



Greetings to everyone especially the new societies & new individual members **Please try to share this newsletter with all the members of your society both old and young – email, Facebook or whatever.**

With the pantomime season upon us my Reps and I have been very busy visiting societies all over the South East and as we approach the Festive Season we send season's greetings and wish everyone a very successful 2017.

I am pleased to announce that our own **John Barnes** has been elected to be the acting **Chairman of NODA**, following the resignation of Fred Piggford, until the AGM in September 2017. The Association will be in capable hands during this interim period.

**NODA Today:** There will be 3 issues in 2017; the magazine will be issued at the beginning of April, August and November. Articles for **NODA Today** – do you have something or someone worth talking about and sharing with fellow members. Please send in lots of articles and photos so we can stock up and have plenty to put onto our pages. [nodamag@supanet.com](mailto:nodamag@supanet.com)

**Subscription** reminders have begun to be sent out and subs will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> January and I am pleased to report that rates will remain the same as last year. All paid up members will benefit from being in a position to be nominated for a NODA South East award, enjoy the support of your regional rep and receive a report for your shows. Please get your Treasurer to pay early so that we don't have to keep chasing. Have you thought of paying your subs by Direct Debit? It would save you the hassle of remembering.

**IF, AS A NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, YOU JOIN BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER YOU GET ALL OF NEXT YEAR FOR HALF PRICE JOIN NOW! Call - 01733 374790**

All entries for the **2016 Poster & Programme Competition** (i.e. for shows between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016) should reach me by the end of January either via your regional rep or direct to me by post – details of the competition can be found on the NODA website. If you have any queries please let me know. There are some new rules for 2017-2020 so please let your programme designer know that the details are on the website. For the first time we are including A5 posters.

The launch of the 2017 **NODA Theatre Summer School** took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and to date over 180 places have been booked. I would urge you to get in quickly particularly if you have never attended previously. Give it a try – it will be the best week of your theatrical life, believe me. There are six bursaries available in the South East each of £300 to help with the costs. Details of bursaries/grants are available on the website. Special consideration will be given to first-timers and under 30's. Pass the message on to everyone you know. You will never regret it!!! [www.noda.org.uk/summerschool](http://www.noda.org.uk/summerschool)

**NODA Long Service Awards and Youth Awards** - Do try and recognise your members' contributions to amateur theatre in general and NODA in particular. (They can pay for their own if necessary!)

**South East AGM 2017** - I am still looking for suggestion as to where we could have our AGM next July. By request it needs to be to the east of our region, accommodate a minimum of 240 people and with, if possible, a stage. Good parking would also be an advantage! **DON'T FORGET THE DATE YOU MAY BE AWARD WINNERS.**

**2017 Presidential weekend and National AGM:** This will be held in Torquay on 23/24 September 2017. This will be publicised early and I encourage all NODA members to consider a super holiday break with likeminded people

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