



NODA SE – Newsletter – October 2020

A Message to all Societies in NODA South East

This is what I wrote in June

“Many of you are having a great time in your virtual bubbles – Zoom, Facetime, Google Meet and all the other media that are bringing people together albeit in a ‘virtual’ way. I have seen several examples on Facebook and would love to be able to see and share many more. There are play readings, committee meetings, quizzes even cookery lessons in some quarters. NODA and the amdram scene are always resourceful. Take care of yourselves and look forward to that great big hug!”

Well, little has changed in the last three months, if anything things have got tougher just recently. I have kept in touch with several societies and answered quite a few queries. I have followed groups on Facebook and joined in on-line meetings and activities. Thank you to all those who invited me or one of my reps to join you. Just recently we have attended some ‘virtual’ AGMs and presented awards and certificates on TV.

Just as everything was beginning to ease and groups of 6 could get together the scene changed and we have been placed in lockdown, or near enough, once more.

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. To that end we aim to run all meetings from Council down to district meetings via Zoom at least for the first 6 months of 2021. If the situations alters, then obviously everything will be reviewed accordingly.

Some positive thoughts however:-

- NODA is extending your 2020 membership until 31st March 2021 thus giving everyone 3 months free. In future all subscriptions will be collected on 1st April not 1st January as previously.
- Subscription rates will remain the same for 2021-22 – details are on the NODA website.
- Regional Reps may make 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 will take place on Sunday 28th March at 2.30 via Zoom. All the necessary paperwork, proxies etc will be sent out in advance.

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

NODA and the World of Amateur Theatre - There have been many positive responses to NODA’s publicity efforts to get amateur theatre recognised – thank you to all those who contacted their local papers or wrote to their councillors and MPs. The Basingstoke Observer published the article in full and here is the response from my MP....

Dear Ms Rowan

Thank you for your note regarding support amateur theatre. I certainly recognise the value of the many amateur arts groups that we have here in East Hampshire, and the opportunities they offer for many people to perform, and the entertainment they provide for many others.

Since mid August there has been the resumption of many groups, working within the guidance for the performing arts, and I know that has made a difference for groups locally. And from mid September, non-professional performing arts activity, including choirs, orchestras and drama groups can continue to rehearse or perform together where this is planned activity in line with the guidance, and if they can do so while ensuring there is no interaction between groups of more than 6 at any time.

I was pleased to see last week that several of the most significant cultural and historic attractions here in East Hampshire received funding from the Culture Recovery Fund, including the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon; I know this will make a real difference to helping them manage the impact of the pandemic.

Through my role on the DCMS Select Committee I am also able to follow these developments in this sector quite closely, which I will continue to do in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards

Damian Hinds

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Member of Parliament for East Hampshire

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THE WAY THINGS WERE....

Darren White Alton Operatic & Dramatic Society, My Fair Lady, May 2017



Katie Hobbs The cast of CAOS Musical Productions' Half a Sixpence, June 2019 at the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis 😊



Jo Bartlett Laleham Players



Lucy Summers 10 years ago...Return to the Forbidden Planet...Hayling Musical society



Kitson Wellard The Addams Family - Bexhill Light Operatic Dramatic Society- October 2018 - Bexhill Izzard Theatre



Sam Ward Avenue Theatre Productions - Performance of Cheshire Cats last year. AvenueTheatre S'bourne





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Alison Lawrence Simply Theatre based in Woking - Sister Act 2018 - our 10th birthday show ! #savethearts



Ade Morris Crowborough Community Pantomime 2019 - A Christmas Carol



Jennifer Haynes Guildford Amateur Theatre Association, an umbrella group for some 15 companies



Jennifer Haynes The Pranksters Theatre Company, Guildford - One Man Two Guvnors, 2019



Tony Johnson HIADS - 39 Steps in 2014



Margaret Graham Rita's Revenge - Ifield Barn Theatre Society, Crawley. October 2019



Anna Twaits Godalming Theatre Group - Cinderella 2019 ❤️👉👈 Godalming Theatre Group



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Laleham Players are doing things a little differently this year.... “Let’s face it we are not the Palladium or the Royal

Opera house so we can’t stage a full scale production in the Village Hall this year safely... Instead we are filming a brand new pantomime in our venue and on location that will be available to view early next year.”

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Facebook page. These are just a few of your photos from previous years.

THE WAY THINGS WILL BE.... SOMETHING NEW TO TRY

I have no idea what the future brings but we thought we would try something new, well new to NODA South East – DISTRICT MEETINGS via Zoom. We would like to set up regular meetings for societies and individuals within a district to get together and share thoughts and ideas, hopes and dreams and where needed to share problems. In the next few weeks I shall be asking your Regional Rep to contact you to find out who should be sent the link to the meeting. The link can be shared within your society but we do need to know who will be attending for the purpose of the licence. If you have any topics which you would like aired please let your RR know or myself

NODA Theatre Summer School



This year’s Theatre Summer school went ahead but in a form no one even envisaged a year ago. 87 students spent the week logging on to their courses and enjoying the camaraderie that is summer school but using a tv screen as the access point. One of the biggest complaints was that the time between the morning and afternoon sessions wasn’t long enough to get a meal and that they had to do it themselves! Hopefully 2021 will be different – we can only hope.

Plans are afoot for 2021

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Advert: CreativeTaxReliefs <https://www.creativetaxreliefs.com/> This website is certainly worth a look. It may also inspire you to review your society’s constitution and change to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to reap the benefits

STOP PRESS

This production won Best Ensemble Piece, Best Production Support and Best Director. Well Done to all those involved.



Presentation of Awards this week to United
Players– virtual presentation by Gordon Harris –
Regional Rep District 5



Please contact us if you need us.

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

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