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The Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society Newsletter

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New Members!

WELCOME! We hope you have a long & happy life with

Did you know we are on Facebook?

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



Visit www.facebook.com

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

Contact Steph Beeken for more information and to submit copy. Thank you.

CODS Website

If anyone would like anything put onto the CODS website please contact matt at m.g.barker@talk21.com or call 07872557446, Thanks.

Codswallop!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013

NOTES FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Luvvies and Techies,

For those of you who saw the CODS Christmas Panto – Robin Hood, thank you for your support!

It was a great show which received really good feedback from audiences and cast members alike. We all had a good time producing the show and there were some new innovations involved, including a film projection. Our audiences however were very much reduced, for various reasons, including the times of the shows, the problems with publicity and the recession. We still managed to make a profit of approximately £1,500.00 which will be split between our two charities – Breakthrough Breast Cancer and FUM (Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala : the Tanzania project supported by Cranbrook School).

'Calendar Girls' is well under way and the cast are enjoying putting the show together. We wish our new director, Louisa Nelson Chambers, her assistant, Rachel Croft Golding and all the cast and crew all the very best as they move towards our Spring Play run in mid April. Please support them in any way you can, but especially by buying lots of tickets and filling the theatre.

We are still waiting to find out from the royalties holders whether we will be able to stage 'Cabaret' or 'Crazy for You' in October and James Hanaway has some innovative idea for a Summer show which we will publicise soon – watch this space!

Some other items of interest this month include the news that Lee Hatcher – our props man and programme editor will be taking over as editor of CODSWALLOP when Michelle hands him the reins after the AGM. Our grateful thanks to Michelle for all her hard work as secretary and then Newsletter editor over the past few years (as well as playing a superlative Ado Annie, amongst other things) and to Lee for volunteering to take over.

Other news is that Jackie Barker (who has been co-ordinating the chaperones so efficiently for our last few shows), has been co-opted onto the committee in one of the positions left vacant after the last AGM. If you are interested in following her example and joining the committee, then please fill in the forms which will be available before the next AGM in late March and you will be made most welcome.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2013.

Annie x

Charity Walk

Sunday 3rd March 2013

Following on from our successful Charity Walks in recent years, we are pleased to announce details of this year's Charity Walk, which is being organised to raise funds for The Holly Eatwell Trust, a local, young charity, set up to help young people who are diagnosed with cancer within the United Kingdom.

Details of this year's Walk are as follows:-

Meeting Point: Jockey Lane Car Park, Cranbrook, from 930am for a 10am start on Sunday 3rd March 2013.

Total distance: circa 8.5 miles

Route: From Cranbrook, up the High Weald Landscape Trail to Goudhurst, then across various fields and woodland and back to Cranbrook.

This event is open to all Society members, friends and families. Dogs are also welcome to come along, though they may need to be kept on leads at times. We recommend everyone attending to prepare for the possibility of foul weather being encountered en route (jeans are not recommended as these become cold and heavy once wet). We would particularly be interested in hearing from anyone with a car who would be willing to be " on standby " to come out and rescue any participants who feel unable to carry on with the walk once it has started (not that anyone has ever dropped out in any of our walks to date !).

We will be stopping for refreshments at the Star and Eagle Inn at Goudhurst half way round, but please could all attendees bring their own food. It is also hoped that upon arrival back in Cranbrook, a local hostelry will be open for further refreshments. All being well, we consider we should be back in Cranbrook circa. 3pm.

Sponsorship Forms will be available as a download on the Website shortly, and we are also hoping to set up a JustGiving Page to enable on-line donations to be made. We would hope that as many members and attendees as possible will pledge some sponsorship to this local, well-deserving cause.

For those unable to attend but wish to get some fresh air in February, we will be testing the route on Saturday 2nd February, from 10am, at the Jockey Lane Car Park. If you would prefer to join us on this date, or walk the route on both occasions, we will be more than pleased to hear from you.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on Sunday 3rd March and should you have any queries or require any further information, please feel free to contact either of us:-

Marian Cumberland (tel 01580 715580)

Andrew White (tel 01424 718328)

Quiz Night - Saturday 16th February 2013


Saturday 16th February. Vestry Hall. 7.30pm. Ploughmans included. Bring own drink. Tables of 6. Profits to purchase trailer for CODS. Tickets £8 per person.

Anyone who is willing to help organise or assist in any capacity with the operation of the Quiz please contact Marian Cumberland, on 01580 715580.

Our Latest Productions

Calendar Girls

by Tim Firth



Tenterden Operatic and Dramatic Society's Forthcoming Production

directed by Heather Leslie

**Wed 30th, Thurs 31st January
Fri 1st & Sat 2nd February 2013**

Tenterden Town Hall

7.30pm

Tickets from Travelux, Tenterden

Stage Manager needed !

A Stage Manager will be needed for the forthcoming Production of Calendar Girls. This is a responsible but rewarding role within any Production ! Taking on this role need not be too time consuming within the next few months, though you will need to attend a few rehearsals from mid March onwards, organise delivery of the scenery from Flishinghurst to Queen's Hall (and back), compile a set building team, assist with the set build and then run the show from the first Dress Rehearsal onwards. Andrew White is able to provide support and guidance, if necessary. If you are willing to take on this role for this Production, please contact either Andrew (01424 - 718328) or Maurice (01580 713887) as soon as possible.

**Do you have an idea for a fundraising event?
If so, please contact your Committee now
We're very happy to consider all (legal...!)
suggestions!**

News from Past Members

Hello!

2012 has been a busy year for us! Tara had her baby son on 2nd April, and Jenna got married on 28th April. I've enclosed a couple of wedding photos. It was a church ceremony followed by a reception at High Rocks in T.Wells. It was a great day except for the weather – it rained nearly all day, which meant we were unable to have the photos outside at High Rocks Monument which was very disappointing. They arrived on the steam train in the grounds and we all had to wait for them with umbrellas and walk over the soggy grass - such a shame!

Casey is a very happy little baby and now Tara is back at work.

Jenna has done a lot this year. She was employed as a consultant, in the summer months, to go out to Kos, Rhodes and Cyprus to sort out the entertainment teams. She enjoyed this very much, and loved being put up in 5* hotels!

When in the UK she works in an ABBA tribute band & does Spice Girls tributes too. She also does a lot of promotion work for various companies. At the moment she's running a Christmas Grotto up North (she & Ste live in Southport) & is Chief Elf as well as manager! She fitted in 2 more Abba gigs in Cardiff & Norwich at the weekend and has another in Blackpool next Sat night.

That's most of the Constable news for this year!

Hope all is well with you, and here's wishing you a Merry Christmas,

Love, Gilly x



The Back Page

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

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 next edition, or for further details, please contact your Editor, Michelle, details at top of this page.

"CODSWALLOP"

NEW EDITOR ANNOUNCED

I AM DELIGHTED TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT LEE HATCHER HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO TAKE OVER THE REINS AS CODSWALLOP EDITOR AFTER THE AGM IN MARCH 2013. THE COMMITTEE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT AND WE ALL THANK LEE AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS FIRST EDITION. ALSO THANK YOU FOR THE KIND COMMENTS I HAVE RECEIVED.

MICHELLE X



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£1 entry (children free), refreshments available
Profits from entrance fees & refreshments to Breakthrough Breast Cancer

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH
10.30am-4.30pm
at THE VESTRY HALL
CRANBROOK

AGM NOTICE

This year's AGM will be on Wednesday 20th March in the Vestry Hall Council Meeting Room (same location as last year). Details to follow...



MAIDSTONE OPERATIC

THE PRODUCER

A New Mel Brooks Musical

HAZLITT THEATRE
11 - 16 March 2013

Director: Tony Cassidy
Musical Director: John Mills
Choreographer: Heather Worrell

Sponsored by
GREENBANK
WILKINSONS
Formed Director: St. Mary's Hall, Maidstone

www.maidstoneoperatic.com

This production contains strong language



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