



O.D.S. Newsletter

Welcome To The Newsletter For May 2003.

As I write this newsletter, it is raining cats and dogs and not showing any sign of the spring/summer that we should be getting this time of year. However, looking forward to the spring show **Starlight Memoirs** should cheer us all up. The show is coming together well now, and thanks go to Golly and Ben who, with help from Georgina and Sandie have come up with a great show. The next few weeks will be very busy, so if you can only spare a few minutes on either Saturday or Sunday p.m. for the next 4 weekends, please do give us a hand with the set building and sewing. Tickets will be on sale at set build mornings, and in the Executive Dry Cleaners throughout the week. Please ring a committee member in the village if you cannot get to the cleaners and we will endeavour to help you.

A.G.M.

At the annual general meeting held last Tuesday (13th) two members of the committee for 2002/2003 i.e. Melissa and Tim have stepped down. In their places we welcome Jim Wheatley and Sam Cobb. Nice to have new faces on the committee. David was the only person nominated for the chairmanship, so he will continue for the foreseeable future. 2003/2004 committee therefore is as follows: -

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| David Brown – Chairman. | - | 770879 |
| Jean Wheatley | - | 771073 |
| Jim Wheatley | - | 771073 |
| Sam Cobb | - | 771492 |
| Sandie Brown | - | 771815 |
| Heather Brown | - | 770879 |
| Jill Smith | - | 770027 |
| Irene Tungate | - | 771009 |
| Freda Robinson | - | 770004 |
| Paul Robinson | - | 771815 |
| Ellen Daley | - | 770292 |
| Lesley Peters | - | 771025 |

The officers will carry on until positions are appointed at the first meeting on 4th June.

Unfortunately, I was unaware until the meeting that some members did not receive a nomination form attached to their emailed newsletter. Should anything like this happen again, PLEASE do let

me know, as with this case, it makes a farce of our voting/nomination system. My most sincere apologies.

Social Events:-

Freda is selling tickets to a prom night at Highclere Castle on 4th August. Members £23.00 – non-members £25.00 each. Please contact Freda on 770004

Other events planned are:-

- 1) Race day at Newbury races.
- 2) Thruxton for a motor racing day.
- 3) Summer B B Q with bouncy castle etc at Stubby and Tina's with maybe a Scavenger hunt. Any ideas to Stubby, Tina or Sandie.
- 4) Kite flying days/afternoons. Depending on the weather!!!!
- 5) Sandie has circulated a list of shows in London for members to let us know what you wish us to organise.
- 6) John Ashlin is organising a Christmas Cruise in Germany for the Christmas market. Cost is £160.00 total per person (£35.00 deposit to John a.s.a.p) date is 4th Dec. 2003. More details from John.
- 7) If there is enough interest, John has also offered to organise a 3 day weekend at Littlecote House in Hungerford (upmarket Warners) starting on Friday 12th Dec. Bookings of 20 or more will reduce the cost to £183.00 per person, for half board.
- 8) Christmas party 20th December.
If there is an event you would like us to organise, or you would like to organise for us, please let us know. We would be very grateful.

As you may already know, the sheep fair in 2004 will have Victorian theme, so put you thinking caps on for something we can do to join in. If need help with costume I am Val Pink will help you.

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