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Amateur Players of Sherborne

newsletter March 2015



'TONIGHT AT 8.30'



It was all brisk and very business like - just as it should be - on Saturday 21 February at the first production meeting for our forthcoming spring presentation 'Tonight at 8.30'.

Held in David Smith's house, the meeting covered all aspects of the forthcoming production from Front of House through Props, Sound and Costumes to Back Stage staffing, and with a 'hands-on' indication of how particular lighting might be used.

While the production team pushes positively on, your help is still needed. See below.



Your help is needed in turning our set designs into reality. Spare a couple of hours Saturdays and Wednesdays from 2.15 pm in our Clubhouse Scenery Workshop. No experience required - just your enthusiasm! Also help needed in other production tasks. Contact our Production Manager Patricia Harris on 01963 210462 email: patriciawallerharris@hotmail.com



With its cracking comic script, and a cast almost equally split between men and women, 'Outside Edge' is our **play-reading in our Clubhouse at 7.30 pm on Friday 6 March** and led by Patricia Harris.

The play by Roger Harris (no relation) deals with an eventful Saturday afternoon in the lives of five men and four women.

The action takes place in a cricket pavilion before and during a match.

Roger struggles to keep his team together to play against the British Railways Maintenance Division Yeading East, while the wives and girlfriends of his players help and hinder to devastating and hilarious effects. As a final catastrophe, rain starts to fall.

While the play is ostensibly about cricket, it's actually about relationships - and Harris is soon lifting the lid on all manner of angst and extra-marital shenanigans among the lead characters.

Production period: Friday 17 - Sunday 26 April 2015

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

BEING TRULY 'AMATEUR' WINS US NEW AWARD

At the NODA South West Region's Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday 28 February in the Marriott Hotel, Bristol a new award, The Peter Wheeldon Trophy, was presented by NODA's national President John Barnes and received by John Crabtree on our behalf.

Created in memory of Peter, it is for groups who are truly amateur, without lots of hiring of personnel and equipment etc. We were nominated by Judy Wheeldon, Peter's wife, to be the first recipient. Both Peter and Judy were past active members of the Players.

NODA SOUTH WEST REGION WORKSHOP WEEKEND BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

The Annual NODA South West region Workshop Weekend will take place on 20th - 21st September 2014 at the Palace Hotel, Torquay.

Courses include: building a set, and backstage organisation, vocal coaching and much more. Brochure is available now. Check online into NODA southwest region, open up and scroll all the way down to the link to the PDF of the full brochure.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Patrick Galloway, already creatively involved in set building. And warm welcome back to Richard Lindley. We wish them both a long and happy membership.

Sad to note the passing of past member, Joy Parkinson.

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Upcoming Events

Friday 6 March

Play-Reading of 'Outside Edge' - not auditions - directed by Patricia Harris. [See front page for details](#)

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.

LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE



Many thanks to Margaret Field for her donation of the following:

The Empty Space by Peter Brook

The Complete About Acting by Peter Barkworth

About Acting by Peter Barkworth

More about Acting by Peter Barkworth

Being an Actor by Simon Callow

You'll find them on the shelves of our Clubroom library. Incidentally, there is also a DVD of Simon Callow titled 'Being Shakespeare'.



Back again for the hugely popular Fish'n'Chips Film Quiz evening hosted by the inimitable Gilly to whom we all owe very many thanks.

Gilly's Fish'n'Chips Quiz Night



NT live cineworld Yeovil

A new play by David Hare, based on the book by Pulitzer Prize-winner Katherine Boo. India is surging with global ambition. But beyond the luxury hotels surrounding Mumbai airport lies a makeshift slum, full of people with plans of their own. Zehrunisa and her son Abdul aim to recycle enough rubbish to fund a proper house. Sunil, twelve and stunted, wants to eat until he's as tall as Kalu the thief. Asha seeks to steal government anti-poverty funds to turn herself into a 'first-class person' while her daughter Manju intends to become the slum's first female graduate.

But their schemes are fragile; global recession threatens the garbage trade, and another slum-dweller is about to make an accusation that will destroy herself and shatter the neighbourhood.

7 pm Thursday 12 March. 180 minutes



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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. **APRIL Copy Deadline: Saturday 28 March 2015**