

I hope you find this newsletter helpful both to new and old members and enables you to become involved in all aspects of NODA and not just paying the NODA insurance. There are tremendous opportunities for sharing experiences, advertising events, both giving and receiving help and support and even more important networking and friendship.

NODA SE CELEBRATION OF 2018

The venue for our Celebration of

2018 will be The Electric Theatre in Guildford on Sunday 24th March 2019 from 10.30 to 18.00 .

The format for the day will be roughly the same as last year with at least 6 presentations by SE societies. We would really like a broad range of offerings. Any society wishing to contribute a 15 minute (or less) slot should contact their Regional Rep or Councillor as soon as possible.



ACCOLADES & AWARDS FOR 2018

It is going to be a hard task for your regional reps to decide who deserves their Accolades of Excellence for Musicals, Plays and Pantos; even more so for me to select the Regional Awards from all their nominations and my observations. If you wish to be considered, you need to invite them to see one of your shows so that they can write a report. Or indeed you could invite me, your Councillor.

Awards are presented under the following categories:

- Youth – East – Districts 1-9 & 19
- Youth – West – Districts 10-18
- Best Traditional Musical Award
- Best Gilbert & Sullivan Award
- Best Opera Award
- Best Modern Musical Award
- Best Drama Award
- Best Pantomime Award
- Best New Show Awards

This year we have separated out the Traditional Musical from G&S so there will be an extra award. Nominations for each award and the list of Accolades of Excellence from the Regional Reps will be sent to the SE Councillor – Kay Rowan by 31st December 2018. Nominees will be notified by mid January.

PROGRAMME & POSTER COMPETITION FOR 2018

All entries (5 copies) for the Programme & Poster Competition should reach the SE P&P Committee by 31st December.

Judging will take place in early January with the winners being notified as soon as possible.

Chairman: Gordon Harris 1 St Catherine's Court, Star Hill, Rochester ME1 1GA

Thank you to all those who regularly put in their entries. Keep them coming this year.

NODA TODAY – Keep all those fascinating articles coming in. We really do want to know what you have been celebrating whether it is a youthful activity, a new show, presentation of service awards, renovating your theatre. Photos make a colourful addition to the page. Articles and photos should be separate with the photos in JPEG form or similar. The word count should be in the region of 200-250 words.

Summer School www.noda.org.uk/summerschool



There were 24 students from the south-east including 3 who were given Bursaries - Amy Clayton, Michael Pickford and Erin Wilmot. They assure me they had a wonderful time and an experience of a lifetime. Many of the remaining 21 are regulars including 4 of your regional reps.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START THINKING OF BEING ONE OF THE CLASS OF 2019

When: Saturday 27 July to Saturday 3 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 in December

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

Members – New 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

University of Kent Players

Sherry Underwood

Upchurch Players

Tracey Nicholls

Dynamic Youth Theatre

(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. I am particularly keen to enrol the many musical and drama groups that exist in our regional universities and colleges.

MEMBERS – not so new

Do keep us informed if you change your officers particularly the NODA contact if it is anyone other than the Treasurer.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

We have had some great orders for awards over the past six months. Tremendous to see so many people being acknowledged for the service they have given.

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.

NODA FACT SHEETS

See the latest on GDPR etc how it will affect your society, you and your patrons.

Factsheet - GDPR Privacy Policy for Children [Sample GDPR privacy policy](#)

Factsheet - GDPR Privacy Policy for members [Sample GDPR Privacy Policy for society members.](#)

Factsheet - GDPR Privacy Policy for Patrons on mailing list [GDPR Privacy Policy for Patrons on mailing list.](#)

Factsheet - GDPR Privacy Policy for suppliers [Privacy Policy for suppliers](#)

Factsheet - GDPR Privacy Policy for Trustees [GDPR Privacy Policy for Trustees](#)

Factsheet - GDPR The Facts [Guidelines for societies on the new GDPR](#)

FINALLY

Whether in small village hall or large town theatre I have enjoyed some wonderful entertainment this year and look forward to even more in the future. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Celebration of 2018 on Sunday 24th March in Guildford. I hope you all continue to be inspired by your involvement in amateur theatre.

Kay Rowan SE Councillor – kay.rowan@noda.org.uk

The information we send out is to be shared with ALL your membership.

Good News – You will be pleased to hear that subs will remain the same for 2019 plus you may be interested in spreading your NODA subscription over the whole year. Look out for further details. Direct Debit payment on line... Gentle reminder subs will be due at the end of the year particularly if you are due to receive an award!

STOP PRESS Please check your society's contact details are up to date on the website.