

NOISES

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APS newsletter April 2013

APS Amateur Players of Sherborne present

HEATSTROKE

a farce by Eric Chappell directed by Stuart McCreadie

At 7.30 pm
Thur 18th April - Sat 20th April
Digby Hall, Hound Street
Sherborne

Tickets £7.50 Students £4.00
from EB Marsh & Son, Cheap St
and The Abbey Shop, Abbey Close
www.aps-sherborne.co.uk



Roll Up, Roll up for a rollercoaster comedy

Assumed identities, breakneck pace and hilarious mishaps, plus the tension and plot reversals of a thriller, give the Spencers a Spanish holiday they will never forget. Has-been actor Howard arrives with a young actress for a naughty break at the same villa, which is then invaded by two strange characters searching for a lost holdall. Can things get worse? You bet they can!



Not long now till show time. But there's work still to be done during production week.

We'll move scenery, lights and costumes into the Digby Hall Friday evening 12 April.

On Saturday 13 April we will need set builders from 10:00 am onwards. If anyone has talents specific to wallpaper lining that would be much appreciated from 11:00 am onwards. It is a relatively simple set, but some carpentry and stretching canvas skills most welcome.

So, put the dates and times in your diary now. Any time you can spare will be appreciated.

We're also on the hunt for a suitable piece of furniture which could comfortably contain a holdall size 12" x 14" x 26".

Contact Kris on 01935 814597 or kriswessels@zebrart.co.uk

Posters have gone up all over town and beyond. If you could put one in your window do let me know on 01935 814626 or jim.reville@btinternet.com

See and enjoy our 'Heatstroke' trailer on our website: www.aps-sherborne.co.uk

And finally, of course, do come along to 'Heatstroke' - and spread the word. Tell all your friends to come as well.



Do come along to the After Show party on Saturday 20th. It's a celebration of all our time, energy and hard work in putting on yet another successful APS production. Don't miss it!

COMING SOON

Annual Dinner
Friday 24 May

There is a date change for Our Annual Dinner. It will now be held on the evening of **Friday 24th May** in the Arcadian ambience of the Butterfly House at Castle Gardens.



The time: **7 for 7.30 pm**. The cost: £18.50 for three courses or £15.50 for two courses. A menu choices form is either attached, for those receiving their newsletter by post, or available to print off from the Members Page of our website.

Please forward the completed form, together with your cheque, made payable to Amateur Players of Sherborne, to Gilly Savage, Myntern House, Longford Road, Thornford DT9 6QN Tel: 01935 872098 or email her at: gillysavage@hotmail.com

Do please book as soon as possible and **at the very latest by Friday 10 May**.

Preferred dress is smart. Wine and other drinks can be bought.

NEW MEMBER
WELCOME

Your Membership Secretary is happy to report that we have a new member: Helen Hansen of The Grove, Westbury. We wish her a long and happy APS membership.

APS 2012-2013 season Upcoming Events

Sat 13 April-Sunday 21 April
Heatstroke Production Week
Performances 7.30 pm 18-20 April

Friday 24 May Date change
Annual Dinner at Castle Gardens with Murder Mystery. TBC

Tuesday 11 June
Part rehearsed drama of Hemingway's short story *The Killers*.

Friday 12 July Date change
AGM and Summer Party. Venue to be confirmed.

All events take place at 7.30 pm in our Clubroom unless indicated otherwise.

"THE PLAY'S THE THING!"

Thanks for all the ideas for future plays but keep them coming.

So, let's have more ideas of plays you think are worth considering. Pass them on to Eve who present her opinion to your committee.

Contact Eve on 01935 812933.

NODA SUMMER SCHOOL 2013 SAT 3 TO SAT 10 AUGUST

NODA announces that you can now book your places on the 2013 Summer School. Once again it is being held at the University of Warwick with more courses than ever.

It offers an unrivalled training opportunity for all those involved in amateur theatre.

Following the latest trends in professional theatre, there is a wide variety of week long and 3 day courses in a mix of disciplines for performers, directors and technicians.

With competitive course fees and top class residential facilities

Annual General Meeting - 2013

Every year we send you a batch of material on the Annual General Meeting. This mailing is very expensive. So this year we will again be sending the AGM papers by e-mail. Members who do not use e-mail will receive them through the post or hand-

delivered. Do please look out for the formal announcement.

The AGM is your opportunity to say what you think about the way the APS is being run, and an active membership is essential to a healthy club.

Our AGM and Summer Party will be held on Friday 12 July. Venue to be announced soon.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP WEEKEND AT BICTON COLLEGE

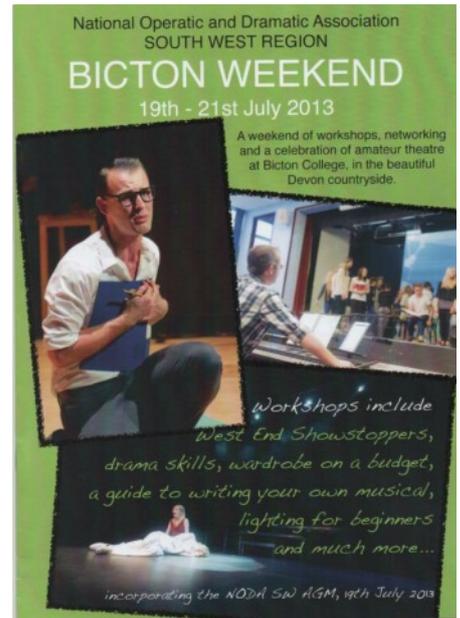
Our region of NODA, the South West region, is holding its annual Workshop Weekend at Bicton College EX9 7BY from Friday to Sunday 19 - 21 July.

This year's programme includes 10 Workshops including: acting from the text, improvisation, lighting, vocal technique, wardrobe, write a show.

There are individual prices for workshops. Cost for the weekend is just £130 and there is a special weekender price of £120 for Individual NODA Members.

For enquiries and bookings contact the Conference Co-ordinator Lynne Caygill, 33 Drakes Avenue, Exmouth, Devon EX8 4AD

lynne.caygill@noda.org.uk



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at the University of Warwick (see above) you are guaranteed a fun-packed week of top quality training.

Courses for 2013 include many aimed at Musical Theatre but also: An introduction to Acting and The Method.

Short Courses:

Costumes
Design for Directors
Working with text for Directors

An introduction to Stage Lighting.
An introduction to Stage Lighting design
RSC - Voice and Text
Additional Shakespeare Short course TBC.

For full details about the NODA summer school 2013 courses, the tutors, the terms and conditions and booking go to: www.noda.org.uk/summerschool

What's On

A selection of what's on around and about

On in the Octagon,
Yeovil at 7.30 pm Fri
5 to Sat 6 April is



Neville's Island, a rollicking survivalist farce by Tim (Calendar Girls) Firth.

When four white-collared businessmen undertake a team-building exercise, little can they foresee the disaster that will capsize their boat and deliver them to an uncharted island. Stripped of luxuries and creature comforts, these hapless businessmen must quickly learn to fend for themselves, while constantly bemoaning the absence of a swimming pool; a soft, warm bed; and a hot plate of Yorkshire pudding.

FROM THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT YOU 'WARHORSE'

Having last worked together on the internationally acclaimed *War Horse*, Bristol Old Vic's Artistic Director Tom Morris and Cape Town's Handspring Puppet Company reunite to bring you

28 Feb-4 May

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

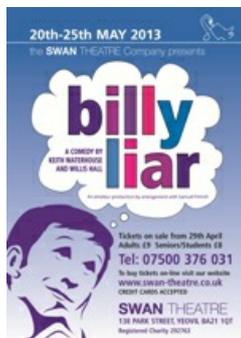
A Bristol Old Vic production
In association with Handspring Puppet Company
Directed by Tom Morris
Their first collaboration since *War Horse*
Co-commissioned by Spoleto Festival USA



Shakespeare's inexhaustible *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It interweaves the lives of lovers, actors, friends, foes and fairies. It is about love, transformation, survival and song, where a belief in the mystical presence of fairies isn't mere superstition.

It is a world that, thanks to the magic of Handspring, all objects are granted the right to life.

It's on now until Saturday 4 May. Times: 7.30 pm, Matinees Thursday and Saturday 2.30 pm. All preview tickets £10 only till Wednesday 6 March. Box Office: 0117 987 7877 or book online at www.bristololdvic.org.uk



BILLY LIAR ON AT THE SWAN

In the fictional industrial Northern town of Stradhoughton in 1960, Billy Fisher, a working class lad, lives with his parents and grandmother. As Billy's job at the undertakers becomes increasingly boring, his lies become increasingly outrageous, which starts to get him into

serious trouble. Full of down to earth characters and touching moments, Keith Waterhouse's adaptation of his own novel remains a modern classic.

At The Swan at 7.45 pm from Monday 20 to Saturday 25 May. Tickets on sale Monday 29 April.

Smugglers, shipwrecks, a haunted crypt, hidden treasure, vengeance and enduring love are the ingredients of *Moonfleet*, brought to life in Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's latest West Country touring production. Set on the Dorset coast in the village on Moonfleet, orphan John Trenchard is captivated by the story of the ghostly Blackbeard and his lost treasure. His search leads him to high adventure with smugglers, the revenue men, and eventually to love.

Sat 18 May: at Tacchi-Morris, Taunton 7.30 pm
Wed 19 June: Digby Hall, Sherborne at 7.30 pm
Sun 30 June: The Exchange, Sturminster Newton at 7.30 pm.



This House NT Live at cineworld Yeovil

A bitingly funny insight into the cutthroat mayhem of Westminster politics during the hung parliament of 1974. It's February 1974. Ted Heath's Conservative government has been ousted. But only just. In the hung parliament, Labour manages to form a minority government by sending its whips out wheeling and dealing with the Liberals, Scottish Nationalists and Northern Irish politicians. But this fragile alliance lasts only until October, when another election is called. This time Labour win with a tiny majority of just three. Now things get tougher as old cross-Party agreements break down and even sick and dying MPs are wheeled into the chamber to cast their votes! James Graham's acclaimed new play whisks us back to the days of the UK's previous hung parliament, when politics got really dirty in the battle for power.

Showing on Thursday 16 May at 6.30 pm Call 0871 200 2000 or Google Cineworld Yeovil. Save 10% booking online, plus no booking fees.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2013

Wed 3 to Sat 6	Charley's Aunt Cygnet Theatre Company	New Theatre, Exeter 7.30 pm Mat Sat 3 pm
Fri 5 to Sat 6	Neville's Island By Calendar Girls' author	Octagon, Yeovil 7.30 pm
Mon 8 to Sat 13	Abigail's Party Mike Leigh play	Theatre Royal Bath Mon/Wed 7.30 Thurs/Sat 8 pm
Thurs 11 to Sat 13	Our Town Apollo Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm Mat Sat 2.30 pm
Sat 13 to Sat 20	Calendar Girls Play by Tim Firth	Shaftesbury Arts Centre 7.30 pm
Wed 17	My Wife and The King About the Simpsons	The Exchange Sturminster Newton 7.30 pm
 Thurs 18 to Sat 20	Heatstroke APS Production	Digby Hall, Hound Street 7.30 pm
Sat 20	The Incomers Black farce	Bridport Arts Centre 8 pm
Wed 24 to Sat 27	The Farndale Housing Assoc... Frome Drama Club	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.45 pm
MAY 2013		
Tues 7 to Sat 11	Top Girls Next Stage Theatre Company	Mission Theatre, Bath 7.30 pm
Tues 7 to Sat 11	Go Back for Murder Agatha Christie Theatre Co	Theatre Royal, Bath Tues/Wed 7.30 Thurs/Sat 8 pm
Thurs 9	Complete Works of Shakespeare Reduced Theatre Company	Octagon, Yeovil 7.30 pm
Sat 11	Miss Julie UK Touring Theatre	Merlin Theatre, Frome 7.45 pm
Mon 13 to Sat 18	Lilies on the Land About Women's Land Army	Studio Theatre, Salisbury 7.30 pm
Sat 18	Moonfleet Bristol Old Vic Theatre School	Tacchi-Morris, Taunton 7.30 pm
Mon 20 to Sat 25	Billy Liar Keith Waterhouse & Willis Hall play	The Swan, Yeovil 7.45 pm
 Fri 24 Note date change	APS Annual Dinner & Murder Mystery	Butterfly House, Castle Gardens 7.30 pm

Bridport Arts Centre: Box Office 01308 424204 www.bridport-arts.com

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

Shaftesbury: Box Office 01722 321744 www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk

Studio Theatre: Box Office 01722 334956 www.studiotheatre.org.uk

Octagon: Box Office 01935 422884 www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

Bristol Old Vic: Box Office 0117 987 7877 www.bristololdvic.org.uk

Cineworld, Yeovil: Call 0871 200200 or save 10% by booking online

The Swan Theatre: Tickets on sale 29 April. Call 07500 376031 or book online www.swan-theatre.co.uk

Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre: Box Office 01823 414141 www.tacchi-morris.com

Theatre Royal, Bath: Box Office 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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

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

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

**Newsletter
Deadline**

If you would like any local performances mentioned in the newsletter please email details to: jim.reville@btinternet.com or call me on 01935 814626. Please leave a message if I'm not available and I'll ring you back. **MAY Newsletter Copy Deadline: Thursday 26 APRIL**