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# LONDON LATEST

### News and Updates from the London Region

#### August 2015

### **Councillor's Message**

Welcome to this edition of London Latest.

We had a wonderful day at the NODA London Awards Day on the 28 June where we celebrated the high standards of Amateur Theatre in the London Region. We were pleased to welcome the NODA National President, John Barnes and his wife Judith to share the day with us. In this issue you will find lots of pictures of the day plus the winners of the various trophies. It was also wonderful to see how many societies had nominated members for



the Sylvia Rawlings Lifetime Achievement Award. Although only one person got to take the trophy home each nominated person received their certificate in a frame because they are, in fact, all winners as far as their society is concerned and it was very moving to see that they were held in such high esteem.

In this issue, also, you will read a tribute to Steve Macvicar who was a Regional Representative in District 3 for fifteen years, and who died so suddenly just two weeks after he had stepped down from his position on the London Regional Committee to spend more time doing other things. He will be sorely missed by all his LRC colleagues.

As many of you will be starting rehearsals for your autumn/winter shows please remember to invite your Rep in good time. They do get booked up very quickly so they will appreciate as much notice as possible.

In September at the NODA AGM and Presidential Gala the present Chair of Trustees, Chris Ingram, will take office as the NODA National President and Fred Piggford, Past President, will take up the reins of Chair for his first term of three years. We wish both Chris and Fred good luck in their new positions and offer them our support for the year ahead.

Thank you to all those groups who regularly invite David and I to attend your shows......we look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year and wish you all the very best of broken legs for your future productions.

Jacquie Stedman NODA London Regional Councillor



# NODA LONDON AWARDS 2015

#### **Constance Power Trophy of Encouragement** Winner:

Wraysbury Players

| The Shinfield Players Scenic Award (In Memory of Pat Barr)<br>Winner: Tithe Farm Players – Laughter in the Dark |   |  |  |  |
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| Runner-up:<br>Highly Commended:   | Ruislip Dramatic Society – Season's Greetings<br>Belmont Theatre - Remembrance  |  |  |  |
| The Joe Putnam Award for  | or the Best Musical   |  |  |  |
| Winner:   | Reading Operatic Society - Best Little Whorehouse in Texas<br>Bromley Players Musical Productions - Hairspray                                       |  |  |  |
| Runner-up:<br>Highly commended :  | Potters Bar Theatre Company - Sister Act  |  |  |  |
|   | the Best Male Character in a Musical  |  |  |  |
| Winner:<br>Runner-up:   | Community Theatre of Hungerford – Parry Bate as The Man, Whistle Down the Wind Rickmansworth Players – Steve Brown as Max Bialystock. The Producers |  |  |  |
| Highly Commended:   | Wembley Operatic Society – Joe Burgess as Kipps -Half a Sixpence  |  |  |  |
|   | est Female Character in a Musical   |  |  |  |
| Winner:<br>Runner-Up:   | Bromley Players Musical Productions – Annalise Webb as Tracey Turnblad, Hairspray Green Room – Anna Eccleston - Martha Watson, White Christmas      |  |  |  |
| Highly Commended:   | Reading Operatic Society –  |  |  |  |
|   | Anna Jennings as Miss Mona, Best Little Whorehouse in Texas   |  |  |  |
| The Kathleen Oyler Tropl  |   |  |  |  |
| Winner:<br>Runner-up  | Rickmansworth Players - The Producers<br>Green Room – White Christmas   |  |  |  |
| ·   |   |  |  |  |
| The Harvey Kesselman C<br>Winner:   | comedy Award<br>ELODS – Chris Andrews as Max – Lend Me a Tenor  |  |  |  |
| Runner-up:  | Faringdon Dramatic Society – Joseph Armer as Pinocchio,   |  |  |  |
|   | The Snow Queen, a Winter's Tale   |  |  |  |
| The Dorothy Lawson G&   |   |  |  |  |
| Winner:<br>Runner-up:   | West Wickham Operatic Society – The Pirates of Penzance<br>Julian Light Operatic Company – The Mikado   |  |  |  |
| ·   |   |  |  |  |
| The Malcolm Rose Troph<br>Winner:   | y for the Best Female in a G&S<br>Erith Operatic Society – Elizabeth Vine as Yum-Yum, The Mikado  |  |  |  |
| winner.   | Entir Operatic Society – Elizabeth vine as Full-Fulli, The Mikado   |  |  |  |
|   | y for the Best Male in a G&S  |  |  |  |
| Winner:<br>Runner-up:   | Julian Light Operatic Society – Marston York as Pooh Bah, The Mikado<br>West Wickham Operatic Society—  |  |  |  |
| ·   | Kevin Gauntlett, the Pirate King, The Pirates of Penzance   |  |  |  |
| The Pat Redhead Drama Award   |   |  |  |  |
| Winner:   | Mayhem Musical Theatre Company – Twelfth Night  |  |  |  |
| Runners-up:   | Henley Players – Accrington Pals  |  |  |  |
| The Charles Sumner Award for the Best Male in a Play  |   |  |  |  |
| Winner:   | Chingford Amateur Dramatic & Operatic Society –   |  |  |  |
| D   | Simon Offord as Scrooge, A Christmas Carol  |  |  |  |
| Runner-up:<br>Highly commended:   | Wokingham Theatre – Steve Hall as Inspector Jack Gale, The Thrill of Love<br>Abbots Langley Players – David Powell as Lawrence, Abigail's Party     |  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |

### NODA LONDON AWARDS 2015

#### The Sybil Conway Award for the Best Female in a Play

| The Innovation Award  |   |  |  |  |
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| F Leslie Cowham Troph<br>Winner:<br>Runner-up:<br>Highly Commended:   | <b>by for Programme Design (Souvenir Class)</b><br>Dartford Amateur Operatic Society – Half a Sixpence<br>Chesham Bois Catholic Players - Carousel<br>British Airways Cabin Crew Entertainments Society – Jack and the Beanstalk                    |  |  |  |
| Whitebread Trophy for Programme Design (Standard Class)Winner:East Berkshire Operatic Society – RuddygoreRunner-up:Ruislip Operatic Society – The Wiz |   |  |  |  |
| <b>June King Memorial Tro</b><br>Winner:<br>Runner-Up:  | o <b>phy for Programme Design (Basic Class)</b><br>BreakALeg – Hobson's Choice<br>Radlett Light Operatic Society – Oh! What a Lovely War  |  |  |  |
| Dumayne Warne Troph<br>Winner:<br>Runner-Up:<br>Highly Commended:   | Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead Theatre Company – Jesus Christ Superstar<br>FFBOS – Honk!<br>Ruislip Operatic Society – The Wiz  |  |  |  |
| The Sylvia Rawlings Lifetime Achievement AwardWinner:Bronwyn Hodgkins, East Berks Operatic Society  |   |  |  |  |
| Winner:Larissa Webb, Eldorado Musical ProductionsThe Shelly Lemesh Trophy for the Unsung Hero<br>Winner:Mo Jones, Theydon Bois Dramatic Society       |   |  |  |  |
| The Louise English Trophy   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>The Nigel Gravette Awa</b><br>Winner:<br>Joint Runners Up:   | <b>ard for the Best Performance in a Pantomime</b><br>The Chameleons – Robert Spolander as Buttons - Cinderella<br>Woodford Pantomime – James Robinson as Buttons, Cinderella<br>New Stagers—Keith Barnes as Mrs Hawkins, the Dame, Treasure Island |  |  |  |
| The 'It's Behind You' P<br>Winner:<br>Runner Up:<br>Highly Commended:   | <b>antomime Award</b><br>Arrow Players – Jack and the Beanstalk<br>British Airways Cabin Crew Entertainments Society – Jack and the Beanstalk<br>Cumnor Players – Jack and the Beanstalk  |  |  |  |
| <b>The Youngstars Award</b><br>Winner:<br>Runner Up:  | ROS StageWorks - Beauty and the Beast<br>Bishopshalt ODS - Footloose  |  |  |  |
| <b>The Eric Watsham Awa</b><br>Winner:<br>Runner-up:  | ard for the Best Cameo in a Play<br>East Lane Theatre – Jane Willis as Miss Bourne, The Ghost Train<br>Chipperfield Theatre Group – Stuart Mead as Lane, The Importance of Being Ernest   |  |  |  |
| Runner-up:<br>Highly Commended:   | Chesham Bois Catholic Players – Mary Murray as Susan, Woman in Mind<br>Southside Players – Wendy Leech as Dorothy, The Clergyman's Daughter   |  |  |  |
| Winner:   | Potters Bar Theatre Company –<br>Victoria Absolom as Rose Trelawney, Trelawney of the Wells   |  |  |  |

Argosy Players – The Grimm's Tales

# NODA LONDON CONFERENCE 2015



### FLAME AWARDS 2015



**District 1 Centre Stage** for Best Little Whorehouse in Texas **District 2 Beck Youth Theatre District 3 Zodiac Musical Society District 4 Eldorado Musical Productions District 5** Mayhem Musical Theatre Company **District 6** Will Feasey and CADOS **District 7 Claire Protopapa** of Finchley and Friern Operatic Society **District 8** Mike and Elizabeth Godden of Arrow Players **District 9 Kingsbury AOS Green Room Productions District 10** for White Christmas **District 11** Shaun Nolan, Vale Musical Society for Perchick in Fiddler on the Roof **District 11A** The Young Theatre District 12 The Youth of Banbury Operatic Society for 13 the Musical



District 14 Crowthorne Musical Players for The Addams Family









### **STEVE MACVICAR**



I'm terribly sad to report the loss of Stephen Macvicar, who passed away on 11th July. The following is a tribute from Ian Stark, Chairman of TOPS Musical Theatre Company:

Steve joined TOPS in 2001 to play Nicely Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls and went on to play Mr Snow in Carousel, Lazar Wolf in Fiddler, Doolittle in My Fair Lady and Mr Bumble in Oliver, among other roles during his time at TOPS. He was a well known face in amateur theatre in the area, being an active member in several other societies, both on and off stage. He was also a NODA Rep, going to see countless shows and then providing honest, encouraging and helpful critiques. To share a stage with him, as I did on a number of occasions, was an absolute joy and to be directed by him was an education.

A true gentleman, hugely modest about his own talents, a larger than life character in every sense, and one of the most generous and warm natured people you will ever find in the world of amateur theatre.

To say he will be missed is an understatement.

Steve was a member of the London Regional Committee for 15 years and had provided tremendous support for the groups in District 3. He had decided to step down at the last Conference and Awards Day so that he could spend more time pursuing other avenues..... unfortunately that never happened. He will be sadly missed by all his colleagues within NODA.



Jacquie Stedman

Steve Macvicar, pictured second from left, alongside his Regional Rep colleagues at this year's NODA London Conference

### MUSICAL YOUTH COMPANY OF OXFORD



The logistics of transporting 60 teenagers was the last thing on our minds when the Musical Youth Company of Oxford (MYCO) accepted an invitation to sing at this year's NODA London Conference. We wanted to share our enthusiasm for musical theatre with a wider audience and it seemed an ideal opportunity. So, one double decker coach, one lost dress, one pair of shoes that had been left at home, one pair of shoes that refused to fit, four stage blocks and several risk assessments later, we took to the stage.

There is nothing that MYCO loves doing more than performing to an audience. Time and time again we have found that rehearsals promise a good and competent show but then something happens in front of a crowd that makes that performance magical. Performing is, after all, their raison d'être. MYCO is a group of about 50 to 60 youngsters from the age of 12 to 18 which came into existence when another local group, Oxford Operatic Society, decided it needed to encourage a younger membership. Membership of MYCO is by audition (63 people auditioned for 20 places this year) and once accepted into the company members are able to participate in all our productions until they leave school. We have a deliberate policy of taking those with potential for the future, as well as those who are already good, as we try and build a company. This means that sometimes we have to be imaginative with the boys with unbroken voices as we don't want to turn every show into Bugsy Malone. Who knew that in Guys and Dolls the gamblers had small boys to run messages for them, or that in 42nd Street the pennies danced?

We are fortunate in being able to call on some of the most talented creative teams in Oxford. People seem to love working with MYCO, appreciating the chance to work with some genuinely talented young people, some of whom will go on to perform professionally and all of whom are committed to what they do. They help get the best out of the company. For example, one NODA visitor once remarked that we were lucky to have so many talented male dancers. We replied that we were lucky to have such a great dance teacher who can inspire the most unlikely teenager to move with style.

We also help our members develop by offering annual workshops (combined with camping!), and by giving them the chance to perform at our annual supportive Open Mic night (no fee for admission, sing anything you want to an appreciative audience) or in our concerts, where we work with them on developing both their vocal technique and harmonies. The NODA audience saw a snippet from the repertoire for our summer concert which in addition to the big chorus numbers allowed numerous members to perform duets and solos from the musical theatre repertoire. This ongoing work is what makes us different from some of the other youth theatre groups in Oxford who create a new company for each show. We also pride ourselves on our relationship with the local children's hospice. We raise money for them by bucket shaking and raffles and sing at their annual carol service.

Our members grow up within the company, forming friendships that last for life. One ex-member, who is now working professionally, says: "Knowing that I had somewhere I belonged, that all these eccentric, bonkers, deeply talented and caring people were around me, made me feel so much like I was part of something". Ex-members keep returning to help out: they work backstage for our shows, they lead workshops, they offer to help present members with drama school auditions.

Don't miss out on our next production of 42nd Street at the Playhouse during Easter week. It promises to be superb and, unlike our appearance on the NODA stage, every member will be wearing their shoes!

Website: myco.org.uk Twitter: @MusicalYouthOx Facebook: Musical Youth Company of Oxford - MYCO

# TWO NEW NODA LONDON AWARDS

# THE HARVEY KESSELMAN COMEDY AWARD

Why a Comedy Award?

Among the NODA awards in the London Region, the only aspect of performance not covered was Comedy, possibly the most difficult skill to assess. I have performed in opera, musicals, pantomimes and plays, and have found over the years that however wonderful the applause for singing might be, I loved even more the laughter of an audience for a comedy performance I had given; that was really music to my ears. And so I thought it was about time we had an award for comedy, that skill which is so hard to develop, and which comes naturally to so few.

What is comedy? Is it only to be found in complicated bedroom farces, or is it a simple matter? To quote Charlie Chaplin, "All I need to make a comedy is a park, a policeman and a pretty girl." There are many types of comedy and some wonderful comedy roles – Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, Gilbert

and Sullivan and many more, classics to modern plays --- the right person playing the right part can lift an audience to great heights of enjoyment, and, for those in need of forgetting their troubles, laughter is, indeed, often the best medicine.

Harvey Kesselman presents the Comedy Award to it's first ever recipient, Chris Andrews of ELODS, for his portrayal of Max in Lend Me A Tenor

But there are many pitfalls: overacting, trying too hard, using unnecessary funny voices, and laughing at one's own jokes are just a few examples. Timing is everything, and a simple approach can work wonders. Get it right, and the audience will be on your side from start to finish.

Harvey Kesselman

### THE NIGEL GRAVETTE AWARD FOR BEST PERFORMANCE IN A PANTO



The Nigel Gravette Award for Best Performance in a Panto is presented by Nigel's widow, Pat, watched by Adrian Uzzell, to Robert Spolander of The Chameleons for his performance as Buttons in Cinderella

Nigel joined Richings Players in 1990` and his roles have included parts in Hobson`s Choice, 12 Angry Men, The Crucible and The Railway Children to name but a few. But he is best remembered and loved by fellow actors and audiences alike for his scene stealing performances in pantomimes. These include various kings, a Tarzan like figure, the caterpillar in Alice, Richard the Lionheart, the Sultan of Morocco and finally Smee in Peter Pan.

Nigel had a wicked, sometimes naughty, sense of humour with an infectious laugh. This did not stop him taking his role as the group's chairman seriously until his death from cancer. Richings Players were honoured that NODA could consider a new award and for this specific category in Nigel's memory.

Adrian Uzzell

# **RAISING MONEY FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

Twenty-two years ago, at the age of nineteen, my daughter Katy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. This life changing news hit my family hard, and made me realise that I needed to raise some money for research. It's a fairly simple equation - the more raised, the sooner a cure will be found.

For some unknown reason, I decided that my way of fund-raising would be to write a stage play, get it published, and give the proceeds to M.S. research. Being a complete novice in this field, I naively thought everything would fall into place and the money would soon start flowing in!

After eighteen months I'd completed my first manuscript and called it Love Begins at Fifty. I then proceeded to telephone publishers, who I assumed would be eager to take on my work. Following many frustrating phone calls I was soon brought back down to earth and I realized that getting people interested in an unknown playwright was challenging to say the least. However, with much perseverance, I finally found myself a publisher.

My faith in the play proved to be justified because, the following year, it ran for the summer season at the TOADS theatre in Torquay. The play went down well, giving it the credence it needed, and more importantly, raising funds for MS research.



Raymond and Katy Hopkins, taken when Katy was 19

I have now written a total of nine full-length plays, all farcical comedies, with the word love in the title. It's often difficult for an unknown author to get their work into the marketplace. I am pleased to say, however, that my plays have been very successful in the UK, with hundreds of productions and some summer season runs. They have also become very popular in Australia and Europe.

Ending on a happy note, Katy keeps well and the plays continue to be staged around the world. So far, over £32,000 has been sent for Multiple Sclerosis Research. As for me, I will continue writing until I can hear those wonderful words: 'A cure for M.S. has been found.'

For details of my efforts please visit www.raymondhopkins.com

Raymond Hopkins

# **CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!**



Do you have a play you'd really like to direct? Have you always wanted to put on a production in a top fringe venue? Or do you have creative flair with a penchant for theatre?

Then Carlton Theatre Group wants to hear from you! We're Wimbledon's longest running non-professional theatre group. We have members of all ages and experience. Recently we changed our name and we have had a brilliant first season with a variety of shows from Shakespeare to self penned musicals! Check out our website www.carltontheatregroup.org, like our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @Carlton\_TG for more information.

We want to continue showcasing professional quality productions in one of the top venues in South West London. By performing at New Wimbledon Studio Theatre we can offer prospective directors a versatile space with technical support and a location which is second to none. Our membership is a variety of performers of all different ages from varied backgrounds.

If this is something that interests you, please contact us for an informal chat.

# POSTER AND PROGRAMME COMPETITION

Many of you will be aware of the annual competition for programmes and posters. London, in common with all of the other Noda regions, holds its own competition with the winning entries being entered into the National competition.

This year, we received more than 60 entries from 30 societies. Those who attended the London Regional Conference will have had a chance to see them on display.

There are three judges, who each mark independently. Their marks are averaged to give the final total. The entry with the highest mark is declared the winner. Entries are marked against a set of criteria which are used by all the national regions. After winners have been announced at the regional conference, feedback forms are sent to all entrants, showing them the marks that they achieved and the position that they reached in the competition.

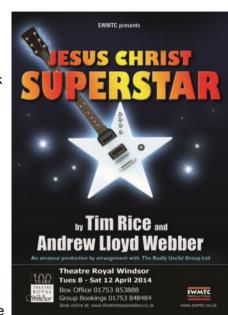
There is a lot of information about the competition available on the Noda website. Please take a look at

https://www.noda.org.uk/national programme and poster competition details Posters should be A4 size or larger. Please remember that your poster should display the 'legal lettering' as specified by the rights holders.

Programmes fall into one of three categories. The deluxe (sometimes called souvenir) class are those with 24 or more sides; the standard class are those with between 16 and 20 sides and the basic class are those with 12 sides or fewer.

Programmes MUST carry the Noda crest (paired with the EXACT words 'Affiliated to the National Operatic and Dramatic Society' or logo with the current strapline 'Be inspired by amateur theatre'. Examples of these are available for download from the website together with information about NODA which you might also consider including.

If you have any other questions then please do not hesitate to ask me. I look forward to receiving your entries for this year's competition.



2015 Winning Poster

Paul M Holgate Chair of Posters and Programmes Judging Panel Noda London

### WANTED!



The hunt is on to find a dog to play Bullseye, Bill Sykes' dog, in Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead Theatre Company's October production of Oliver!

Ideally this would be an English or Staffordshire terrier.

The musical will be performed at the Theatre Royal Windsor from 27—31 October, with Thursday and Saturday matinees.

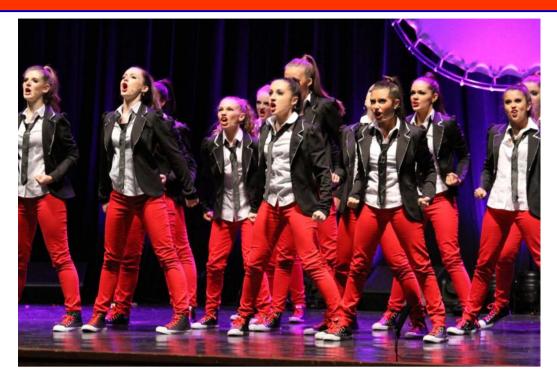
They would also need him (or her) to attend some rehearsals, which take place in Maidenhead on Mondays and/or Wednesdays.

It isn't a demanding role, Bullseye only appears for a short time in two scenes in Act 2, once led on stage on a lead, and once running across the stage from one side to the other, but obviously would need to be obedient, not scared of noise and lights and good with children.

If you think your canine might have thespian leanings, and for further information, please email castrep@swmtc.co.uk or telephone Jean Johnson on 01753 832519

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### GLEE CLUB SEARCHING FOR NEXT CHAMPION



The search for the best Glee Club performers in the UK has be based in London, Essex, Kent or Surrey. The top 40 begun as entries open for the fifth annual Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge 2015. It's the largest Glee Club competition in the UK.

The music and dance programme is aimed at young performers aged 11 to 25 offering them a chance to win a share of £5,000 in prizes and perform at the World famous IndigO2 at The O2 Arena. The prestigious Grand Final will be held in March 2016.

TV's Graham Norton, Patron of the Challenge and Chief Judge, will once again head the judging panel at the spectacular Gala Final. He said "Every year I am moved by these young people. There is so much passion in their performances it brings a tear to the eye. They are a joy to watch and a real challenge to judge. Everyone should enter!"

The other celebrity patrons and judges include TV and West End personalities John Partridge, Tamzin Outhwaite, Brenda Edwards and Daniel Boys, as well as BBC Entertainment Correspondent Brenda Emmanus.

Over 2,500 performers have taken part in this fantastic competition since it launched in 2011. It's a flagship programme of the Jack Petchey Foundation inspired by the hugely successful and award winning Glee TV series.

The Challenge is open to schools, youth clubs, drama and dance groups, friends with a passion for performing, established groups or those just starting out. Groups must

groups will be put through their paces at a series of boot camps and workshops by industry professionals to hone their performing skills.

Lee Thompson, Programme Director said "The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge just keeps getting bigger and better. It's not just about attracting the best, we are looking for potential.

The boot camps are designed to help groups improve their performance skills and confidence. So I would urge any group of young people with an interest in performing to take a look at the website and have a go. You never know you could be performing in front of 1,500 people in March!"

So don't stop believing! Whoever you are The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge wants to hear from you. Entrants must be aged between 11 and 25 and groups must number between eight and 30 performers. Entry is absolutely FREE and couldn't be easier - visit www.gleeclubchallenge.co.uk for further details. Closing date for submissions is 25 September 2015.



### A NEW CURTAIN RISES ON RICHINGS PLAYERS

The Richings Players, the award-winning local amateur dramatics group who are approaching their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, announced a new leadership change at their AGM in July, following the departure of Chairman Adrian Uzzell who stepped down after seven years.

Professional actor turned drama teacher; Evelyn Stafford-Allen was unanimously elected as their new Chairman and she can't wait to get started:

"30 years ago I joined Richings Players as a little orphan called Tessie. The society nurtured my acting talents assisting me in making a career out of Drama. I'm looking forward to giving something back to the society in my new role as Chairman".

Adrian, a former English teacher, took on many roles whilst Chairman, overseeing a staggering 17 shows, acting in plays, comedies and pantomimes, directing productions such as The Wizard of Oz, Sleeping Beauty, The Railway Children. Adrian was also known to make the tea, sweep the floor, but most importantly always supported every show and every member of the society. The Players would like to publicly thank him for his service and all his time and support! He was presented with a book containing wonderful photos from all the shows he has been chairman for!

Their AGM began by remembering their President Nigel Gravette, who sadly passed away earlier this year. He was remembered for his unwavering support of the society, his wonderful acting and most of all his



Left to right: Evelyn Stafford-Allen, Adrian Uzzell and Heather Harper

contagious laughter. NODA recently unveiled a prize in Nigel's honour and memory at their London region Award Ceremony, being awarded for best performance in a pantomime. Heather Harper, a previous chairman of the group, was inducted as the new President, commenting how honoured she was to be walking in the footsteps of Nigel as President. Delighted to be back and supporting the Players, she also announced a new Award for Innovation to be awarded to any member annually at the AGM, in memory of her husband, Brian, who passed away last year.

With Evelyn in the driving seat, the Players go into their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with two productions already lined up. First, You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, based on the classic Peanuts comics which feature Snoopy and Charlie Brown scheduled for October, followed by the classic pantomime Jack & The Beanstalk in January of next year.

Will Torrent

The next edition of London Latest will be circulated at the end of November.

Deadline 10 November

Please send articles and show details for inclusion in the What's On section to Rosemary.roberts@noda.org.uk

### WHAT'S ON NODA London Region Fixture List

#### **SEPTEMBER 2015**

#### **MISS SAIGON**

9 – 12 September Stage One Youth Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead SL6 1RF www.stageoneyouth.com

#### WHEN YOU'RE SMILING

11 – 12 September Crowthorne Musical Players Morgan Centre, Crowthorne www.cmp-berks.org.uk

#### THE EXORCISM

10 - 19 September 2015 Quince Players Cordes Hall, Sunninghill www.quinceplayers.com

#### LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS

10 – 19 September Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### TICK TICK BOOM

15 – 19 July SEDOS Bridewell Theatre, London EC4Y 8EQ www.sedos.co.uk

#### AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

30 September - 3 October Ruislip Operatic Society Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip www.ruislipos.org

#### **OCTOBER 2015**

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30 September - 3 October Ruislip Operatic Society Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip www.ruislipos.org

#### ORPHANS

1 - 3 October East Berkshire Operatic Society Pinewood Theatre Old Wokingham Road Wokingham RG40 3AQ www.ebos.org.uk

#### ONE BIG BLOW – Musical

2 – 3, 8 – 10 October Shinfield Players Shinfield Players Theatre, Whitley Wood Lane, Reading RG2 9DF www.shinfieldplayers.org.uk

#### SUNSET BOULEVARD

6 – 10 October Geoids Musical Theatre Bridewell Theatre, London EC4Y 8EQ www.geoidsmt.co.uk

### A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

7 - 10 October Elstree Productions Theatre Company The Radlett Centre, Radlett, Herts Box office 01923 85 9291

#### NOISES OFF

7 - 10 October Eldorado Musical Productions Bob Hope Theatre, Eltham, SE9 5TG www.eldoradomusicalproductions.co.uk www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk

#### HAIRSPRAY

7 – 11 October Maidenhead Musical Comedy Society Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead SL6 1RF www.mmcs.biz

#### THE PIRATE QUEEN

14 – 17 October Hounslow Light Opera Company Hampton Hill Playhouse, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NZ http://s421322235.initial-website.co.uk/

#### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

15 – 17 October Havering Music Makers Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, Essex www.haveringmusicmakers.co.uk

#### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

20 - 24 October ELODS The Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar www.elods.org.uk

#### AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

20 - 31 October Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

22 – 24 October Pheonix Players Edward Alleyn Theatre, Dulwich College. www.pheonixplayers.org.uk

#### OLIVER!

27—31 October SWMTC Theatre Royal Windsor, Windsor Www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk

#### PARDON ME PRIME MINISTER

by Edward Taylor & John Graham 2 8 - 31 October 2015 Belmont Theatre The Pump House, Watford. WD17 2JP www.belmonttheatre.co.uk

#### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

28 – 31 October Mayhem Musical Theatre Company www.mayhemmusicaltheatrecompany.co.uk

#### LAND OF THE DEAD

Southside Players 28 - 31 October www.southside.players.org.uk

#### SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM

29 – 31 October Chesham Musical Theatre Company www.cheshammusicaltheatre.co.uk

#### YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN

29 - 31 October The Richings Players Iver Village Hall, Iver, Buckinghamshire www.richingsplayers.co.uk

#### ANNE BOLEYN by Howard Brenton

29 - 31 October Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4LF www.lads.org.uk

#### HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

31 October – 1 November Havering Music Makers St Edward's School, London Road, Romford, Essex www.haveringmusicmakers.co.uk www.tickets@haveringmusicmakers.co.uk

#### **NOVEMBER 2015**

#### SUNSET BOULEVARD

3 – 7 November Green Room Productions Wyllyotts Theatre, Potters Bar, EN6 2HN www.greenroomproductions.co.uk

#### **CRAZY FOR YOU**

3 – 7 November East Berkshire Operatic Society (EBOS) The Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park, Bracknell www.ebos.org.uk

### WHAT'S ON NODA London Region Fixture List

#### NOVEMBER 2015 (cont)

#### **BOUNCERS AND SHAKERS Re-stirred**

4 - 7 November New Stagers St Ann's Church Hall, St Ann's Crescent, Wandsworth, SW18 2RS www.newstagers.co.uk/bouncers-shakers

#### CANTERBURY TALES

10 – 14 November Wokingham Youth Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### **SHOWTUNE – A Musical Review**

11 – 14 November Loughton Operatic Society Lopping Hall, Loughton,Essex IG10 4FL www.los.ticketsource.co.uk

#### ALADDIN

12 – 14 November Quay Players The Greenwood Theatre, London Bridge www.quayplayers.org.uk

#### RENT

17 – 21 November Centre Stage Bridewell Theatre London EC4Y 8EQ www.centrestagelondon.co.uk

#### ANYTHING GOES

18 – 21 November HAODS Kenton Theatre, Henley-on-Thames www.henleyoperatic.co.uk

#### THE MIKADO

18 – 21 November Maidenhead Operatic Society Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead SL6 1RF www.mos-org.uk

#### PLAYING AWAY

18 - 21 November Shinfield Players Shinfield Players Theatre, Whitley Wood Lane, Reading RG2 9DF www.shinfieldplayers.org.uk

#### SCROOGE

18 – 21 November WOS Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip www.wos-productions.org.uk

#### PANDEMONIUM by Kristen McGorry

24 – 28 November New Wimbledon Studio Theatre www.carltontheatregroup.org www.atgtickets.com/venues/newwimbledon-studio

#### MAN OF LA MANCHA

25 November – 11 December SEDOS Bridewell Theatre, London EC4Y 8EQ www.sedos.co.uk

#### STARLIGHT EXPRESS

26 – 28 November Kingston Vale Youth Theatre Adrian Mann Theatre, Nescot, Ewell KT17 3DS www.kvyt.co.uk

#### SONGS FROM THE MOVIES

26 - 28 November Forest Musical Theatre Company Lopping Hall, 189 High Road Loughton, IG10 4LF www.forestmusical.co.uk

#### **DECEMBER 2015**

#### THE FLINT STREET NATIVITY

2 – 12 December Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### **BABES IN THE WOODS**

2 – 5 December Barking Mad Music and Drama The Ripple Centre, Barking www.barkingmad.org.uk

#### THE FLINT STREET NATIVITY

3 - 5 December Swanley Light Opera Group Darenth Village Hall,Ladywood Road, Darenth, Dartford, Kent www.slogdrama.org.uk

#### SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS 3 - 12 December

Riverside Players The Memorial Hall, Old Windsor www.riversideplayers.com

#### **JANUARY 2016**

WHIPPING IT UP 21 - 23 January Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4LF www.lads.org.uk

#### SKYLIGHT

21 – 30 January Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### **FEBRUARY 2016**

#### SITTING PRETTY

24 - 27 February Belmont Theatre The Pump House, Watford. WD17 2JP www.belmonttheatre.co.uk

#### THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

25 – 27 February Havering Music Makers Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, Essex www.haveringmusicmakers.co.uk

#### **MARCH 2016**

#### THE CUCKOLDS

3 - 12 March Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### SHAKERS

23 – 26 March East Berkshire Operatic Society Pinewood Theatre Old Wokingham Road Wokingham RG40 3AQ www.ebos.org.uk

#### **APRIL 2016**

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE 6 - 9 April Ruislip Operatic Society Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip www.ruislipos.org

#### 9 TO 5 The Musical

6 - 9 April Eldorado Musical Productions Bob Hope Theatre, Eltham, SE9 5TG www.eldoradomusicalproductions.co.uk www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk

**9 TO 5 The Musical** 21 - 23 April Forest Musical Theatre Company Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, IG1 1BT www.forestmusical.co.uk

### What's On London Region

#### **MAY 2016**

THE GOD OF CARNAGE 5 – 14 May Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

CALAMITY JANE 8 – 12 May Crowthorne Musical Players Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park, Bracknell www.cmp-berks.org.uk

#### THE MIKADO

13 - 16 May Lopping Hall, Loughton, IG10 4LF www.loughtonoperatic.org.uk

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS 10 – 14 May East Berkshire Operatic Society The Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Bracknell RG127PA www.ebos.org.co.uk

#### **JUNE 2016**

BLUE STOCKINGS 16 – 25 June Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

#### **JULY 2016**

ANNIE 14 – 16 July Havering Music Makers Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Essex www.haveringmusicmakers.co.uk

DONKEYS' YEARS 14 – 23 July Wokingham Theatre Wokingham Theatre, Twyford Road, Wokingham www.wokinghamtheatre.org.uk

OLIVER! 28 – 31 July Quay Players www.quayplayers.org.uk

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