



Newsletter

March 2015

Daisy Pulls It Off

Thanks to all who turned up for the Bolton Twill day. It was so efficient it turned out to be less than half a day! Just goes to show that many hands make light work. Thanks also to those who responded to the cry for help with gymslip making. A fantastic team is now making great progress. In the meantime, rehearsals continue and it promises to be a very good show. If you haven't booked your tickets yet, do so soon as tickets are going very quickly. The Ticketsource website is the place to go and there's an icon to link you to it on the FP website.

Autumn Production 2015

We are pleased to tell you that the autumn production will be *The Sea* by Edward Bond, to be directed by Barry Jarvis. The play was read at one of our playreading evenings a short while ago so you may know it already. For those who don't, as it says on the script cover, "This cosmically inclined, neo-Chekhovian romp, set in a stiflingly small seaside town in 1907 is a fascinating blend of wild farce, high comedy, biting social satire and poetic tragedy". So now you know! The production dates will be 24th to 28th November and, most importantly, the audition date has been set for Tuesday 14th July at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome, whether you want to read for a part or join the backstage team.

FP dinner - Goodwood Restaurant

We have now received the menu for our evening at Goodwood Restaurant on Thursday 7th May and instead of giving us two choices for each course they have given us three, so hopefully there will be something to suit everyone. In case you want to print it out on a separate page, it's at the back of this Newsletter.

We need to let the Restaurant know in advance about our menu choices and so if you would like to come along, please contact Tiffin Jones by email at home@tiffinjones.plus.com or by telephone on 01243 778839 and let her know your selection. Don't worry, she will keep a note of it in case you forget by the night!

The cost will be £12.50 per person and you can make payment either:

- online, directly into the FP bank account – sort code 08-60-01, account no. 20303033, or:
- by cheque, payable to the Funtington Players, and send it to Tiffin at 7 Beaver Close, Fishbourne, PO19 3QU.

Studio Production - 15-17th May weekend

Barry Jarvis will be leading this Studio production presenting two plays of the Theatre of the Absurd which is a particular passion of his. Both plays are by Arthur Kopit. The first is a one-act play, *Chamber Music*, a comedy set in 1938 with parts for eight women and two men. The eight women are patients in an insane asylum. Each of them think they are someone famous from different historical periods. They have come together to plan for an attack they believe is soon to come from the men's ward. The second is a short play, *The Conquest of Everest*, about a couple who, whilst on a bus tour of the Lower Himalayas, decide to take a walk and end up at the top of Everest where they meet a very disgruntled Chinese soldier who had been climbing it the hard way!

Timings for the weekend are:

Friday – rehearsals start, 7.30-10 pm

Saturday – all day, 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday – from 2.30 pm, rehearsals during the afternoon and an evening performance

If you are interested in being involved please contact Barry Jarvis on 01243 788785 or email to bjarvis@live.co.uk.

Theatre visit - Educating Rita

In the last Newsletter, we told you about our group booking to see Lenny Henry in *Educating Rita* at the Minerva Theatre. The date planned for our visit was 14th July but it turned out that all tickets had gone for that night so it's been changed to Monday 20th July. Tony Clark still has a few tickets left in our group booking and, as the theatre website is showing 'Sold Out' for every performance, this could be your only chance of seeing it! If you would like to come along, please contact Tony on 01243 776464 or email to sarahandanthony@talktalk.net.

Members' News

Some of you may know that Pat Grindey, our graphics designer who produces such wonderful posters and programmes (amongst other things), had a bad fall recently and broke her hip which resulted in an emergency hip replacement. She's back at home now making a good recovery and would like to send her heartfelt thanks to all those who have sent cards and messages of goodwill. She says she was overwhelmed by the kindness she received and hopes to see everyone again very soon.

Join in the Chichester Festival

Here's a chance for the FPs to perform in St John's Street Chapel as part of Chichester Festival. Our very own Susie Wilde, author and playwright, will be directing a rehearsed playreading of her play *Jake and the Circle of Death* and has offered the FPs the opportunity of performing it. Here's what she writes about the arrangements:

"Performance date is Thursday 25th June at 7.30pm.

There will be no more than 6 rehearsals, possibly less if all goes to plan.

AUDITION DATE: 30TH APRIL at 7.30pm in ST JOHNS STREET CHAPEL

If anyone has a child (of pretty much any age) who would like to read, please bring them, too.

Please email susiecdwilde@fastmail.fm for further details or if you would like a copy of the script in advance. There are loads of parts to suit our Players, none of which is very large.

This will be the premiere of an exciting family play by local author and playwright Suzie Wilde. The rehearsed reading will include dance elements choreographed by Kate Jones with music by Mike Fry."

If you would like to go and see the performance, tickets can be obtained from the Festival Box Office on 01243 681138.

Diary dates

Tues-Sat, 21-25th April Spring production – *Daisy Pulls It Off*

Thursday, 30th April Auditions for *Jake and the Circle of Death*, a rehearsed playreading directed by writer and director, Susie Wilde. See above.

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Fri-Sat, 15-17 th May	Studio production to be run by Barry Jarvis at the Village Hall. See above.
Friday, 5 th June	Playreading evening – more details to follow.
Fri-Sat, 19-20 th June	Our ever-popular weekend at the Penny Royal Theatre, Bosham, to be led by Scilla Jutton-Holland. This year's play will be <i>Under Milk Wood</i> by Dylan Thomas. Contact Scilla on 01243 527005.
Tuesday, 14 th July	Auditions for the November production, <i>The Sea</i> by Edward Bond, to be directed by Barry Jarvis. To be held in the Village Hall, West Ashling, at 7.45 p.m.
Monday, 20 th July	Theatre outing to <i>Educating Rita</i> at the Minerva. See details above.
Saturday, 18 th July	We're planning a pub walk. No details yet but watch this space.
Friday, 24 th July	An evening of summer readings and music with Scilla and Brian.
Thursday, 30 th July	A Very Important Date – it's our AGM!

And finally ...

The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday 13th April. You are welcome to come along and, if you wish to do so, please contact Scilla, our Secretary, on 01243 527005.

Goodwood Restaurant, Chichester College

Thursday 7th May 2015

Menu

Starters

Leek and potato soup

Smoked trout paté
celeriac and horseradish roulade

Warm duck confit
served on a bed of salad with an orange walnut dressing

Mains

Homemade salmon fish cakes
with poached egg and sauce vierge

Slow roast shoulder of lamb
served on boulangère potatoes

Spinach and ricotta cannelloni
Served with fresh vegetables and potatoes

Desserts

Apple strudel
served with crème fraiche

Bakewell tart
with vanilla ice cream

Chocolate and hazelnut meringue roulade

Coffee