

# Octopus



NOVEMBER 2008

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Pat Morrissey</b>	<b>418004</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Karen Gill</b>	<b>413783</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bob Brooks</b>	<b>416637</b>
<b>Child Protection Officer</b>	<b>Paula Cantwell</b>	<b>418406</b>
<b>Social Secretary</b>	<b>Susie Perrett</b>	<b>617232</b>

Dear Octopus members,

As far as Octopus is concerned we are now well into Panto season (Oh no you're not...) with rehearsals for Beauty and the Beast getting into full swing. The cast is probably the biggest we have ever seen with over 40 appearing on stage (not all at the same time) and we have a number of new faces as well as some very old ones (sorry Bob).

Under the direction of Tony Domaille I am sure this will be a great show so please get your tickets early.

## Dinner Dance

We are close to finalising details for our 2009 dinner dance which is likely to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Alveston House Hotel. The sub-committee pulling this together led by Susie Perrett has approached all the local hotels to get the most competitive price for a 3 course meal in nice surroundings followed by a disco (to suit all tastes). The cost will be £30 per head. It's a great occasion to get out the little black dress (and the ladies can wear something nice as well).

## Thornbury Carnival

Next year on 4<sup>th</sup> July will see the resurrection of the Thornbury Carnival which ran for many years until it was stopped a few years

ago. The organisers are trying to get as many parts of local life involved as possible and it would be good for Octopus to take part in the parade dressed in some of our costumes (weather permitting!). There is also the possibility of a staged area to put on a short performance. Nothing has been decided as yet but I would love to involve the youth side of our group to showcase our talents.

## Social Events

Since my last newsletter we have had 2 events both of which went very well. There was the Treasure Hunt (has any one seen John Lee since then?) with barbecue and despite our bad summer the weather was absolutely gorgeous.

In the last few weeks we also had the Youngsters Showcase and the "seniors" version of Coarse Acting. Porch House was packed to the rafters and the youngsters were brilliant – how many pantomimes did they do in 15 minutes? The seniors performance was also very difficult to forget but please try.

## 2009 Performances

Whilst the panto is well underway we have a further two entertainments to put on next year, the play in June and a "show" in October. Through this newsletter could I please ask people to consider whether they would like to be in the play and let me (or one of the committee) know. If we know who wants to be in a play we can then ensure we select a play that suits the available cast and get things underway early.

In terms of the October Show I would appreciate members thinking what would be a

good idea/theme for a show. Over the years we have done everything imaginable and it has been hugely popular with audiences.

### Congratulations

Two of our members have recently become engaged (to each other) so it's many congratulations to Clive Roberts and Susie Perrett. It must be mentioned that Clive proposed to Susie at the top of Scafell Pike (at 3210 feet or 979.1 metres, the highest place in England) and I can only assume it was the lack of oxygen at that height which caused this romantic attack.

Future dates for the diary:

Panto – Beauty and the Beast – 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>  
January 2009  
AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009.  
Dinner Dance – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (Provisional)  
Summer Play – 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
October Show – 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009

I look forward to seeing you at the Panto. By the way, if anyone has any items they would like to donate for the raffle at the panto that would be great and help with costs.

Pat Morrissey (Chairman)

### Octopus Committee Members

Pat Morrissey – Chairman  
Nick Baskerville – Deputy Chairman  
Karen Gill – Secretary  
Bob Brooks – Treasurer  
Paula Cantwell – Child Protection  
Social Secretary – Susie Perrett  
Alison Bagnall – Seconded committee member