

A message from Kay Rowan the NODA South East Councillor

At this challenging time for us all I wanted to bring you an update following our NODA meetings over the past couple of weeks.

NODA Head Office

NODA staff are now all working from home but are still on hand to deal with any enquiries you may have.

NODA Insurance

If members have any specific NODA Insurance questions they should contact them direct - 01823 250736.

NODA Today

By now you should all have received the latest edition of NODA Today which contains a wealth of interesting and informative articles and I thought it was worth highlighting a few:

1. **NODA Pantos** - over the past few months NODA has taken on a number of new authors offering both traditional and more modern titles. New royalty brackets have been introduced for those performing in smaller venues. Full details about all NODA panto authors and titles as well as how to license a production can be found on the NODA website - <https://www.noda.org.uk/licencing-information>
2. **Health & Safety Training** - in conjunction with NODA Safe NODA has launched a new range of online training courses for those involved in amateur theatre. Full details about the courses and the comprehensive range of service provided by NODA Safe are available on the NODA website - <https://www.noda.org.uk/noda-safe>
3. **NODA Presidential Gala & AGM** - at the Council meeting last week the decision was taken to postpone the 2020 event in Durham until 2021 and a statement from NODA Chairman, Michael Hastilow, can be read on the NODA website - <https://www.noda.org.uk/noda-presidential-gala>

NODA South East

Fanfare!!!!

The long-awaited announcement of the **Regional Awards, District Accolades and results of the Poster & Programme Competition** will be posted via email, Facebook and the NODA website on Sunday 19th April – so be ready! The NODA South East Celebration Day and AGM itself will follow a different format to usual so I am planning to put out the relevant AGM reports and documents on that day.

Help & Support -The NODA South East committee are still available to provide assistance during the current period of lockdown. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your Regional Rep if there is anything we can do to help. Do check to see if the contact details on the NODA website are up to date.

Future Events - A number of societies have been fortunate enough to have been able to rearrange cancelled productions to either later in the year or to their normal show week next year. Can I remind you to **update your show listing on the website** as well as your invitations to your Regional Rep and Councillor.

Share Your Activities - I know that Districts, clubs and individual members have been organising a variety of activities online including quizzes and workshops. It would be great to hear about them and to share details with members across the country. Please feel free to send me details, pictures etc and I will get them posted on our Facebook page. Alternatively send to our Media Guru and Youth Advisor mike.mullen@noda.org.uk

Communication - **NODA South East Facebook page** is a great way, at any time, to keep up to date with all that is going on in amateur theatre here in the South East. Please encourage your members to like the page to stay in touch and up to date - <https://www.facebook.com/NODASouthEast/>

NODA South East is one large family here to support us all through these unsettling times. Please stay safe, stay healthy and look out for each other.