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*Amateur Players of Sherborne*

newsletter January 2015



## GETTING ON TOP OF THINGS



**TIDY UP** Very many thanks to all those 'active' members who turned out and lent a couple of hours of their time with the Tidy Up of our Costumes and Scenery.

As you can see some people - viz Adrian and John - take it to some dizzying heights in cataloguing all the various sizes and lengths of all our flats.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

There are still a few membership renewals still outstanding.



Renew yours now by sending your cheque payable to Amateur Players of Sherborne to Jim Reville, Membership Secretary, The Chantry, Marston Road, Sherborne DT9 4BL

## OPEN STAGES NEWS

The RSC regional showcase at the Nuffield Theatre, Southampton on Sunday 14 June will run an event where short extracts of each production will be performed. **THIS IS NOT A COMPETITION OR THE SEMI-FINALS OF A COMPETITION.** The purpose of this event is to celebrate and share the work that has been done in our region.



## "TONIGHT AT 7.30"

Auditions over and the plays soon to be cast, rehearsals begin early next month. They will be held every Monday and Thursday in the Memorial Church Hall upstairs in the Studio Room, Digby Road at 7.30 pm beginning on Monday 2nd February.

Production period Friday 17 - Sunday 26 April 2015.

Performances 7.30 pm Digby Hall Thurs 23 - Sat 25 April 2015

Noel Coward's



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**BE A PART OF IT.**

There's more to mounting a production than the casting of it. There's Set building, Costumes, Props, Backstage team, Front of House, Box Office. Be part of it now and contact our Production Manager, Patricia Harris on 01963 210462 email:

[patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com)

## Christmas Party 2014



Our Christmas Party 2014 was a merry evening of good food, drink and lots of festive cheer and was thoroughly enjoyed in the clubhouse of the Sherborne Bowls Club.

## APS 2015

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 23 January

Party Pieces Evening presented by Sylvie Lord.

#### Friday 20 February

Quiz Night presented by Gilly Savage. Includes a Fish and Chip Supper.

#### Friday 6 March

Play-Reading of 'Outside Edge' - not auditions - directed by Patricia Harris.

#### Saturday 18 to Sunday 25 April

Spring production week: 'Tonight at 7.30'. Performances Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 April.

#### Friday 15 May

Annual Dinner at 7.30 pm in the Butterfly House, Castle Gardens.

#### Friday 12 Jun

David Duff presents a talk on 'Shakespeare in Love: The Young, the Middle-aged and the Don't ask.'

#### Friday 10 July

Annual General Meeting and Summer Party at Gainsborough House, South Street, Sherborne.

**All events at 7.30 pm in our Clubhouse except where obviously not.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to two new members: Emma de la Poer and Kit Stickland. We wish them both a long and happy membership.

## Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to our membership of Iris Norton.



## Party Pieces Evening

Let's brighten up the duller part of the year. Come along to our Clubhouse in the Old Chapel at **7.30 pm** on the evening of **Friday 23rd January** to take part in an entertaining evening of words, music and laughter. Enjoy a glass of hot punch (with or

without alcohol) whilst we show off the talent we have in APS.

Everyone has something to offer so come ready to deliver your favourite soliloquy, recite a treasured poem, tell a joke or sing us a song. Anything goes - the more the merrier.

Contact Sylvie Lord on [sylvielord27@googlemail.com](mailto:sylvielord27@googlemail.com) to let her know what you would like to contribute.

## NODA Theatre Summer School from Saturday 1st - Saturday 8th August 2015.

It offers an unrivalled training opportunity for all those involved in amateur theatre. Following the latest trends in professional theatre, we offer a wide variety of week long and 3 day courses in a mix of disciplines for performers, directors and technicians.

The school is the only one of its kind, offering an activity holiday with a difference:

- quality professional training with real, lasting benefits to performers and technicians alike
- a fully residential experience in a hotel quality conference centre
- an opportunity to meet and socialise with like minded people who are 'PASSIONATE ABOUT THEATRE!'

With competitive course fees and top class residential facilities at the University of Warwick you are guaranteed a fun packed week of top quality training, morning warm-ups, optional evening activities, great food and plenty of time for socialising.

You can browse the courses on offer for 2015 and read about the vast range of experience amongst the professional tutors by visiting: [www.noda.org.uk](http://www.noda.org.uk)



## NODA SOUTH WEST REGION WORKSHOP WEEKEND

The Annual NODA South West region Workshop Weekend will take place on 11th - 13th September 2014 at the Palace Hotel, Torquay.

Courses to include: building a set, and backstage organisation, vocal coaching and much more. Brochure with full details expected in March.



## NT live cineworld Yeovil



An exciting new production of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic pirate adventure! On a dark and stormy night, innkeeper's grand-daughter Jim opens the door to a terrifying old seadog. In his giant chest lurks a map to an island where a legendary pirate buried a hoard of treasure. So begins Jim's dangerous and swashbuckling adventure that brings her up against the dreaded Long John Silver!

**7 pm Thursday 22 January. 180 minutes**