

NODA SE – Newsletter – September 2017

Many of you will be returning to rehearsals after the Summer break. It can be difficult to get back into the routine. Similarly, for me, however answering the many emails does not seem to have stopped. The topics vary from the invitations to the usual “can we do selections from shows” or “where can I find....” to the unusual requests for help with grants for lighting or staging a new show. It all makes this job so very interesting.

New Members & Old Contacts

We welcome the following new and returning societies and individual members to the SE Region and hope they enjoy all the benefits of belonging to an organisation that has the vision to inspire amateur theatre.

Concorde Productions
Cuckfield Dramatic Society
Broadway Players
Newick Amateur Dramatic Society

Ariel Company Theatre
Lindley Players
Wiley Wolf Productions
8218 Youth Theatre
Basingstoke Stage School

TTA Productions
NOMADS

Michelle Arkle
Julie Bickerdike
Ann Bray
Pamela Brown
Mary Coyte
Denzil Edwards

Kim Finnis
Peter Flew
Tess Gill
G Goldston
Liz Harrison
P Hughes

Andrew Lacey
Bill Marshall,
Jane Morgan
George Powell
Sheila Ward

(I apologise in advance for any errors or omissions.)

Do you know of any societies who do not belong to NODA? Why not let us know and they could be contacted by one of the Regional Team.

Our Regional Membership Secretary John Barnes (john.barnes@noda.org.uk) is very efficient in keeping the information on societies up to date however he can only keep the details accurate if you inform him of any changes. If your society would like all the contact to be through a particular individual, not necessarily the Treasurer, please let us know and we will ensure that any news goes to the correct person.

We do hope that all the information we send out is shared with all your membership.

NODA South East Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/NODASouthEast/

(National Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/NationalOperaticDramaticAssociation/)

Due to the relocation of our **South East Media Guru** Vanessa Denson we are looking for someone take over the role and expand the use of the page for both societies and individuals. A few societies have started using it to advertise rehearsal, auditions, shows and a wide range of searches

for props, scenery and principals. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vanessa for all she has done and wish her well in her new location.

Could you spare a little time to help us spread the word about NODA South East by being our media guru and managing the Facebook page?

Programme & Poster Competition

The rules for the Programme & Poster Competition can be found in the members area of the NODA website. I have attached a copy for you. Do get your entries for 2017 in to your Regional Rep by the end of the year. With the AGM in March judging will have to be done very quickly. Don't delay get your entries in now.

Invitations to See Shows & the Accolades of Excellence

Your Regional Reps love visiting your shows and writing reports for you. Please get your invites in as soon as you know when your show is. You could well be in for an Accolade of Excellence or even a regional award. Do you think there are any categories we should consider for awards?

Assistant Regional Reps

Following a decision by council to appoint assistant regional reps, where appropriate, I am in the process of training 5 people. Their role is to assist the Regional Reps when they are overwhelmed by invitations. They are not instead of the Regional Rep and have no responsibility in terms of any specific district.

Long Service Awards

A **Youth Award Badge** may be awarded from the age of 11 after a minimum of three years, service to a maximum age of 20 ie. the Award may first be presented at the age of 14.

A **Youth Certificate** may be awarded from the age of 5 for every three years of service to a maximum age of 20 the Certificate may first be presented at the age of 8.

The cost of the Award is £4 for the certificate and £8 for the badge.

Details of the all adult awards, badges & certificates can be found in the members section of the NODA website. If you require further assistance please contact our Awards Secretary Margaret Coltman Margaret.coltman@noda.org.uk

Summer School

At the beginning of August, together with 3 of our Regional Reps and the Youth Advisor, I joined the 217 students and over 15 tutors at Yarnfield Park Conference Centre for the 2017 NODA Theatre Summer School. Regardless of the change of venue the NODA Bubble was just as lively and just as creative. Amongst the many students from the South East there were 3 enjoying the benefit of a **NODA SE Bursary**. National bursaries are available for new students and students under 30 whilst Regional Bursaries will continue as before.

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK OF JOINING THE 2018 NODA THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL.

When: Saturday 28 July to Saturday 4 August

Where: Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre

Courses: The wide range of courses both performing and non-performing will be announced in November prior to the opening of booking on Friday 1 December.

www.noda.org.uk/summerschool

Keep your eyes peeled for the NODA Facebook pages and NODA website for further information

NODA Fact Sheets

Please note the fact sheets are undergoing a period of renewal however there are a couple of new ones including model constitutions especially for charities and the new NODA Constitution Bye-Laws now that we are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

National AGM Weekend Bristol Marriott 22-24 September

Despite the change of venue I do hope many of you will be able to attend this annual event. There will be traders' stands, the Regional Committee Members annual meeting on Saturday morning followed in the afternoon by the final AGM of NODA (the Association) and the first AGM of NODA (CIO).

Exciting Times - NODA Website

During the NODA weekend the new NODA website will go **LIVE**. After a great deal of hard work the NODA website will have a new look, greater flexibility and up to date information. From the 18th December the present website will be turned off however there will be instructions as to what to do next. Regional Reps **WILL NOT** be able to put show reports on line between 18th and 23rd September. You will be able to put on show listings during that period but not to change details on society listing.

FINALLY

I wish you all well in your endeavours over the coming months and look forward to meeting many of you at your shows.

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New Regional Rep for District 1?



Deborah (Dee) Sharpe has been involved in local amateur theatre for many years on stage and back stage. She was on the committee of Underground Productions in Eastbourne and has written plays and sketches which were performed locally. She also acted semi-professionally in murder mysteries and has worked with schools, colleges, youth groups and psychiatric hospitals in creating educational and issue based films and performance.

Please vote for her - only a couple of votes to go.....