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Diary Dates

- Feb 11th & 12th
Bouncers
Performances 7.30pm
and again at 10pm on
the 12th only.
- Mon Feb 15th
**Les Liaisons
Dangereuses**
Auditions at
Avonbourne School
8pm Sharp.
- Feb 23rd to 26th
The Crucible
Performances at the
Regent Centre tickets
on sale NOW.....
- Mar 28th
Rubyz-A-Go-Go
A Burlesque show at
Rubyz, featuring HCP
members, Lorraine
Rowan and Emma
Lane.
- May 18th & 19th
**Les Liaisons
Dangereuses**
Performances
- Sept 29th & 30th and
1st Oct
Blood Brothers
Performances
- Nov 19th & 20th
Metamorphosis
Performances

Welcome to Arena's BRAND NEW Newsletter

Welcome to Arena Committee's first attempt of putting together an informative Newsletter to let you all know what is going on.

Your new monthly Newsletter will include information about future shows, read through and auditions dates, as well as other interesting and fun information about our shows, members, quizzes, jokes, even some mathematical problems, if we can get Karen's

attention long enough, in between motherhood and her fascination of dead people.

So if you have any information that you would like to see in the Newsletter, or maybe you have an article, picture, charity event or idea that we can incorporate into the Newsletter, do please let us know because, without your feed back and ideas, well, there wouldn't be much of a Newsletter would there,

more a case of a blank piece of paper.

Please forward your ideas to any of the Committee members and see if your stories are newsworthy enough to make Arena's NEW Newsletter.



School's in for Arena

Arena Theatre and Avonbourne International Business and Enterprise School have joined forces to build for the future.

After a trial period of accommodating the rehearsals of "Bouncers", Avonbourne have offered Arena the use of their Drama Studio and Theatre Workshop space for rehearsal, audition and performance purposes as part of their Extended Schools Programme.

In return, Arena will offer various acting workshops to the students, as well as performing forthcoming plays there, after they have appeared at our spiritual home of the Regent Centre.

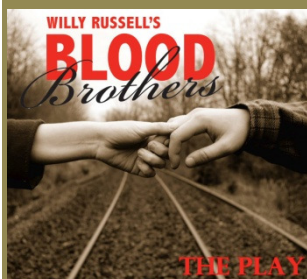
Not only does this offer Arena quality and free accommodation (which is warm!!), it adds to our potential for audiences and actors for the future. It also allows the students of Avonbourne to experience just drama and acting,

without having to take dancing and singing lessons, which many feel put off by.

With Avonbourne achieving recent Trust Status, the potential for various business links with companies like Liverpool Victoria and Bournemouth and Poole College could also be a possibility further down the line.

Watch this space.

Blood Brothers

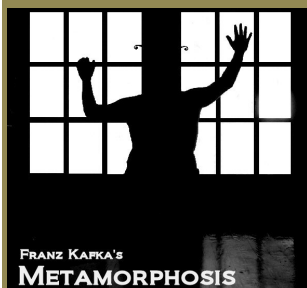


Just a reminder that this production will be the play version, not the all singing all dancing musical production.

Audition and Readthrough dates coming soon

Quote of the month.

“Work is the curse of the drinking classes.”
Oscar Wilde.



Our November production is Franz Kafka's Metamorphosis. Adapted for stage by Steven Berkoff and Directed by Paul Nelson.

More details coming soon.

“Bouncers” – Have you got your tickets?

How quickly time flies?

It feels like only yesterday that we were enjoying our Christmas Dinners, downing copious amounts of alcohol and delighting in the fact that most of us benefitted from some extra days off this Christmas and yet, here we are, first week of February and just days away from Arena's opening production of the 2010 season, John Godber's "Bouncers".

This production is, without doubt very funny indeed, just ask the Cast and Director, they've had so much

fun, to the point that the Director, Paul Nelson, has had to bring in some of his extensive teaching talents to get the cast back on track.

Make sure you don't miss out, get your tickets today just £10.00 each (£9.00 for concessions) and

prepare for a side splitting evening of hilarity.

Tickets are available from the Regent Centre Box Office Call (01202) 499199 or visit www.regentcentre.co.uk

or pop into the Centre High Street, Christchurch.



Sopley

As you are no doubt aware we still have storage space at Sopley as well as a variety of props, etc.

Should you wish to borrow any of these items please contact the Committee to discuss further.

Unfortunately due to the fact that some items have not been returned we will have to manage the borrowing of items more carefully, including possibly charging deposits.

Maths Time

If you find the femur of a 25 year old woman that measures 49.7cm, what would the height of this woman be?

Clue
 $H = 61.412 + (2.317 \times L)$

Sum in brackets first
 $2.317 \times 49.7 = 115.1549$

Added to the 1st figure = 176.5669cm

Convert at 30cm = 1 foot

5' 8" Tall

Bloody simple or what?

Arena Membership

As previously reminded via Email by Lindsay, Arena Subscriptions are now due, running from the 1st January to the 31st December 2010.

All who wish to participate in Arena productions **MUST** be a fully paid up member,

more details about membership and the relevant paperwork can be found on the Arena Website

www.arenatheatre.co.uk

Please remember it is your annual subscription that enables Arena to exist, without this

financial commitment we would certainly struggle.

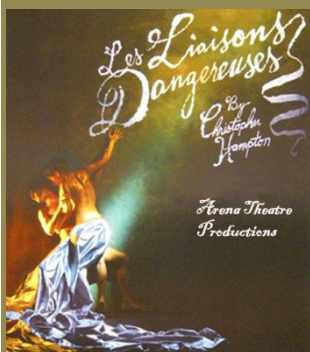
Make it easier for your Committee and sort your subs out, or we will set Karen on you.



Joke Corner

How many actors does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one because they don't like to share the spotlight.....



After a well attended readthrough on Feb 3rd don't forget that auditions for *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* will be held at Avonbourne School, on Monday 15th February starting at 8pm.

If you require any further details please email the Committee.

Who Am I? – Answers

- 1) Paul Nelson
- 2) Pete Griffiths
- 3) Karen Hamner
- 4) Lindsay Edwards

How did you do?

Quiz Time – Which Committee Member am I?

See, we really need your help with articles otherwise you are just going to end up with rubbish like this every time.

Following are clues about some of our Committee members but can you guess which ones???

1) Born March 20th 1970 Whilst studying played international Rugby for Wales, taught Craig David everything he knows, has a phobia to birds but owns snakes (well

they don't fly do they?)

2) Born 4th June 1967 Adopted at 2 weeks old and only met real Mum when 25. Signed up for Bristol Rovers Football Club aged 12 years, starred in TV's *Wheel of Fortune* in 1991 and won the Jackpot (£2,000) and appeared in a commercial on Belgian TV with Jean Claude Van Damme.

3) Born July 18th 1964 One of a twin, after leaving school worked in an office where I married my boss. Spent

12 years building an airplane, has 1 leg shorter than the other and I have been a member of Arena since day 1?

4) Born Dec 31st 1981 I am a massive Elvis fan, and I have a cold and new teeth?

Well that's your lot, answers appear somewhere else in the Newsletter but as I haven't got that far yet I haven't decided where to put them so, Happy Hunting!!!!

Impact Expected at Village Halls

Highly acclaimed and award winning ImpAct Theatre, well known for presenting some of the most professional amateur drama in the local area, will embark on their 2010 Spring Tour on Saturday 6th March, when their production of *The York Realist*, written by Peter Gill, opens at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall.

The play, set in the sixties in a tied cottage outside York is a family story as well as a finely drawn love story; it also makes us think about the depth of class allegiances, the strength of the family, and the origins and ownership of art itself.

This absorbing drama will play on 9th March at Verwood Memorial Hall, 12th March at Broadstone War

Memorial Hall and 13th March at West Moors Memorial Hall.

Tickets cost just £7.50 each and will be available at the door however, you can book in advance by telephone (01202) 876007 or by sending a cheque payable to ImpAct Theatre with a SAE to: Patricia Richardson, 85 Beaufoys Avenue, Ferndown, BH22 9RN

Charity Runners

We have two members preparing to put their minds and bodies through hell in an effort to raise much needed funds for two very worthwhile charities.

Our very talented programme designer, Gareth Richards will be running 3 miles for Sport Relief on March the 21st 2010 and

Arena's very own Chairperson, Lindsay Edwards will be running 5,000m for Cancer Research UK.

You can sponsor both of them online by copying the links below,

<http://www.mysportrelief.com/garethrichards>

<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/lindsayedwards4>

or contact them to make a donation.

We would like to wish them both the best of luck and congratulate each of them for putting themselves forward for such worthy causes.