

*NOD.ASE*  
*Celebration of*  
*2019*

INCLUDING AGM 2020



# *Welcome to this virtual AGM*

Welcome to all  
members of NODA  
South East who  
have joined me  
today.


The agenda has  
been annotated to  
indicate any  
attached  
documents

# *Apologies for absence*

No one can actually attend this meeting so hopefully everyone will get to see a copy of this report one way or another.

*In memory of those who have passed  
away since last year's A.G.M.  
A moment's thought for all those we  
have known in the am dram world.  
May they rest in peace.*

*Penny Bones – Wadhurst Dramatic Club  
John Feltham – Chesil Theatre  
Marion Martin – Kentish Players  
Richard Pavey – Three Towns Theatre Company*



The minutes of last year's AGM have been circulated to all members and there are no matters arising at this time.

***Report of the AGM held  
on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2019***

# *Councillor's Report*

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Training

noda.org.uk/training

It is a joy to me to look back over all of your wonderful productions during 2019. Memory is a wonderful thing and every now and again little nuances of individuals and performances spring to mind. We in NODA strive to support all the members in their various activities. You will no doubt imagine that there have been a lot of queries lately particularly to do with insurance. Hopefully all your questions have been answered.

Over the last few weeks the Facebook pages have revealed how resourceful the am dram world is. From on line rehearsals to quizzes and even virtual walks - what would we do without the wonders of technology?

Now we have NODA training <https://www.noda.org.uk/training>

We cannot foretell when this period of isolation will end however there is much to be done in terms of preparing for future productions.

- The rights holders are being very helpful over perusal material have you set your future programme?
- Have you checked your society's policies are they up to date?
- Have you checked your insurance?
- Have you updated your details on the NODA website? May I take this opportunity to thank you SE committee on your behalf for all their hard work during the past year.

Thanks must go to all of you for making the year one bursting in enthusiasm and talent whilst you entertained all your loyal audiences. I can't wait to get back to visiting you all.

I look forward to sharing all your experiences next year when hopefully we can be together.

Keep Well and Keep Safe "‘til we meet again".

# *Certificate of Appreciation*

Regrettably, one of our Regional Reps has decided to enjoy his retirement and I am delighted to be able to present a certificate of appreciation to Jon Fox of District 19 for his 7 years as a regional rep. Thank you Jon.





# *Membership Secretary's Report*

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**John W Barnes**  
**NODA SE Membership Secretary**





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- **Keith Smithers**
- **NODA SE Treasurer**



# *President's Address –*

*Christine Hunter Hughes*

I am SO disappointed, (but of course fully supportive of the necessity to cancel) that I am not able to deliver my address in person, in fact I have changed my original speech somewhat to reflect the position we all find ourselves in right now. However, I am still none the less honoured, proud and somewhat awed to be able to address you as the National President of NODA – our association of hugely passionate and committed people who are all 'Inspired by Amateur Theatre'.

These are difficult times for all of us, and on a very personal level, my diary is emptier than it has been for years! I recently received an email that said "It's the Arts that keep us all buzzing and add enrichment to our lives. Meanwhile, we'll have to make lots of use of online resources to boost our mood and keep our positivity". Which seemed to echo my own thoughts and feelings exactly.

We all know, and hugely appreciate, the commitment all our volunteers and society members bring to our hobby. For many, our hobby is all consuming with each society becoming a smaller NODA family within the nationwide NODA Family, with all the social benefits that just belonging brings. The friendship, camaraderie, tolerance, the invaluable sense of belonging and community as well as the sheer good fun that our hobby affords us includes everyone and it seems likely that all these benefits will be severely tested over the coming weeks and months.

My heart goes out to all the casts of shows who have worked so hard only to have had to cancel their show. Also, to the Committees of those societies, and that very much includes the NODA South East Regional Committee who have the headache of having to undo all their carefully made plans. I am however certain of one thing – Amateur Theatre will survive – with so very many committed and inspired people how could it not?

I am SO very sorry that circumstances prevented me from attending your conference –I was so looking forward to being a part of it this year.

So thank you to you, all the members of NODA South East, I hope that we are all able to get back to 'business as usual' very soon and then long, long may you all continue to enjoy and promote our wonderful hobby, whilst at the same time, resuming to entertain your audiences so very royally.

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***Election of SE  
Councillor***

**Kay Rowan is willing to continue to serve as Regional Councillor – and there not being any other nominations, the President Christine Hunter Hughes declares Kay Rowan duly elected as Councillor for the South East Region for 2020-2021. (Under Rule 23)**

With one exception the following Regional Reps are willing to continue, and there being no other nominations I declare they are duly elected for 2020-2021.

District 1 Mark Hall has resigned – Societies in District 1 are being consulted over the election of Lance Milton

District 2 Brenda Gower

District 3 Anne Lawson

District 5 Gordon Harris

District 6 Cheryl Marksford

District 7 Doreen Grierson

District 9 Jose Harrison

District 10 Mark Donalds

District 12 E Gloria Smith

District 13 Marie Coltman


District 14 Chris Horton

District 16 Christine Blow

District 17 Mark Allen

District 18 Pauline Surrey

District 19 Graham Botterill



*Election of  
Regional  
Representatives*

# *Appointment of Officers & Co-Opted Members 2020-2021*

## **Appointment of Officers**

<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Keith Smithers</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Pauline Catterall</b>
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	<b>John Barnes</b>

## **Appointment of Co-opted Members**

<b>Editor</b>	<b>Gregory Gower</b>
<b>Awards Secretary</b>	<b>Margaret Coltman</b>
<b>Web Manager</b>	<b>Mark Donalds</b>
<b>Youth Advisor</b>	<b>Mike Mullen</b>



**The South East Regional  
Conference 2021 will be  
held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
2021 at The Electric Theatre,  
Guildford**

**There being no further  
business I declare the  
formal part of the AGM  
closed.**