

NODA SE – Newsletter – November 2017

The pantomime season is nearly upon us and everyone seems to be working extremely hard with all their shows. I have been showered with invitations recently which is wonderful but it is unfortunate that I cannot attend all of them. I wish you all great success with your shows coupled with a great deal of enjoyment.

I wish you all well in your endeavours over the coming months and look forward to meeting many of you at your shows. **Kay Rowan - South East Councillor**

South East Celebration of 2017

New Format, New Venue and some New Awards.

The event will take place on **Sunday 18th March 2018** when we will celebrate all the fantastic productions that have taken place during 2017.

The new format will include time for networking, **performances by award winning societies**, a **"A Workshop" with our President Nick Lawrence** and a very brief AGM – all reports will have been sent out in advance. In between all that **performances by you the members.**

The Lindley Players have kindly agreed to host the event at their theatre the Playhouse Whitstable. Whilst we are aware that it is in the north-east of our region we think you will really enjoy the splendid **red carpet** venue. (Take advantage of their short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nh-d6Tsupeg>)

AWARDS - **NEW**

The existing categories have expanded to include some new ones.

Youth – East – Wright Award – District 1-9 & 19
Youth – West – Coltman Award – Districts 10-18
Best Traditional Musical Award (including G&S) **NEW**
Best Opera Award **NEW**
Best Modern Musical Award **NEW**
Best Drama Award
Best Pantomime Award
Best New Show Award

You will notice that some of the trophies have disappeared. The committee have decided that due to the poor state of the cups and trophies that they will be replaced by awards that can be kept by the award winners.

Nominations for each award to **the SE Councillor – Kay Rowan by 31st December 2017**

Nominees notified by 10th January

Winners notified asap but 1st February.

Programme & Poster Competition

The judging for the P&P Competition will take place on 10th January 2018. No late entries will be considered. Do get your entries for 2017 in to your Regional Rep by the end of the year – alternatively post it to Gordon Harris, 1 St Catherine's Court, Star Hill, Rochester ME1 1GA. Don't delay get your entries in now.

Invitations to Attend Shows & the Accolades of Excellence

Thank you to everyone who has invited myself and my reps to your shows. We have been shown a great deal of hospitality shared a great deal of enthusiasm in amateur theatre. We very much appreciate your welcome and the opportunity to share your theatrical experiences. The reps will be getting their nomination for the Accolades of Excellence to me by the end of December.

NODA Theatre Summer School



NODA Theatre Summer School will run from 28 July to 4 August 2018 at Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffordshire.

Full descriptions of all courses will be posted here at 9am on Friday 1 December 2017 and bookings will open 12 hours later at 9pm. Course Titles were published on 17 November 2017 and the initial responses are very favourable.

Don't forget to register on the NODA website now so you can book your place easily on 1 December.

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.

www.noda.org.uk/summerschool

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

Long Service Awards

NEW Badges



Introducing four new award badges to the range. These can be ordered in place of the additional silver bars which are added to your long service award or as well as. We are aware that some prefer to wear a badge as opposed to the long service award.



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

New Members & Old Contacts

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

District 19 -Showtimers ADS and Woldingham Players District 9 - Chichester Musical Projects

(Apologies 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 an 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.