't just leave it up to them! It's time for all of us to be putting our thinking caps on and coming up with ideas. What about a themed evening, a play-reading, theatre trips, quizzes - or something completely different.

**Also, most importantly, we need to come up with a play for our spring production slot.**

All suggestions very welcome so do get in touch with any member of your committee right now!



NODA's South West Region are holding their annual 'Weekend' again at Bickton College, Devon - barely a 1½ hour drive away - Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July.

This year's programme of the Saturday morning and afternoon workshop sessions include Characterisation for Actors, So you want to be a Director, Sound without Crackles, Stage Make-up, Showstoppers and a Youth Actor's Workshop. The cost is just £30 per session. Plus another £10 if you want lunch.

Here's more detail about the morning workshop on

#### Characterisation for Actors:

Developing a character. The course will be directed towards the more experienced actor with the expectation that participants know the basics and have tried the in real situations. Definitely not for the novice.

I have a copy of the programme and please do contact me and I'll get it to you somehow. Jim Reville 01935 814626

[jim.reville@btinternet.com](mailto:jim.reville@btinternet.com)

Otherwise, for a copy of the programme of all the weekend's activities and all enquiries please contact Mrs Lynne Caygill, 'Caybrook' 33 Drakes Avenue, Exemouth, Devon EX8 4AD 01395 272 577 or email

[lynne.caygill@btinternet.com](mailto:lynne.caygill@btinternet.com)

**Booking deadline: Monday 9 July**



**Richard II** is a 2012 British television film based on the Shakespearean play of the same name. It is the first of four television adaptations of William Shakespeare's

second history tetralogy commissioned by BBC Two under the series title *The Hollow Crown*. It will be broadcast on 30 June 2012 on BBC2.

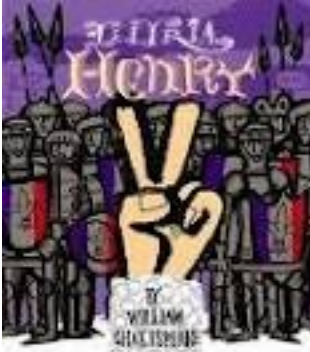
This is your last newsletter of the the current season. Your next newsletter will be for September and previewing our exciting new season. In the meantime, you'll receive any 'breaking news' by email and you can always keep up-to-date via our website: [www.aps-sherborne.co.uk](http://www.aps-sherborne.co.uk). Have a Happy Summer -weather permitting.





# Arts SCENE

A selection of what's on around and about



## HENRY V PLAY IN CASTLE GARDENS

Illyria will perform **Henry V** at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 18 July** at Castle Gardens (approx 2½ hrs inc 20 minute interval).

Tickets £17.50. Concessions £15. Child £12.50 from Castle Gardens 01935 814633.

Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic. Hot drinks available. Cancellation only in the event of a hurricane!

*Chocolat* author, Joanne Harris, will be talking about her new book *Peaches for Monsieur Le Curé* at 7 for 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 July in the Butterfly House, Castle Gardens.

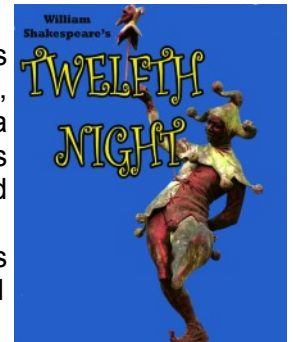


Tickets £15 (£13.50 Sherborne Literary Society members) from Winstone's or Chapterhouse Books.

## ENJOY TWELFTH NIGHT IN THE GROUNDS OF GLASTONBURY ABBEY

A splendid comedy for a summer entertainment, Shakespeare's Twelfth Night takes you to the fabled Court of Duke Orsino, in Illyria. An entrancing love triangle of the Duke, a widowed Duchess, and a young lady posing as a young man; the machinations of a drunken Knight, a foppish Lord, and a wily Jester, against a pompous Steward; all this brought to you in the inimitable, clear, and energetic style of The Festival Players and including the specially composed music of Johnny Coppin. Fun for the whole family.

Performed by Festival Players at **7.30 pm on Thursday 16 August**. Tickets: Adults £12.00, Concessions (over 60's under 16's) £10.00, Under 6s free. Call 01458 831631 or email: [shop@glastonburyabbey.com](mailto:shop@glastonburyabbey.com)



## BACK TO BROADWAY AT THE EXCHANGE

A unique musical show at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton featuring eight of the country's finest singers and dancers. Prepare to be amazed as you are transported into the magical world of Musical Theatre, set against the back drop of Times Square. It's on at 7.30 pm Saturday 18 August. Call Box Office on 01258 475137 [www.stur-exchange.co.uk](http://www.stur-exchange.co.uk) and [www.backtobroadway.co.uk](http://www.backtobroadway.co.uk)



## The Winter's Tale



At Poltimore House just off the B3181 4 miles north of Exeter and south of the village of Poltimore. between Pinhoe and Broadclyst.

**The Winter's Tale - Fri 20 & Sat 21 July at 7 pm.**

It has everything needed for magical outdoor theatre; a statue that comes to life, a lost princess, a sheep-shearing festival, a roguish clown and a happy ending.

**In inclement conditions all performances will take place in the Chapel.**

Call 01392 248938  
[www.poltimore.org/events](http://www.poltimore.org/events)

## NT live At cineworld Yeovil

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** 6 September

Based on the international best-selling novel by Mark Haddon  
Adapted for the stage by Simon Stephens

**The Last of the Haussmans** 11 October

a new play by Stephen Beresford

**Timon of Athens** 1 November

by William Shakespeare

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY 2012

|                                   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Wed 4 to Sat 7                    | <b>Animal Farm</b><br>George Orwell                                   | Little Theatre, Wells<br>7.30 pm                                   |
| Wed 4 to Sat 14                   | <b>Me and My Girl</b><br>Musical                                      | Shaftesbury Arts Centre<br>7.30 pm                                 |
| Fri 6                             | <b>Emma</b><br>Chapterhouse Theatre Company                           | Bishop's Palace, Wells -outdoors<br>7.30 pm                        |
| Wed 11                            | <b>The Collector</b><br>John Fowles                                   | Merlin Theatre, Frome<br>7.45 pm                                   |
| Mon 16 to Wed 18                  | <b>The American Dream</b><br>Edward Albee                             | New Theatre, Exeter<br>7.30 pm                                     |
| Wed 18                            | <b>Richard II</b><br>The Festival Players                             | Shaftesbury Abbey -outdoors<br>7.30 pm                             |
| <b>APS event</b> Fri 20           | <b>AGM &amp; Summer Party</b>   | <b>Nether Compton Village Hall</b><br>7.30 pm                      |
| Fri 20 to Sat 21                  | <b>The Winter's Tale</b><br>The idle Theme Theatre Company            | Poltimore House, Exeter<br>7 pm See page 3                         |
| Wed 25 to Sun 29                  | <b>The Marriage of Figaro</b><br>Winterborne Opera                    | Bishop's Palace, Salisbury -outdoor<br>Wed/Thurs/Sat 6.30 Sun 2 pm |
| Thurs 26 July to Sat 18 Aug       | <b>Hysteria</b> - stars Anthony Sher<br>Freud and Salvadore Dali meet | Theatre Royal, Bath<br>Times vary                                  |
| <b>AUGUST 2012</b>                |   |  |
| Thurs 9                           | <b>Macbeth</b><br>Lord Chamberlain's Men                              | Kingston Lacy -outdoors<br>7.30 pm                                 |
| Tues 14                           | <b>HMS Pinafore</b><br>Illyria  | Millennium Green, Bridport -<br>outdoor 7 pm                       |
| Thurs 16                          | <b>Twelfth Night</b><br>Festival Players                              | Glastonbury Abbey - outdoors<br>7.30 pm - see page 3               |
| Wed 22 to Sat 25                  | <b>His Dark Materials - Part 1</b><br>The Brewhouse Young Company     | The Brewhouse, Taunton<br>7.30 pm Mat Sat 2.30 pm                  |
| Thurs 23 to Sat 8 Sept            | <b>The Tempest</b><br>Stars Tim Piggot-Smith                          | Theatre Royal, Bath<br>Times vary                                  |
| <b>APS event</b> Fri 14 September | <b>Our Opening Night</b><br>Welcoming in our new season               | 7.30 pm<br>Venue to be confirmed                                   |

**The Brewhouse:** 01823 283244 [www.thebrewhouse.net](http://www.thebrewhouse.net)

**Millennium Green:** Box Office 01308 424204 [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

**Kingston Lacy:** Box office 0844 2491895 [tlcm.co.uk](http://tlcm.co.uk)

**Theatre Royal, Bath:** Box Office 01225 448844 [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

**Bishop's Palace:** Box Office Salisbury Playhouse 01722 320333 [www.salisburyplayhouse.com](http://www.salisburyplayhouse.com)

**Shaftesbury Abbey:** Call 01747 852910 or 01747 853514 [shaftesburyabbey.org.uk](http://shaftesburyabbey.org.uk)

**New Theatre, Exeter:** Box Office 01392 277189 [www.cyqnetnewtheatre.com](http://www.cyqnetnewtheatre.com)

**Little Theatre, Wells:** Box Office opens 16 June 01749 672280 [littletheatrewells.org](http://littletheatrewells.org)

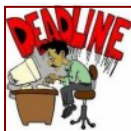
**Salisbury Playhouse:** Box Office call 01722 320333 [www.salisburyplayhouse.com](http://www.salisburyplayhouse.com)

**Merlin Theatre:** Box Office 01373 465949 [www.merlintheatre.co.uk](http://www.merlintheatre.co.uk)

**Mission Theatre:** Call 01225 428600 [www.missiontheatre.co.uk](http://www.missiontheatre.co.uk)

**Bishop's Palace, Wells:** Call 01749 988111 extn 200 [www.chapterhouse.org](http://www.chapterhouse.org)

**NB: As Diary Dates are compiled in advance, do check with the venue for any programme changes.**



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### Last Word...

The drama's laws, the drama's patrons give,  
for we that live to please, must please to  
live. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)