



NOISES OFF

AMATEUR PLAYERS OF SHERBORNE

newsletter December 2015

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

THURSDAY 21 — SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016



From your committee



THE AUDITIONS

Two very successful audition evenings attracted not only APS members but also a number of new faces, which has left Bev with the tough but positive task of casting the play.



Upcoming Events

Thursday 3 December 7.30 pm in The Crown
Xmas Party Pieces. See below for details.

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

APS GETS ROTARY CLUB DONATION



Julian Halsby of the Rotary Club of Sherborne presents Helen with a £500 towards the renewal of our scenery flats.



Xmas Party Pieces

Come along to The Crown on Thursday 3 December at 7.30 pm and celebrate the season with an entertaining evening of words, music and laughter.

And all the while enjoying a glass of mulled wine and delicious selection of nibbles.

Everyone has something to offer, a favourite soliloquy, a treasured poem or two, a couple of jokes or whatever.

Our commere for the evening is Sylvie Lord so do get in touch with her at 01963 251833 or email her at sylvielord27@googlemail.com to let her know what you would like to contribute.

Free parking is available in Acreman Street Car Park.

A donation of £5 per person to help cover costs would be much appreciated.



Led by Jo Simpson, we had a reasonably well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed play-reading of Amy Rosenthal's witty and poignant 'Sitting Pretty'.

Not only funny but full of incisive observations about youth, creativity, self-image and sibling and romantic love.



PROGRESS REPORT ON CHAPEL PLANS

Everything in planning takes longer than anticipated and finally I have received what looks like a favourable view on the plans for Change of Use of the Chapel to performance-space/theatre. I have instructed the architect, Tom Maunder, to draw up plans for the main building, obtain quotations and apply for building regulation approval. I doubt if I will hear any more before the New Year.

The idea is to rebuild the upstairs floor approximately halfway from the front porch, leaving the 'altar' end of the chapel at full height. Stage lighting can be installed upstairs. The roof will be well insulated and, of course, electrics totally renewed. It seems to me that building work should start as soon as all scenery etc. has been removed for the Great Expectations performance in April. The costumes must be re-housed at this time.

Work on the Vestry part of the building to accommodate toilets and Green Room space will be complicated and I envisage planning and work on that should wait for completion of the main hall. Malcolm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

More of a returning member rather than new is Jessica Colson. She joined in September 1994 and served as committee member 1995-1998 and as Treasurer 1998-2000. A warm welcome back.

And a warm welcome to new member Giorgia Rinaldi.

We have great expectations that there will be more new members to announce soon.

NEW NODA REPRESENTATIVE

Our new NODA Regional Rep is Sylvia Coates, Frome Vale, East Stoke, Wareham BH20 6AN. Tel: 07749 877485 email sylvia.coates@noda.org.uk

Artsreach COMING SOON

Richard Durrant is not only a world class, virtuoso guitarist, he is a creative force and his Christmas shows are amongst his most beautiful creations. Amy Kakoura, a singer with Greek Irish roots and an almost indescribably stunning voice, joins Richard for their third consecutive Christmas tour.



With the evocative and wintry sound of early music from Christian, pagan and folk traditions as well as many wonderfully distinctive Durrant originals, these concerts have become a much loved part of Christmas for audiences throughout the UK.

Richard and Amy make a welcome return after their sell-out show last year. Whether they are performing the oldest songs in the Oxford Book of Carols or dueting on Fairytale of New York, this is a show of surprises and midwinter charm.

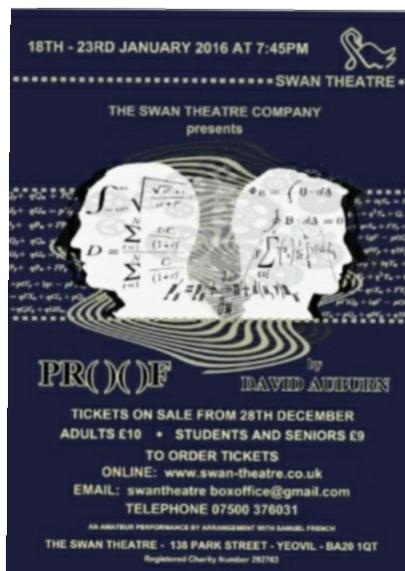
Saturday 5th December 2015 at 7:30 pm
Sandford Orcas Village Hall: £9, £7 u18s, £28 family
Tel: 01963 220208

'Mrs Beeton, My Sister'

Many years after Isabella Beeton's untimely death, Bessie Mayson muses on the extraordinary life of her famous big sister. They were the eldest of 21 children, brought up in the Grand Stand at Epsom Race Course. Quiet, obedient Isabella fell for a charming publisher called Sam Beeton, and joined his rickety life in journalism, culminating in her world-famous "Beeton's Book of Household Management". Her family disapproved. But were they right? Thirty years on, Bessie is not so sure...



Friday 11th December 2015 at 7:30 pm Nether Compton Village Hall: £8, £6 u18s Tel: 01935 413220



'PROOF' AT THE SWAN
Monday 18th - Saturday 23rd January 2016

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine is coming to grips dealing with death of her father, a brilliant but mentally ill mathematician. The affections of Hal, a post-grad maths student, complicate matters as he wants to search through her father's papers. The arrival of her estranged elder sister to help settle up affairs is another undesired intrusion.

Doors open 7:15, show 7.45 pm

TICKETS ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC FROM 28th December 2015