

CODSWALLOP!

The Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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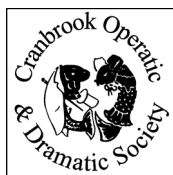


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“A COMEDY IS JUST A TRAGEDY INTERRUPTED, I ONCE SAID. DO YOU FINISH WITH THE KISS OR WHEN SHE OPENS HER EYES TO TELL HIM SHE LOVES HIM AND SEES BLONDE HAIRS ON HIS COLLAR?” – ALAN AYCKBOURN

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Hello Folks and welcome to 2017!

Fingers crossed eh?!

Moving on rapidly... we've got lots of exciting events and productions for you all this year. Kicking off with a simple, but fun Reunion Fundraising lunch at the London Beach

Hotel, St Michaels, on Sunday 5th February. A chance for CODS members past and present to get together and catch up over a delicious Sunday Lunch and thanks to the generosity of the London Beach Hotel the entire cost of your three course food bill on the day will be donated back to the society! I think that's what they call a "no brainer" if you're free and hungry see the details on the poster here below...



After that you have the chance to test your little grey cells by taking part in a fun Quiz at the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook on Saturday 25th Feb. Kindly hosted by James & Charlotte Maughan-Jones this promises to be an entertaining and brain-teasing event, again raising money for the society and giving you all a chance to get together outside of a production. Get a team of 6 together for the night... at only £10 each including food, and with a cash bar available, it's a good night out not to be missed!

Our productions for 2017 start with Alan Ayckbourn's "A Chorus of Disapproval", directed by Jack Davidson at the beginning of April. A sparkling comedy that gives a fascinating insight into the world of amateur dramatics, the complicated relationships, politics & dramas that take place more often off-stage than on... sound familiar? You'll laugh and cry as you recognise characters and perhaps yourself in this brilliantly crafted play.

Then we have the anticipation and excitement of our October musical Scrooge! Co-directed by Lisa Ferris and Rachel Croft-Golding this promises to be a smash hit production. A Dickensian delight that will take you from Humbug to Happy Christmas and places I'm sure you won't expect in between! Auditions to follow soon... Exciting!

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

But listen, despite all the fun we had singing along to Disney and Rocky Horror this Christmas (although we would of loved to see more people there, we still managed to make some money!) We want to hear from anyone interested in directing the Pantomime in 2017... This is an fantastic opportunity to put on a fun, family show that raises money for charity and was missed by the community this year. Please do get in touch with the Show Selection Committee if you are interested in being our Panto Director this year.

In between all of this we'll have our AGM of course on the 21st of March at the Queen's Hall Theatre.

This is an important evening where members have the opportunity to get involved with decisions about how the society is run, what it should be doing in the years ahead and who should be involved in making things happen! So please take a look at the nomination forms and other details attached and get actively involved!

You'll be delighted to know that all the formal stuff will be followed by a Cheesy Karaoke night, so you can let down your hair and release you inner Kate Bush after all that seriousness.

With all that said and done let me leave you with some wisdom from the magnificent Douglas Adams:

"It is a well-known fact that those people who most want to rule people are, ipso facto, those least suited to do it... anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job."

Oh and also, the answer is 42.

Cheers James x

A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL

The story follows a young widower, Guy Jones, as he joins an amateur operatic society that is putting on The Beggar's Opera. He rapidly progresses through the ranks to become the male lead, while simultaneously conducting liaisons with several of the female cast. Many of the songs from The Beggar's Opera are kept within the play, usually being sung with their own, new context.

Written by Alan Ayckbourn, this is a fast paced, witty and intelligent insight into the world of amateur dramatics and the complicated relationships involved in putting on a production!

The performances will be at the Queen's Hall Theatre as usual, showing on the 7th and 8th of April.

Auditions and casting are complete and rehearsals will begin shortly!

Be sure not to miss what will be an honestly hilarious production!



CRANBROOK OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS:

A Chorus of Disapproval

- BY ALAN AYCKBOURN -

Fri 7th, Sat 8th April, 7.30pm
2.30pm Matinee: Sat 8th April

- TICKETS FROM -

www.cods.ticketsource.co.uk
01580 713887

The George Hotel
or Uber Sports, Cranbrook

- SPONSORED BY -

Peter Jones Opticians, Waterloo House Tea Rooms
& Hartley Dyke Farm Shop

This amateur production of "A Chorus of Disapproval" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL – CAST AND CREW

After a very high standard of auditions we are pleased to announce the cast for A Chorus of Disapproval

Guy Jones - Fraser Johnston

Dafydd Ap Llewellyn - James Hanaway

Hannah Llewellyn - Rachel Croft-Golding

Bridget Baines - Rebecca James

Fay Hubbard - Louisa Nelson Chambers

Ian Hubbard - Jez Druce

Rebecca Huntley-Pike - Angela Woodcock

Jarvis Huntley Pike - Maurice Wilkins

Ted Washbrook - Peter Ashby

Enid Washbrook - Margaret Jones

Linda Washbrook -Samantha King

Crispin Usher - Simon Tomlinson

Mr Ames - John Wright

There are also the following positions available on the production side and crew. If anyone is interested please contact [Jack Davidson](#)

Stage Manager

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REMEMBERING OLD FRIENDS



As usual, in her Christmas Card, Gillian Constable kept me updated on Jenna's progress in the world of entertainment. Jenna, many of our older members will remember, was one of our star youngsters who sang and danced her way through many of CODS shows and has successfully made it into the professional ranks. She

joined an ABBA tribute group some time ago and has travelled the world performing shows and came home just before Christmas after a highly successful tour of New Zealand. She takes the part of Frida (the dark haired one) and played to full houses of 1,300 (CODS should be so lucky!). She was out there during November and close to Christchurch when the earthquake hit, but fortunately all the cast survived unharmed. To quote from a press release "Far from being just another cover band the ABBA Show is a full scale concert experience and stage show featuring 2.5 hours of musical performances with a live band, replica costumes, theatrical lighting and effects... and all the dancing an ABBA fan can handle."



I also had the usual card from Peggy Latter and Lesley Whitwood who moved up to Scotland 5 or 6 years ago filling me in with their latest activities. I suspect others had similar cards, but for the benefit of those who didn't and still remember them, they continue to lead busy lives continuing their interest in the local theatre. Coincidentally they were involved in their Christmas production of "Scrooge" (CODS next musical). Lesley has been spending quite a bit of time playing golf, holidaying and visiting friends and relations. Her son, Chris, will also be remembered by some, is also professionally involved in the theatre, but in a technical capacity rather than performing and continues to be very busy. Unfortunately she ends the short message with "Peggy jogs along, but rather haltingly with a sore hip which she hopes will be dealt with soon. She remains cheerful, but forgetful."

Maurice

REUNION LUNCH



THE CRANBROOK OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S

REUNION LUNCH

Sunday February 5th 2017

**FROM 1PM AT
THE LONDON BEACH HOTEL
TENTERDEN**

See in the New Year with friends old & new

Enjoy a fine Carvery or Vegetarian Lunch

 **Help raise funds for the society** 

**PAY £22.50 ON THE DAY FOR 3 COURSES
100% WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE SOCIETY
BY THE LONDON BEACH HOTEL !**

**To reserve your place contact Rachel
on 07720 869542 or CODSTICKETS@gmail.com**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CODS NEW YEARS REUNION AND FUNDRAISING LUNCH

5th February 2017 - [Details](#)

QUIZ NIGHT

25th February 2017 - [Details](#)

CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL – PREVIEW NIGHT

6th April 2017 - [Details](#)

CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL – PERFORMANCE

7th April 2017 - [Details](#)

CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL – PERFORMANCE

8th April 2017 Matinee - [Details](#)

CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL – PERFORMANCE

8th April 2017 Evening - [Details](#)

CODS EVENTS CALENDAR - [ICAL](#) [HTML](#)

(Click 'ICAL' to download the calendar, and view it in your default calendar program. Click HTML to launch it in a web browser)

QUIZ NIGHT

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In aid of Cranbrook Operatic and Dramatic Society

Vestry Hall, Cranbrook

Saturday 25th February 2017

7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £10 per person: Max. teams of 6

To include ploughman's dinner

Cash bar available.

Tickets available from:

www.cods.ticketsource.co.uk

Call: 01580 713886

**Visit: UberSports or The George Hotel,
Cranbrook**

NOTICES

CODSWALLOP!

We aim to release the newsletter bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November, shortly after the Committee Meeting (on the 2nd Friday of the month, in CODSWALLOP months). All articles need to be submitted by the Friday following the meeting, keeping them concise (under two pages) with contact for, or links to, further information if required.



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We are continually looking to improve CODSWALLOP! Please contact Lee on leedavehatcher@gmail.com with your thoughts. Thank you.

CHAPERONES

CHILDRENS CHAPERONES NEEDED FOR OUR SHOWS! Are you a licenced Chaperone? Or are you able and willing to take on the role of a chaperone and look after children during show runs? YES? Then please contact Jackie Barker on secretary@cranbrookods.org.uk for more details on how to apply.

SHOW SELECTION

Hello everyone! This is a call out especially to all the budding Pantomime directors out there!

We had to replace the panto last year with some Singalong events and although they were great fun and raised some good funds for the society, we're really keen to go back to Panto this year. But to do that we need a someone with a passion to put on the show and to come forward as soon as possible to get things organised. If you think you're that person, or if you just like to know more about what's involved with putting on a Pantomime then please get in touch with Angela via j.i.barker@hotmail.co.uk. Thanks all !



NOTICES

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

A copy of the society's Rules and Constitution is available on our website, please go to the following link to view these -

<http://www.cranbrookods.org.uk/committee/constitution.pdf>



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