

# *Under New Management*

## **Bampton Players June newsletter**

Hi - like quite a few organisations in Bampton recently the production of the Players Newsletter has also changed hands.

Following the AGM and the first meeting of the new committee this is to bring you all up to date with the news.

It was lovely to see so many at the AGM. Two new members of the Players Committee were elected and a number of issues raised at the meeting were carried over to the first meeting of the new committee. For your information the names of the committee members now are: Barney Hopkinson, Judi Thomas, Avril Saxby, Helen Burden, Simon Bartlett, Tim Smith, Claire Benton, Alison Wesley and Mick New.

### **Supper Theatre - 'The Grass is Greener'**

Feedback from the public was good and a healthy profit was made from the bar. However, it has been agreed that for next year the idea of a Supper Theatre will be replaced with a Spring play which Wendy will be directing. As a reminder there will be play readings at Wendy's on Saturday 7 July for both the Autumn play for this year and the Spring play for 2019. All are welcome - just let Wendy know if you are planning to go.

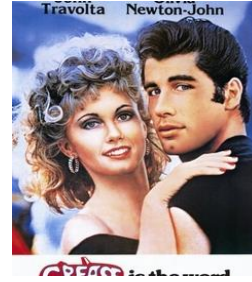
### **Shakespeare in the garden - 'A Comedy of Errors'**

Rehearsals are underway and are going well so don't forget to tell all your friends and family to book tickets for the performances at Court Grove on 2nd, 3rd or 4th August. As before please bring your own chairs and a picnic. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for good weather - but - if it does rain then Riverside Hall is booked as a back up. Ticket price was agreed at £8/head.

### **Theatre trip - 'The Comedy About A Bank Robbery'**

Avril has sold 22 tickets for this production in Plymouth and is going to book the community bus which will take 17 people for a small fee. If you would rather drive yourself then we have it on good authority that there is a car park very near to the theatre. Avril does have

the option to buy a few more tickets so if it is something you wanted to do but it has slipped your mind then please contact her.



## **Grease - is the word!!! [Not]**

Robbie mentioned this at the AGM as a possible future production for Bampton Players but we came to the conclusion that we are really not the right age group and that it might be more appropriate for Robbie's group in Tiverton.

## **Pre-Theatre Suppers**

It was mentioned at the meeting that The Toucan is keen to get involved and offer pre-theatre suppers for our audiences. It was agreed that in order to keep things fair that each dining establishment in Bampton would be informed of dates of performances to offer suppers if they choose. This would also be of benefit to the Players as it would increase the advertising for our productions. Obviously each establishment must agree to complete dining by a specific time for the audience to be seated in good time for the start of a performance.

## **Players BBQ**

This will be held again at Sherwood on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August with a 5:00 o'clock start. I make no apology for copying below an excerpt from Avril's e-mail to everyone earlier this week as it is something that needs to be done to make appropriate catering arrangements. Please reply to her if you haven't already done so.

'Please bring: Something to sit on, something to drink and either a salad or a dessert. You may need an extra layer as the sun goes off the patio here quite early.

Would you be kind enough to let me know:

- a) how many of you are coming so I know how much meat to get and
- b) what kind of salad/dessert you are bringing so that we can engineer some variety!?'

## **New Date for your Diary**

Saturday 10 November 2018 at Riverside Hall for a fundraising quiz. Profits to be split between the Hall and the Players. Avril is going to arrange a quiz and Claire is going to create a simple supper for the evening. Cost will be £10 a head which is great value for an evening's entertainment and a supper. Teams will be 6 people so start getting yourselves and your friends organised!

## Panto 2019 - 'Treasure Island'

Just to reiterate following Avril's e-mail earlier this week that we need as many members as possible to sign up for the panto as there is a huge cast. If you haven't already done so please let Avril know your availability.

**Finally**, please see below notification from our NODA rep of events planned over the next few weeks - just in case any of you would be interested in going:-

Exmouth Musical Theatre

"Into the Woods"

5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

Sat Matinee 2.30pm

Tickets 01395 222477

SADS Juniors

2 One Act Plays

Sidbury Village Hall

Sat 9th June 7pm

Donations

Refreshments available

Please support these youngsters if you can

Exmouth Players

Coffee Morning

Sat 9th June 10am -12 noon

Cakes, Books, Dvds & Backstage Tours

"The Odd Couple"

Blackmore Theatre

18th - 23rd June 7.30pm

Sat Matinee 2.30pm

Tickets 07484 509514

From 11th June 9.30am - 1pm

(Not Sunday)

