



CODSWALLOP!

January 2009

Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society
Registered Charity No. 1105153



Welcome New Members

We welcome new members Steve Wood, Jo Hall, Sarah Calcutt, and Junior member Emily Rudden and wish them many long, happy and productive years with the society.



Dates for your diary

CRANBROOK OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in the Lecture Theatre, Cranbrook School

Wednesday 25th March 2009 at 8.00pm
(Lecture Theatre open from 7.30pm)

Sponsored by Peter Jones, Opticians Mercury Direct (Sun Spot)
Paul Rogers of www.cranbrook.org

Message from The Chairman

Dear Luvvies and Techies,

I hope you have all had a splendid Christmas and New Year break and I wish you all that your heart desires for the coming year!

The next two CODS productions are already well under way and we are working hard towards a lovely 1930's evening or two in February and an hilarious play in April.

Please start selling the tickets for 'A Step in Time'. You should have begun to see bright orange posters appearing in local shops recently. The dates are February 20th and 21st and the box office opens at Phillip's Mens Shop on Saturday January 24th. Tickets are £7, a very small price to pay for what promises to be a very enjoyable night's entertainment. The music is wonderful - all that schmaltzy Gershwin, Cole Porter and Ivor Novello stuff that we all know and love (at least, we thought we know it until we had to sing it)! Bring all your friends and neighbours so that we can raise oodles of cash for the Alzheimers Society and 1.2.1 Befriending (helping disadvantaged children and young people).

'Alarms and Excursions' is happily rehearsing alongside the concert. As they become more familiar with the plays the cast are finding more and more to laugh about (and that's just the script). We will have to sell this play hard, because, although people will have heard of Michael Frayn, (the playwright, who also wrote 'Noises Off'), this play is a relatively unknown one. The dates for your diary are April 16th, 17th and 18th with adjudication for the KDA drama awards on Friday 17th. The Box Office opens on March 21st - though tickets will be available to members at an earlier date from Maurice Wilkins on 713887. We will need all hands to the pump over the Easter weekend, which is the only time we will be able to move the set into Queen's Hall, so prepare to say 'yes' if someone asks for your help!

Other dates for you to remember include the KDA Drama Awards Ceremony which will probably be hosted by CODS and held at Queen's Hall on June 13th. We are planning a huge Oscars-style evening, so watch this space.

The CODS AGM will be in the Lecture Theatre, Cranbrook School on Wednesday 25th March at 8pm.

The sing through evening for My Fair Lady will be Thursday 30th April, and the auditions on 7th May, both at Cranbrook School, further details in the next newsletter.

Andrew White has included information later in this newsletter about the sponsored walk for our concert charities, we hope to see as many as possible of you there - and if you're not walking we hope you will have sponsored someone who is!

With all best wishes to you all for health, wealth and happiness in 2009.

Annie x

☆ What's on????

February Concert



Friday, 20th and Saturday,
21st February 2009 at
7.30pm
Queen's Hall Theatre,
Cranbrook.

Spring Play



Thursday, 16th April to
Saturday 18th April
7.30pm
Queen's Hall Theatre,
Cranbrook.

Rehearsals are going well for both productions and as previously mentioned in the Chairman's message please come and support both by booking lots of tickets!!!

Tickets available from : Phillips Man's Shop, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent
or you can apply for tickets using a ticket application form

After Show Party for Step in Time

Monday 23rd Feb at "Tiffins"
7.30pm - for 8pm
£15 per head
All welcome
for more details contact Marian Cumberland
Home: 01580715580 Work: 01580 712254





ENTRIES IN THE KENT DRAMA FESTIVAL 2008



<u>Date</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Location</u> <u>Box Office</u>	<u>Society</u>
Jan 20/ Feb 7 Adj 6	Bold Girls - Muno	Rochester 01634 40322	Midway Little Theatre
Feb 18/21 Adj 21	The Pillowman - McDonagh	Dartford 01322 629422	Masquerade
Mar 18/21 Adj 20	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - Francis Youth production	Maldstone 01622 732297	Maldstone Grammar School
Mar 19/21, 25/26 Adj 25	Sandozias - Larbey	Rainham 01634 233600	Rainham TS
Mar 25/26 Adj 26	The Magdalen Whitewash - Goodwin Youth production	Northfleet 07981 752101	Gravesend & District Theatre Guild
Mar 28/Apr 4 Adj 30	Blue Remembered Hills - Potter	Rochester 01634 403222	Midway Little Theatre
Apr 2/4 Adj 2	The Railway Children - Simpson Youth production	Gravesend 07981 752101	Gravesend & District Theatre Guild
Mar 28/Apr 4 Adj 3	Talk of the City - Pollock	Home Bay 01227 399004	Home Bay Little Theatre
Mar 31/Apr 4 Adj 4	Death of a Salesman - Miller	Whitstable 01227 272492	The Linley Players
Adj Apr 16	Waiting for the Snow - Ravenwood Youth production	Home Bay 01227 366004	Playmakers
Apr 16/18 Adj 17	Alarms and Excursions - Frayn	Cranbrook 01690 713657	Cranbrook OGS
Apr 16/18 Adj 18	Time of my Life - Ayckbourn	Whitstable 01227 272442	Theatrecraft
Apr 21/25 Adj 21	Pack of Lies - Wilton	Maldstone 01622 758611	Wilmington Players
Apr 25/26 Adj 23	Bronis - Teale Recounting the story of the Bronis family	Tenterden See website	Tenterden OGS
Apr 25/26 Adj 24	Sitting Pretty - Rosemary Bibacourt play with humour	Heyes 0206 402 5124	Heyes Players
May 4/9 Adj 7	The Graduate - Johnson	Bokerham 07505 744991 (members/guests only)	Bokerham Theatre Centre
May 13/16 Adj 14	On the Shore of the Wide World - Stephens	Dartford 01322 629422	Masquerade
May 13/16 Adj 15	The Importance of being Earnest - Wilde	Maldstone 01622 715455	The Chandlers
May 14/16 Adj 16	Dead Guilty - Harris	Northfleet 07981 752101	Gravesend & District Theatre Guild
May 21/23, 29/30 Adj 23	Mr Wonderful - Robinson	Rainham 01634 233600	Rainham TS

Adj indicates the adjudication date for an entry in the KCA Full Length Play Festival.



CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!

We are looking for Members of the Society, (or friends/colleagues/acquaintances who might want to get involved), who would be interested in directing a show for CODS.

Are you a budding Director? Is there a show you would love to get your hands on? If so, please contact either Bill Marshall (Show Selection Chairman) on 01580 765830, or alternately tell a Committee Member. We're not asking you to commit to anything at present, we're just asking for people to let us know if you have any ideas. Thanks very much - we look forward to hearing from you!



Charity Walk around Cranbrook Sunday 1st March 2009

Further to the article in the previous *Codsavallop*, 6 members (Marian Cumberland, Stella Dale, Gavin and Nicola Hogben, Brian Swann and Andrew White) met on the sunny and chilly morning of 7th December to enjoy a glorious walk from Cranbrook to Goudhurst and back. However, the most energetic member of our group was Brian's dog, Murphy. We were joined for refreshments at the Star and Eagle in Goudhurst by Brian's wife, Linda, and after a few beers, we had all decided that a regular series of walks should be organised. It was mooted that our second walk should be conducted with charity in mind, with all proceeds going to The Alzheimer's Society and 1.2.1 Youth Befriending, these being the two chosen charities for the Societies forthcoming *Step In Time* concert.

The Committee have approved such a charity walk and this has been arranged for Sunday 1st March 2009. Starting from the Co-Op Car Park, we anticipate walking 4-5 miles in the morning, with lunch in Cranbrook, followed by 4-5 miles in the afternoon. So, if you wish to join us, you have the choice of the morning walk, the afternoon walk or, if you are feeling particularly energetic, both walks !

If you wish to be sponsored for the walks, please contact either Marian Cumberland (01580 - 715580) or Andrew White (01424 718328) for a sponsorship form and any further information. If you wish to join us for the walk, but without being involved in any sponsoring, please feel free to join us. Friends, family and dogs are all welcome !

We will also need 1-2 people to help on the day in certifying that all sponsored walkers have completed the walks, so if you wish to help in this respect, please get in touch. We also hope that many members will at sponsor at least one of the participants as we wish to raise a commendable amount to add to the proceeds from the forthcoming *Step In Time* concert.

We look forward to hearing from you !

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An Agenda will be available on the evening, along with Accounts and Trustees Report for the year ended 31st December 2008, plus Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 18th March 2008. Any Full Member who is unable to attend is welcome to contact the Honorary Secretary after the AGM for a copy of these documents. Please let the Honorary Secretary have your apologies if you are unable to attend. Junior Members are welcome to attend, but cannot vote or be elected onto the Committee.

In accordance with the Society's Constitution, nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be made by members of the Society in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, therefore, if you wish to do so, please submit the form below by Wednesday 18th March.

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NOMINATIONS for new EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Offices to be filled: President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager, Social Secretary, Show Selection Chairman, 5 Committee Members

- **Name of Nominee:**

- **Office:** _____
- **Proposer:**

- **Seconder:**

- **Signature of Nominee:**

- *Please return to Michelle Sandys, Flat 4, Crane House, Northgrove Road, Hawkhurst, Kent TN18 4AL, by Wednesday 18th March 2009.*