



# NODA SE – Newsletter – Spring 2022

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## Greetings from the Regional Councillor



The last few months have been so filled with trying to get back on the fantastic treadmill which is amateur theatre in general, and NODA in particular, that I have been very negligent and not put together a newsletter. Since the end of 'lockdown' I have been delighted to attend 4 youth productions, 16 musicals 5 plays, 1 opera and 1 panto. In the next 3 months I am booked to see 10 musicals, 2 plays, 1 opera and 1 youth production.

It great to feel your enthusiasm across the footlights and to be part of this wonderful world that is am dram. Over the past couple of months your reps and I have been putting together the Accolades of Excellence and trying to select the very best for the Regional Awards. More about this later

Despite all the difficulties I hope you all regain your audiences and continue to produce first rate productions. **Kay Rowan SE Region Councillor**

## New Members

We welcome the following new 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.

| District | Societies               | Individuals                   |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1        | Phoenix Theatre Company |                               |
| 3        | Stables Trust Ltd       |                               |
| 7        |                         | Grace Lo                      |
| 12       | Laleham Players         |                               |
| 14       |                         | Tracey Emery<br>Peter O'Keefe |
| 16       | Ventnor Theatre Group   |                               |

Spread the word and get others to join. Particularly useful if booking Summer School.

## SOCIETIES – Update contact details

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



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### NODA SE CELEBRATION OF 2020 & 2021

**12<sup>TH</sup> June 2022 at The Electric Theatre, Guildford**



**10.00 – 18.00**

**We are very pleased that the National President Gordon Richardson will be joining us for the day to celebrate all the achievements and awards for 2019.**



The format for the day will be made up of two workshops, at least 5 mini-performances by SE societies, traders' stalls and presentation of awards. **We would really like a broad range of offerings for the presentations - we already have a couple of musical items but would value more particularly on the dramatic side. Any society wishing to contribute a 10-15 minute slot should contact Pauline Surrey Regional Rep District 18. [pauline.surrey@noda.org.uk](mailto:pauline.surrey@noda.org.uk)**

**The event is open to all societies and individual members. More information about the day soon.**



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**WANTED – GROUPS TO ENTERTAIN US ON CELEBRATION DAY  
PLEASE CONTACT  
[pauline.surrey@noda.org.uk](mailto:pauline.surrey@noda.org.uk) or [kay.rowan@noda.org.uk](mailto:kay.rowan@noda.org.uk)**

### ACCOLADES & AWARDS FOR 2020 & 2021



Regional Awards are presented under the following categories:

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Youth Award – East – Districts 1-9 & 19   | Youth Award – West – Districts 10-18 |
| Best Traditional Musical Award (pre 1978) | Best Gilbert & Sullivan Award        |
| Best Modern Musical Award (post 1978)     | Best Opera Award                     |
| Best Drama Award                          | Best Pantomime Award                 |
| Best New Show Award                       | Best Compilation Show                |

(The Best New Show Award includes shows produced using technology.)

- Nominations for each Regional Awards and the list of Accolades of Excellence are included in this newsletter.
- The final three in each category will be notified by the end of April so that they can arrange to attend the Celebration Day and find out who is the winner in each category.
- The winners of the Regional Awards will be decided by the Regional Councillor in consultation with the Regional Reps.

This is no easy task as we all think our productions are fantastic and deserving of an award!

If you wish your productions to be considered remember you need to invite your Regional Rep to see one of your shows so that they can write a report for the NODA website. Or indeed you could invite your Councillor.



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### Accolades of Excellence for 2020 & 2021

| District | Type        | Society   | Show                              |
|----------|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1        | Musical     | Brighton & Hove Operatic Society                            | Bouncers                          |
| 1        | Play        | Wick Theatre Company  | Clue: On Stage                    |
| 1        | Play        | The Southwick Players                                       | Hedda Gabler                      |
| 2        | Musical     | HATS  | Me and My Girl                    |
| 2        | Play        | The Rotherfield Players                                     | Ladies Day                        |
| 3        | Musical     | BLODS - Bexhill Light Opera & Dramatic Society              | Shrek                             |
| 3        | Musical     | SADS - Stonegate Amateur Dramatic Society                   | HMS Pinafore                      |
| 3        | Play        | BLODS - Bexhill Light Opera & Dramatic Society              | Allo 'Allo                        |
| 3        | Play        | Fairlight Players   | Wait Until Dark                   |
| 3        | Pantomime   | Wadhurst Dramatic Club                                      | Charlie and the Chocolate Factory |
| 5        | Compilation | Gillingham Dramatic Society Productions                     | A Night at the Musicals           |
| 5        | Pantomime   | Upchurch Players  | Cinderella                        |
| 5        | Play        | Rainham Theatrical Society                                  | Flushed and Flushed Again         |
| 5        | Play        | Lindley Players Ltd   | Bravado                           |
| 5        | Pantomime   | Rainham Theatrical Society                                  | Pandemic Panto                    |
| 6        | Play        | Canterbury Shakespeare Company                              | Macbeth                           |
| 7        | Play        | The Oxted Players   | And Then There Were None          |
| 7        | Compilation | TWODS - Tunbridge Wells Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society | Destination Anywhere              |
| 9        | Pantomime   | Durrington Theatrical Society                               | Aladdin                           |
| 9        | Compilation | BROS Musical Productions                                    | The Sound of Animals              |
| 10       | Musical     | CAOS Musical Productions                                    | Dirty Rotten Scoundrels           |
| 10       | Musical     | Stage One Youth Theatre                                     | We Will Rock You<br>young@part    |
| 10       | Play        | Portsmouth Players  | Shirley Valentine                 |
| 10       | Compilation | Hayling Musical Society                                     | A Song In Time                    |
| 10       | Pantomime   | Winton Players  | Cinderella                        |
| 12       | Musical     | Staines Musical Theatre Group                               | Guys & Dolls                      |
| 12       | Musical     | Hatton Musical Theatre Society                              | Elf - The Musical                 |
| 12       | Pantomime   | St Hilda's Entertainers                                     | Sleeping Beauty                   |
| 13       | Musical     | Southampton Operatic Society                                | The Wind in the Willows           |



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|    |              |   |                         |
|----|--------------|---|-------------------------|
| 13 | Pantomime    | Burley Players                              | Beau Jeste              |
| 13 | Pantomime    | Poulner Players                             | Henry the Tudor Dude    |
| 14 | Musical      | BAOS - Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society | The Wind in the Willows |
| 14 | Play         | Overton Dramatic Society                    | Bad Auditions           |
| 14 | Compilation  | Basingstoke Gang Show                       | Gang Show 2020          |
| 14 | Pantomime    | Micheldever Variety Group                   | Beauty & the Beast      |
| 16 | Drama        | Cowes Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society   | Recipe for Murder       |
| 16 | Pantomime    | First Act                                   | Cinderella              |
| 17 | Musical      | Winchester Musicals & Opera Society         | The Pirates of Penzance |
| 17 | Musical      | Spot On Productions                         | Little Shop of Horrors  |
| 17 | Drama        | Chesil Theatre                              | Dracula                 |
| 18 | Musical      | Knaphill & St John's Operatic Group         | Patience                |
| 18 | Play         | The Pranksters                              | Comedy of Errors        |
| 18 | Musical Play | NOMADS                                      | Alice in Wonderland     |
| 18 | Drama        | Godalming Theatre Group                     | Films : Two and Eight   |
| 18 | Pantomime    | Godalming Theatre Group                     | Robin Hood              |
| 19 | Musical      | ESPA - East Surrey Performing Arts          | 9 to 5                  |
| 19 | Musical      | YESPA - Young East Surrey Performing Arts   | Fiddler on the Roof     |

## Badges, Medals & Certificates



- Keep the orders coming in - the new online system makes it so much easier for everyone.

It always gives me great pleasure to attend shows and present awards to long serving members.



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### Nominations for Regional Awards for 2020 & 2021

| Award                                      | Society                               | Show  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Youth West (10-18)</b>                  | Centrestage Productions Youth Theatre | Elegies For Angels, Punks and Raging Queens |
|  | Encore Youth Theatre                  | Dark & Bright                               |
|  | Stage One Youth Theatre               | We Will Rock You young@part                 |
| <b>Youth East (1-9 &amp; 19)</b>           | Kenley Holiday Workshop               | Oliver                                      |
|  | WytKidz - Wadhurst                    | Charlie and the Chocolate Factory           |
|  | YESPA                                 | Fiddler on the Roof                         |
| <b>Best Drama</b>                          | BLODS                                 | Allo 'Allo                                  |
|  | Chesil Theatre                        | A Midsummer Night's Dream                   |
|  | Portsmouth Players                    | Shirley Valentine                           |
|  | Pranksters                            | Comedy of Errors                            |
|  | RATS                                  | Flushed & Flushed Again                     |
| <b>Best Modern Musical (Post 1978)</b>     | BAOS                                  | The Wind in the Willows                     |
|  | CAOS                                  | Dirty Rotten Scoundrels                     |
|  | Encore Youth Theatre                  | Hot Mikado                                  |
|  | ESPA                                  | 9 to 5                                      |
|  | HAODS                                 | Sister Act                                  |
|  | Southampton Operatic Society          | The Wind in the Willows                     |
| <b>Best Traditional Musical (Pre 1978)</b> | HATS                                  | Me and My Girl                              |
|  | Kenley Holiday Workshop               | Oliver                                      |
|  | LOS Musical Theatre                   | Sweet Charity                               |
|  | Staines Musical Theatre Group         | Guys & Dolls                                |
|  | Tenterden Operatic & Dramatic Society | Chicago the Musical                         |
|  | YESPA                                 | Fiddler on the Roof                         |



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| Award   | Society                                 | Show                                    |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Best Gilbert &amp; Sullivan</b>              | Godalming Operatic Society              | Ruddigore                               |
|   | KASJOG                                  | Patience                                |
|   | Kentish Opera                           | Pirates of Penzance                     |
|   | The Savoy Singers                       | Ruddigore                               |
|   | WMOS                                    | The Pirates of Penzance                 |
| <b>Best Opera</b>                               | Guildford Opera                         | The Merry Widow                         |
|   | Kentish Opera                           | Opera at the Castle                     |
|   | University of Portsmouth                | Orpheus in the Underworld               |
| <b>Best Pantomime</b>                           | GTG                                     | Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood      |
|   | RATS                                    | Pandemic Panto                          |
|   | The Upchurch Players                    | Cinderella                              |
|   | Winton Players                          | Cinderella                              |
| <b>Best New Show including Films/OnLine etc</b> | CAOS Musical Productions                | Walking on Sunshine                     |
|   | Eastbourne G&S Society                  | Jack & the Beanstalk                    |
|   | GTG                                     | Two and Eight                           |
|   | Milton                                  | Do You Wanna Dance                      |
| <b>Best Compilation Show</b>                    | BROS Musical Productions                | The Sound of Musicals                   |
|   | Gillingham Dramatic Society Productions | A Night at the Musicals                 |
|   | Grayshott Stagers                       | There's No Business Like Show Business  |
|   | Hayling Musical Society                 | A Song In Time                          |
|   | Kentish Opera                           | Opera at the Castle                     |
|   | Milton Musical Society                  | Do You Wanna Dance                      |
|   | TWODS                                   | Destination Anywhere: A Musical Journey |





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### PROGRAMME & POSTER COMPETITION FOR 2020 & 2021



The judging has taken place for all those submitted in 2020 and 2021. The finalists of all the categories are listed below. The winners will be announced on Celebration Day. All the finalists will get a certificate.

| Society  | Show  |
|--|---|
| Act One Theatre Group                          | Sleeping Beauty                             |
| Ashford Theatre Society                        | Snow White                                  |
| Battle Amateur Theatrical Society              | Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat |
| BLODS - Bexhill Light Opera & Dramatic Society | Shrek                                       |
| Gillingham Dramatic Society Productions        | Peter Pan                                   |
| Godalming Theatre Group                        | Robin Hood                                  |
| Guildburys                                     | People                                      |
| Wadhurst Dramatic Club                         | Charlie & the Chocolate Factory             |

Why not enter yours for [the 2022 P&P Competition](#) - all entries (5 copies) should reach the Chairman of the SE P&P Committee by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

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

Link to competition details - <https://www.noda.org.uk/programme-and-poster-competition>

Remember your programme entry must have the NODA crest or NODA logo, together with their straplines, to be considered. All the details and logos are on the website together with the new version of 'Introduction to NODA' for use in your programme.

Thank you to all those who regularly put in their entries.





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**Summer School** [www.noda.org.uk/summerschool](http://www.noda.org.uk/summerschool)



### THE CLASS OF 2022

At

Time to develop your skills or learn something new?  
Time to socialise with like-minded people?

**When:** Saturday 30 July to Saturday 6 August

**Where:** Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffordshire

**Cost:** £670 to include all teaching, evening activities plus bed and full board (alcohol not included!)

**Bursaries:** may still be available

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN SEE THE NODA WEBSITE  
[WWW.NODA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NODA.ORG.UK)**

**NODA TODAY** – The new format for the magazine is gradually bedding itself in however if it is to truly reflect you and your activities we need your articles and photos. Suggestions for longer articles would also be appreciated.

Articles and photos should be separate with the photos in JPEG form or similar. Preferably the word count should be in the region of 250-300 words.

Articles & ideas to our editor please [gregory.gower@noda.org.uk](mailto:gregory.gower@noda.org.uk)

Keep all those fascinating articles coming in.

Future Deadlines: Summer Edition 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022    Winter Edition 8<sup>th</sup> October





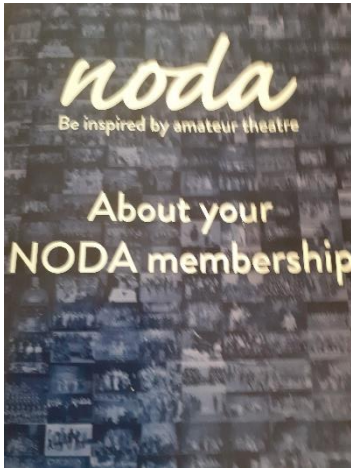
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### Support from NODA

Do please let me know if there is any way that NODA could assist you with in your endeavours. Facebook SE facilities, advertising, training, information, sources for props etc, personnel lists (MDs, Directors, technical).....

**FINALLY .....** By the time you get this you should have received your NODA Society handbook “About your NODA membership”. I do hope you find it useful during the coming year and that you share it with your members. Should you have any thoughts on how we can improve it do please let me know.



I am hoping that in the coming years we will continue to hold Zoom district meetings and that there will be more workshops. Many of you have your own facilities which would be ideal to host a workshop. The SE Regional Committee can assist you in organizing such days and where possible provide training bursaries, assistance with tutors/facilitators etc. I hope we can create workshops in drama, movement, singing or whatever your members feel they would like. Any society wishing to organize an event should contact me as soon as possible.

I try not to turn down any invitations to see your shows so early booking is vital.

Here's wishing you a healthy life and I look forward to your many productions over the coming months.

Kay Rowan - South East Councillor