



CODSWALLOP

June 2009

Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society
Registered Charity No. 1105153



Welcome to new Members/Juniors: Julie Austin, Susie Beardwell,



Leon Chambers, Rachel Croft, Ginny Dearn (welcome back, Ginny)

Lisa Ferris, Sophie Hawkins, Lauren Salter (welcome back, Lauren),

Jane Shaw, Helen Ward.



Dates for your diary

13th June is the KDA Awards

4th July Quiz Night - more info inside....



Who Said....

"On stage you're free. You can say and do things that if you said and did any place else, you'd be arrested."

(answer on the back page!)

Message from The Chairman

*Chairman's Log - COPS-Data 39948 (one for all those geeks out there)

Yes, two months into my service at the helm of this starship, we have already seen some existing and new stars forming around us.

Sarah and Andy directed the challenging 'Alarms and Excursions' to critical acclaim, including a particularly welcome one from the KDA adjudicator. As he said, not many amateur groups would have the capability to put on such a technically challenging piece, never mind delivering it in such convincing and professional (as well as wickedly funny) way. We wish the whole team well in the awards in June. More of that in a second. Then over the last couple of weeks we have seen a welcome impressive turn-out for both the sing-through and auditions for 'My Fair Lady' - nice to see a number of new faces amongst the regulars, as well as a return of some of those who we don't normally see at musical time. All the best to Annie and her star-making over the next six months.

A couple of star-dates for you - first 7th June in Cranbrook it is Family Fun Day. As in previous years, we will be publicising the upcoming show by taking part in the parade and on the Rammel field. Anyone interested in being in the parade and helping during the day, please contact me or any one of the committee - or just turn up on the day at the COOP car-park around 11-11:30.

13th June is the KDA Awards, which we are hosting in the Queen's Hall. It will be a challenge to prepare the auditorium and foyer, to transform it into an Oscar-like venue, so anyone who can spare time on the day to set up the stage and help the transformation would be welcome - many hands will ensure that we 'make it so'.

For those that have been in a different galaxy recently, it is our 50th Anniversary next year and we are planning two big events to celebrate.

Later in the year we will be presenting 'Kiss me Kate' - for which we need a director.. anyone feel up to that challenge?

Earlier in the year, we are breaking with tradition and merging the play and concert to stage 'The Shakespeare Review' in the play slot. We are basing it on an existing script of sketches and routines (It's Shakespeare, but not as we know it) but need extra material to fill it out, replace/update material that is doesn't work now and give everyone a chance to be part of the show - maybe a couple scenes from the plays themselves as well as extra material we need to come up with ourselves. If you're interested in being part of the team that is putting this together or have any ideas, please talk to me. In the words of General Chang 'You can't appreciate Shakespeare until you've read him in the original Klingon'.... Let's see if we can really bring the bard to life and blow the audience away...and not a photon torpedo in sight!

Well, probably time for me to say 'Beam me up' and boldly go...away. Cheers, Glyn "



My Fair Lady October 2009 Autumn Musical

We've cast it – and here they are, in no particular order:

Eliza Doolittle	Charlotte Fillmore & Jo Levett
Colonel Pickering	Mike Caridia
Mrs Eynsford Hill	Joan Eade
Henry Higgins	James Hanaway
Freddy Eynsford Hill	Leon Chambers
Alfred P. Doolittle	Keith Hedley
Harry	Maurice Wilkins
Jamie	Wilson Rush
Mrs Pearce	Madeleine Jordan
Zoltan Karpatky	Glyn Roberts
Mrs Higgins	Jenny Caridia
Higgins' Servants	Steph Beeken, Lisa Ferris, Lesley Whitwood, Suzie Boardwell, Glyn Roberts
Queen of Transylvania	Brenda Driscoll

The many other cameo roles – both singing and speaking will be cast from the company.

Roger Marchant, Roy Barclay, Alan Hodge, James Hammond, Patrick Roberts, Theo Bishop, Rhys Vourden, Rosie Levett, Sarah Ward, Helen Ward, Julie Austin, Debbie Knight, Rachel Croft, Lesley Wond, Val Whiting, Sarah Hutchings, Marion Hobday, Shirley Staddon, Laura Carey, Jo Reader, Joan Marchant, Nicola Hogben, Jane Shaw, Sophie Hawkins, Lauren Salter, Tina Gallagher.

The show was **very** difficult to cast. There was so much talent at the auditions, familiar faces and new ones, that we found it hard to choose our players. Apologies to those of you who have not landed the part for which you auditioned, but I think you will agree that we have an exciting and talented cast with many new faces.

I look forward to working with you all and to a wonderful show in October!

Annie x

p.s. Does anyone have an old fashioned wooden sack barrow or a wooden market traders' cart/barrow? I would love to include something like these in the market scenes if we can find them! Watch this space – I'm sure Ian Woakey (Mr Props) will be advertising for various strange things in the weeks to come, including a parrot in a cage and a phonograph with a horn!



KDA Awards

Best Sound Masquerade (On the Shore) *Geoff Goodwin Trophy* Medway Little Theatre (Blue Remembered Hills) Tenterden ODS

Best Lighting The Lindley Players *Geoff Goodwin Cup* Masquerade (On the Shore) Medway Little Theatre (Blue Remembered Hills)

Best Wardrobe Achievement Cranbrook ODS *Marian Baldwin Trophy* The Lindley Players Tenterden ODS

Best Actress in a Cameo Role Sue George, Chandeliers Drama Group *Dotling Players Cup* Val Whiting, Cranbrook ODS Brenda Pearson, Rainham Theatrical Society (Sand Castles)

Best Actor in a Cameo Role John Caplan, Chandeliers Drama Group *Dotling Players Cup* Mark Cheeseman, Cranbrook ODS John Samson, Rainham Theatrical Society (Mr Wonderful)

Best Debut in a Full-Length Play Vanessa Burt, Birchington G'd of Players *Finch Trophy* Helen Page, Birchington Guild of Players Heidi Griggs, Theatrecraft

Initiative in Stage Presentation Cranbrook ODS *Timber Wood Memorial Shield* Rainham Theatrical Society (Mr Wonderful) Tenterden ODS

Most Effective Use of Limited Space Herne Bay Little Theatre *Alan Birch Award* Medway Little Theatre (Blue Remembered Hills) Rainham Theatrical Society (Mr Wonderful)

Best Actress in a Supporting Role Samantha Ellery, The Hayes Players *TODS Trophy* Millie Di Biasio, Herne Bay Little Theatre Amanda Hunt, The Lindley Players

Best Actor in a Supporting Role Pip Piacentino, The Lindley Players *TODS Trophy* David Banfield, Masquerade (The Pillowman) Richard Pilborough, The Willington Players

Best Set Design The Lindley Players *Jean Grice Trophy* Danny Waters, Masquerade Peter Weatherly, Medway Little Theatre (Blue Remembered Hills)

Best Technical Achievement Cranbrook ODS *Anne Gearay Cup* Gravesend Youth Theatre (Magdalen Whitewash) The Hayes Players

Best Young Player Cozy Leese, Gravesend Youth Th. (Magdalen Whitewash)

Young Players Trophy Kishan Jethwa, Maidstone Grammar School Lucy Parkinson, Medway Little Theatre (Bold Girls)



KDA Awards continued.....

Youth Drama Award *

Youth Drama Challenge Trophy

Best Actress Francesca Wilson, Beckenham Theatre Centre

Marlowe Cup Karen Turner, Medway Little Theatre (Bold Girls)

Helen Caston, Rainham Theatrical Society (Mr Wonderful)

Best Actor Kevin Monk, Beckenham Theatre Centre

Marlowe Shield Larry Dobin, The Lindley Players

Steven Fry, Masquerade (The Pillowman)

Best Stage Presentation Gravesend Youth Theatre (Magdalen Whitewash)

Roy Link Trophy Masquerade (On the Shore)

Masquerade (The Pillowman)

Adjudicator's Special Award *

Irene Weller Award

Director Awards (Best Director and Best New Festival Director*)

Denis Prince Trophy Grahame Farley, The Lindley Players

and Steven Fry, Masquerade (On the Shore)

Pauline Chalk Award Denny Waters, Masquerade (The Pillowman)

Overall Play Awards

Best Play *Challenge Trophy*

Second Best Play *Channel Cup*

Third Best Play *Weald Cup*



Other News

Further to the numerous articles in the last issue of "Codswallop", and as mentioned at the AGM, we are now pleased to announce that the final sum raised from the Charity Walk on 1st March totalled £800.50! Our thanks once again to all those who took part and also to those members of the Society who sponsored the participants. Our challenge now is to try and exceed this commendable sum for our proposed Charity Walk next Spring, further details of which will be announced in a future edition of "Codswallop".

Having regard to demand for a similar event, albeit on a purely social basis, we have decided to organise a walk from Sandhurst to Bodiam Castle (and back again !) on Sunday 13th September. We anticipate meeting at the green nearest the clock tower at Sandhurst circa. 1030pm, with a view to arriving at the Castle at lunchtime for a picnic, before walking back. Please could all those wishing to join us bring food and drink suitable for sharing for a picnic; hot drinks are available within the Castle grounds and for those in need of alcoholic refreshment, there is a good pub opposite the Castle entrance.

This event is open to all members and their guests and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to support this event. Should you have any queries or require any further information, please feel free to contact either of us.

Marian Cumberland (01580 715580) and Andrew White (01424 718328)



Removals Re-Corrected !

Upon perusal of the Programme issued for our recent Production of "Alarms and Excursions", it was noticed that our several members of our ever-sterling team of Removal Men (who were responsible for the acclaimed set-changes) were accidentally omitted ! I therefore wish to thank Ivor and Richard Hatcher and Brian Swann for their assistance with the set changes, which were most appreciated. Special thanks are also due to Martin Carey, who assisted the remainder of the Removal Men with the construction and clearance of the scenery on the Queens Hall Stage.

The Removal Men will no doubt be back in action for the forthcoming Production of "My Fair Lady" !

Andrew White



More News

Quiz Night

4th July

7.30 - 10.00

Vestry Hall Cranbrook

£8.00 per person - Ploughmans

6 per table

For tickets and more information please contact
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REMINDER THAT SUBS STILL NEED TO BE PAID BY ABOUT 80 MEMBERS!

We've had a really good response, but I'm still waiting for Membership Renewal forms from a lot of members. Remember, deadline is 30th June - after that, I will be contacting those members who have not paid just to check, but then I will be removing details from the database, in accordance with data protection legislation.

We're almost up to a membership of 200 people, so if we can get the subs from everyone, it will really boost our coffers, which will help us meet the costs of putting on My Fair Lady!

Many Thanks for your attention

Michelle Sandys



Answer to Who said That: Robin Williams

Winner of the "My Fair Lady" prize draw -
DAVID WATERMAN of Biddenden.

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