



A Message to all Societies & Members in NODA South East

Is there a faintest glimmer of light? Yes. I firmly believe that this time next year things will be a lot more normal. But what is ‘normal’? Your committee have been meeting regularly via Zoom just like many of you. The important thing is to keep everyone connected and looking to the future.

I wrote that last paragraph during February when I started this newsletter. How time has moved on but, as yet, very little has changed.

NODA activities

NODA Safe – they have been working with a number of societies to ensure a safe return to our hobby. New generic Risk Assessment forms will be available very soon. Do ring them for advice if necessary – that is what they are for.

NODA Insurance – they worked hard over all the insurance claims last year and are looking forward to strengthening the relationship this year.

NODA Today – some very exciting and colourful magazines have been produced during the past year with several articles from here in the south east so keep them coming.

Pantomimes – many new ones available and the majority have been updated. Free perusal copies for that all important fund raiser the Pantomime. Oh yes it is!

Where are we now:-

- 89% of societies have renewed for 2021-2022 which is fantastic in view of the circumstances.
- 93% of our individual members renewed – that represents 53 out of 57 and sadly the 4 included some who had passed away.
- Regional Reps are organising District Meetings to keep everyone in touch. The District Meetings that have been set up via Zoom have been well attend with more to follow.
- The Youth Forums have also been arranged via Zoom and well attended. The advantage of Zoom meetings is that it cuts down on travel and time. A reasonably short meeting via zoom is obviously preferable for busy people to a longer meeting where everyone has had to give up a whole period of the day.

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- Regional Reps are making themselves available to attend on-line performances and comment on them in the usual way in addition to virtual AGMs and presentations.
- If comfortable doing so, Regional Reps may attend Covid secure events providing government guidelines are followed and subsequently write a report for the society and the website.

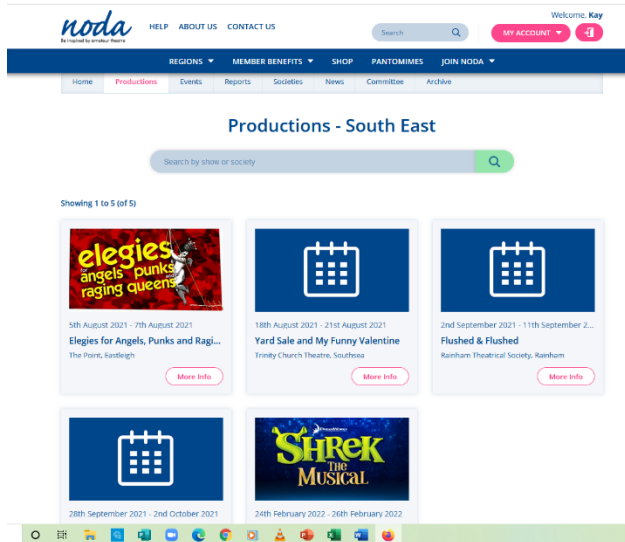
The Regional AGM

Thank you to everyone who supported us on that occasion. Your very kind comments both before, during and afterwards were much appreciated. The meeting went smoothly and we were able to present a certificate and a gift to Jose Harrison who has stood down as Regional Rep for district 9 after 20 years. She is replaced by Keith Smithers who is well known in the patch as a musician. Unfortunately, she was not able to receive the gifts in person as her bitch, Poppy, was in the throes of producing a litter of four delightful pups.





SHOW LISTINGS & FACEBOOK SHOUT OUTS



Free advertising!!

Would you like your show to be advertised on the Productions page of the SE Region section of the NODA website?

All shows that appear on this page will be shared several times via the NODA SE Facebook page. Once there it can be shared hundreds of times to all parts of the region by your good selves.

<https://www.noda.org.uk/regions/south-east/productions>

Many of you already enter your productions & events yourselves but if you would like help please send the following details to kay.rowan@noda.org.uk and I will ensure the information gets onto the website. All the better if it is accompanied by your society logo and/or the poster image.

Name of Production/Event

Type (e.g. play/musical/auction/cake sale)

Society

Dates From and to

Matinees?

Venue Details Name/Address/Town/County/Postcode

External URL – link to box office

Box Office – link to e.g. Ticketsource/Little Box Office etc

Additional details -such as type of production/any special items of interest/director/MD/Choreographer/Producer

Additional images of society logo and/or production poster.

(Access to the form yourselves is through your society access on the website.)

I am looking forward to receiving all your event details so that I can arrange for them to be put on the website and then Mike Mullen is looking forward to sharing them all with our Facebook following.

Let us make our return to productions an exciting new venture in advertising.

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NODA Theatre Summer e-School

BOOK NOW

The 2021 e-School will take place from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th August 2021.

Do you have a passion for theatre?

Do you want to learn more about an area of it that you love, or step out of your comfort zone and try something new?

If so, there's a suitable course for you.

From the comfort of your home, with the focus on developing new and exciting ways of working to improve your skills and technique, these courses will give you plenty of new ideas and inspiration to add to your toolbox or take back to your Society.

Building on the success of last year we are delighted to bring you an e-School that is bigger and better than 2020. You have a choice of full week pathways and shorter courses. You can also choose to concentrate on a particular discipline for the whole course or pick something that is more eclectic. Of course, in addition to the day-time activity there will be an array of evening activities too!



Backstage Pathway

Tutor: Duncan Holmes / Gregor Donnelly / David Phillips / Ian Good / Branwen Munn / Paul Stear / John Slemensek



Drama Pathway

Tutor: Tom Jordan / Kerry Frampton / Cat Robey / Catriona Cumming



Making a Musical

Tutor: Ian Bustard / Pamela Rudge



Musical Theatre Pathway

Tutor: Susie Dumbreck / Sarah de Tute / Lynne Bustard / Pamela Rudge / Marjory Watson / Laura Baxter

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Nuts and Bolts of Playwriting

Tutor: Tess Seddon



Promotion and Marketing

Tutor: Jess Chalmers / Melin Edomwonyi / John Slemensek

In all we do NODA is mindful of the need to ensure the health and wellbeing of our volunteers on the Regional Committee, our Individual Members and our Societies.

Good luck with all your planning and activities related to returning to the theatre. I look forward to seeing you all in the not too distant future.

Please contact your Regional Rep or myself if there is anything andram related we can help you with. Kay Rowan Regional Councillor kay.rowan@noda.org.uk

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Good luck to all of you in your endeavours. Stay safe & well.

Take care of yourselves and look forward to that great big hug!

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