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The Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society Newsletter

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New Members

Welcome to all new members

We hope you will have a long
and happy association with
our Society

Did you know we are on Facebook?



For all you computer minded
people, CODS has its very
own group page on Face-
book with lots of information,
news and photographs.

Visit www.facebook.com

'Cranbrook Operatic and
Dramatic Society CODS
(official page)'

Or speak to Sarah Hutchings,
James Hammond or Steph
Beeken for more information.

Codswallop!

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HALLOWE'EN
ISSUE

"ANNIE!"
HAVE YOU GOT YOUR
TICKETS ?!

NOTES FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Hello Luvvies and Techies,

Annie (the Musical) fast approaches and ticket sales have been fantastic. If you want to see this show, which promises to be an exciting evening's entertainment, you will need to move fast and **book your tickets**. The cast is huge, the music toe-tapping and the standard excellent, so let's aim for full houses every night! Well done to all involved – enjoy the run.

The CODS' first panto promises to be fun and entertaining, so keep some time free between Christmas and New Year to help out/watch the show.

Jo Reader is working towards our Spring play 'Fallen Angels' and you will find further details in this issue of Codswallop.

Later in Codswallop you will find the usual pleas for help along with some further requests. We hope that there will be a good response to these, as the committee cannot do it all alone and if we have discovered one thing from 'Annie' and the last few shows, it is that we should work as a team and that we need a wider spectrum of members each to do a little bit, rather than expecting one or two people to bear the brunt of the work when we stage a show. We are ambitious in our productions as we have a huge theatre to fill: we can manage this, even in the current economic climate, as 'Annie' has proved, but we need your help. It could take as little as a couple of hours of your time, but would make all the difference.

We will be asking for help with the following:

Prompt for the Panto.

Wardrobe/costume helpers to shadow Rita and Marilyn and to eventually take on more responsibility.

Props assistant for the panto and subsequent shows – again, this person will shadow the props master and eventually take some responsibility.

Video/camera operator for the Panto - we have permission to film the show for DVD sales.

Marketing manager – to produce press releases and liaise with local publications to advertise our shows.

Someone to help Maurice with the Business Manager's role.

A member with computer skills to assist directors with the layout of the show programmes.

Please get in touch if any of these jobs, or others in Codswallop might be something in which you would be interested. We would not throw you in at the deep end, but would work slowly with you until you felt comfortable in the role – promise!

See you all at 'Annie'

Annie (01580 211749 – chesters853@btinternet.com)

News & Diary Dates

PANTO PROCEEDS

We have decided to donate 1/2 the profit from the Panto to the St Dunstan's Church restoration fund to buy a stone or two for the tower, the other half will go towards our microphone fund.

Hope you all approve...!

PLEA FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

What shows do you want to see? What shows would you like to be in? Have you always fancied directing a particular play? We'd love to hear your suggestions, so if you have any ideas, however fanciful they may seem, please contact Andrew White

Following on from the last issue of Codswallop, we are now able to load the scenery and props into Queens Hall on Friday 21st October, and start building the set shortly afterwards. This is likely to take place from 6pm onwards.

Saturday 22nd October will also see further set building, from 9.30am onwards. If you are able to spare a few hours on either or both of these days, we shall be happy to see you.

Turning to the run of the Production of Annie, our backstage team would benefit from an extra person, even for only one or a few of the performances. This could well appeal to one of the parents of children in the show, and no previous experience is necessary. If you are willing to help, please contact the stage manager, Andrew White, at any of the remaining rehearsals, or tel 01424 718328 or e-mail

supertr@mp7902.wanadoo.co.uk

Could you help with the business side of things?

We are looking for somebody to help with ordering tickets and communicating with local businesses about sponsorship and advertising. Our 'Mr Business Bod.' would be happy for you to shadow him to see what's involved. If you would like more information please speak to Maurice or contact a member of the committee.

Just a little note...
to wish John and Ruth Little a very happy future as they retire to Somerset.
Good Luck from us all x

After Show Supper for Annie (Adults only)

Where? Green Cross Inn

When? Tuesday 1st November

How much? £17.50 for 2 courses

Contact Marian Cumberland to book your seat

01580 715580

WARDROBE PLEA

Do we have any budding wardrobe mistresses or, indeed, masters who would be willing to lend a hand for this and future productions? Rita and Marilyn do a super job making sure we all look the part but they do need help, urgently. Looking forward to next year they may not be able to take on quite so much, so, if you think you are up to the challenge and would like to find out more, do please speak to Rita when you see her.

Are you a publicity/marketing genius? We urgently require members to step forward and help with advertising our shows and getting "bums on seats"; could you help with this very important role? Please contact a Committee Member!

WANTED

Graphic Designer or similar
Is there anyone out there who could design a new CODS logo? Ideas or designs to Annie please, chesters853@btinternet.com

IF THE PLEAS FOR HELP SO FAR HAVEN'T INSPIRED YOU, WE ALSO NEED:

- A PROMPT FOR THE PANTOMIME;
- A PROPS ASSISTANT FOR THE PANTOMIME;
- SOMEONE TO SHADOW IAN WOOKEY WITH A VIEW TO TAKING OVER AS PROPSMASTER NEXT YEAR.

PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER IF INTERESTED, THANK YOU!

"WE GOT ANNIE!" - Our next production—October 2011

ZUMBATHON



A big thank you to all of you who took part in the Zumbathon – you raised a brilliant £140.



MICROPHONES FUND APPEAL

The Co-op local Community Fund has come up trumps and offered us a grant of £2,000 towards our microphones and the Cranbrook & Hawkhurst Rotarians have also donated £500.

We would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks for their generosity!

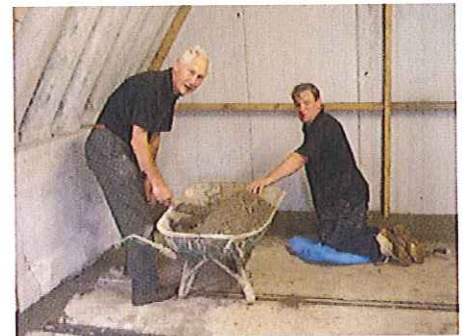
FLISHINGHURST

Our barbecue/Flishinghurst tidying morning on Sept 17th was attended by the usual suspects - for which thank you very much! We thank Mark Cheeseman for bringing along the equipment and materials for screeding the floor in the costume hut in order to make it rodent-proof. This was achieved, as well as some work on the archives, on making a props inventory, on clearing some of the props which we no longer use and which could make us some money at auction and general clearing of the area. We then noshed our way through several hundredweight of burgers and sausages and felt very virtuous!

SINGING FOR GEOFFREY GRINSTEAD

After the request for volunteers in the last 'Codswallop' I'm very pleased to say that a team (of eleven of course) will, after just one sing-through, put on a little show for Geoffrey and his fellow residents at his Care Home in St Leonards on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd October. The key figure in this will be Ruth who has very generously agreed to fit the rehearsal and performance into her incredibly full schedule of preparations for 'Annie'.

Familiar music is a major help in improving the lives of those with Geoffrey's condition and we look forward to performing a total of 23 songs from 13 shows - solos, duets and choruses - in this concert.



My task in setting this up has been aided by all concerned, especially Annie and Barbara. We will be joined by Joan Eade, Joan Marchant, Jenny Caridia, Tina Gallagher, John Tapper, Tom Foy, Roger Marchant and Ian Wookey.

Pam, who has typed out all the words for us, will help Ruth with the scores. Thank you all.

→ George



Spring Play 2012

Fallen Angels by Noël Coward

12th, 13th and 14th April 2012

I am pleased to say that the dates for the Spring play have been confirmed and I can start planning in earnest. Rehearsals will start after Christmas but I would like to have the play cast before hand so I am planning a read-through on Tuesday, 8th November with auditions on Tuesday, 15th November, both at Church House 7.30pm.

I have copies of the play if anyone would like to borrow one and there is a character list included in this edition of Codswallop. The ages mentioned are just a guideline. Fallen Angels is a witty and stylish comedy set in the 1930's and although it is not shocking anymore I still think the characters feel very modern. The actors will need good comic timing and the appropriate accents, movement and stance that suggests this period. This play will be enormous fun to direct, especially as Act 2 mainly consists of the characters eating a four course meal and getting very drunk. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays and Thursdays, in the Queen's Hall Theatre and Performing Arts Centre and the play will be entered into the KDA play festival. If you have any questions, please contact me on 01622 743637 or jreader67@hotmail.co.uk. Thanks, Jo.

AND DON'T FORGET, YOU CAN ALWAYS GET INVOLVED FRONT OF HOUSE OR BACKSTAGE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE TREADING THE BOARDS!

The Back Page

Any questions about what you have read? Please contact your Codswallop Editor Michelle: 01580 752802 or email: michellesandys@yahoo.co.uk

Thanks for your very kind and supportive comments following my first attempt in June! If you have any news, views, or ideas as to what YOU want to see in Codswallop, let me know!

Michelle x

WANTED / FOR SALE

Do you have anything you wish to sell that might be of interest to other members? Are you looking to buy something that another member might be wanting to sell? Do you have an event, an occasion, or a notice you'd like your fellow members to be aware of? If so, for a small donation of **£2 per entry**, you can ADVERTISE YOUR GOODS OR "WANTS" in Codswallop. To advertise in the December edition, or for further details, please contact your Editor, Michelle, details at top of this page.

FOR SALE—I have for sale an **oil-filled electric super panel heater**. DeLonghi. White. Free-standing. In mint condition. £30 ono.

If interested, please contact Dennis Russell. Thank you.

LADIES: Do you have any new/nearly new clothes, shoes or accessories that you have bought be never/hardly worn? I can sell them on your behalf at my sale in November. Particularly interested in sizes 12-18+. Please contact me if you have anything you'd like me to sell on your behalf on a 50:50 basis. And it would be lovely to see you on the day. **BARGAINS GALORE** ↓



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CODS MICROPHONE APPEAL

John is still available to accept your generous donations towards our microphones. We still need to reach our £5,600.00 target.

Please raid your piggy banks and send anything you can spare to John Tapper, Mill Cottage, Sissinghurst, Kent

Many thanks in anticipation

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