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*Amateur Players of Sherborne*

newsletter April 2015

 AMATEUR PLAYERS OF SHERBORNE

## NOEL COWARD'S TONIGHT AT 8.30

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

STILL LIFE

RED PEPPERS



Directed by John Crabtree

at the Digby Hall, Sherborne  
23 - 25 April 2015, 7.30 pm

Tickets £8.00; Students £5.00  
Group Bookings (10 or more) £7.50 pp  
from E.B.Marsh & Son, Cheap St  
& The Abbey Shop, Abbey Close

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 spring event



**Annual Dinner  
Friday 15 May**

Our Annual Dinner will be held at 7 for 7.30 pm on the evening of **Friday 15th May** in the Arcadian ambience of the Butterfly House at Castle Gardens.

A menu choices form with a sumptuous selection of choice dishes will be available soon to all members, either by mail or on the Members Page of our website: [www.aps-sherborne.co.uk](http://www.aps-sherborne.co.uk)

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



**OPEN STAGES  
SHOWCASE**

This will take place at the Nuffield Theatre, Southampton on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

In all, 16 groups will be taking part, performing a 10 minute extract from their Open Stages contribution. Non cast members can book tickets in advance for the evening performances at 7.30 pm - and which are free.

Following the performances groups will be asked to vote on which extract they think the best. The group in each region which get the most votes will go forward to the National Showcase which will take place at Stratford on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

## FROM HIGH FARCE TO DOOMED ROMANCE

Almost there. Rehearsals and set-building continue towards presenting a feast of pure entertainment from the pen of the inimitable and ever popular Noël Coward. It's a treat you can heartily recommend to your friends,

We aim to set up in the Digby Hall Friday 17 through Sunday 19. If you can spare a couple of hours to help out that would be great.



Do come along to the After Show Party on Saturday evening 25 April. It's a celebration of all our time, energy and hard work mounting yet another successful APS production. See you there.

# APS 2015

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 17 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.**

### PLAYERS BOWLED OVER BY OUTSIDE EDGE

Friday evening 6 March members stepped up to the crease for a play-reading of *Outside Edge* about a cricket team trying to win a game of cricket whilst sorting out their various marital problems. It was hugely enjoyed with much mirth and laughter.



### REMEMBERING OUR OLDEST MEMBER

Joan seems to have joined the Players in 1945 at the tender age of 16, just over 10 years after our beginning. Her first role was as an understudy in *Dear Brutus*. When her husband, Ken, died in 1958 Joan took his place on the Committee, on which she served for 12 years. She held the position of Secretary from 1961 to 1966.



A loyal member of the Players for some 70 years, Joan had painted and made scenery, tackled props, furniture and costumes, acted as talent spotter (*Salad Days*) and performed party pieces and parts in play readings from time to time.

She modestly described herself as "quite good at making coffee, delivering letters and distributing posters". In 2001 she was made a richly deserved Life Member.

An active member right up to her passing Joan always sought to contribute wherever she felt able. She will be sadly missed.

### 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.

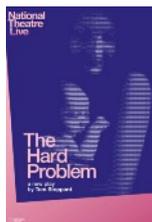


### APS WINS AMATEUR AWARD

John receiving the Peter Wheeldon trophy on our behalf, and co-presented by John Barnes, President of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association and past president Gerry Branton at the NODA South West region Awards Dinner Saturday 28 February in the Marriott Hotel, Bristol.

We are the first to receive this newly-created award and is presented to those societies deemed to being the embodiment of amateur theatre.

### live cineworld Yeovil



Nicholas Hytner directs Tom Stoppard's eagerly anticipated new play, which poses some big questions. What is consciousness? That's the question troubling Hilary, a young researcher at a brain science institute. After all, if everything is matter, the advance of technology means that the computer and fMRI scanner will one day be able to answer all the questions currently addressed by psychology. It's this 'hard problem' that brings her into conflict with her colleagues. Thursday 16 April at 7 pm. 180 minutes

**Deadline** Newsletter If you would like any local performances mentioned in the newsletter please email details to: [jim.reville@btinternet.com](mailto: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 Copy Deadline: Wednesday 29 April 2015**