

CODSWALLOP!

APRIL 2024

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CHAIR'S NOTES

April is almost upon us and it's due to be a busy month so get ready to "spring" into action.

Twelve hits the stage and promises to be an emotional journey through this well known tale. Tickets are on sale now at ticketsource.co.uk/cods and we encourage you to bring along a friend (or eleven!) and give your juror's verdict. Show dates are 4th-6th April at 7:30pm



Following on from that, **Addams Family** info night, help night and auditions are upon us as well. Dust off your black outfits, your love for the macabre and the medieval torture devices and come along to be involved with the October Musical. The team have been planning away and this is shaping up to be a spooktacular show. If being on stage isn't your forte, we also are looking for volunteers for Front of house, stage crew and set building so come along to info night to find out more.

Dates are:

- Information evening - Monday 15th April - 7:30pm in the Queens Hall Theatre
- Help night - Thursday 18th April - 7:30pm In the Performing Arts Centre
- Auditions - Sunday 28th April - 2pm in the Queens Hall Theatre
- Monday 29th April - 7:30pm in the Queens Hall Theatre

We close out April with our AGM. It will be taking place on April 25th in the PAC at 7:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along and vote on our committee and if you'd like to join, keep an eye out for nomination forms appearing in your inbox. A gentle reminder that you're only eligible to vote if you've paid membership for this calendar year (available from cods.secretary@gmail.com but get your skates on!)

We are pleased to announce that our Christmas panto will be **Aladdin**, directed by Jack Davidson! Having previously directed the Producers with CODS, Jack is back to bring the streets of Aqaba to Cranbrook. Audition dates will be announced soon so keep your eyes peeled.

With our calendar full of shows for this year, we turn our attention to next year and we are inviting pitches for both the spring play and the autumn musical for 2025. If anyone is interested or wants to know more about what is involved, please email Penny at cods.secretary@gmail.com or speak to any of our committee that you may know, found at <https://www.cranbrookods.org.uk/committee>

Outside of the Queens Hall, we now turn to the social calendar. On June 1st, our one and only Robin will be hosting a quiz so grab your buddies from a previous show, drag along your friends and convene for a night of knowledge and laughter. Tickets will be available soon from our usual lines so keep your ears and eyes open for both the announcements and for potential team mates!

Flishinghurst remains our faithful storage facility but we are due to have some much needed building work done over the summer. To allow this to go smoothly, we are having a Flishinghurst clear out day on April 14th. Many hands make light work so if you can spare an hour or two to pop along and help, it would be greatly appreciated. The kettle will be on!

Hope to see you all soon and enjoy the lighter evenings,

Little James

TWELVE

CRANBROOK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS
An adaptation by Louisa Nelson Chambers. Based on the TV play by Reginald Rose

TWELVE

**QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE
CRANBROOK**

Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th April - 7:30

Tickets £12 - ticketsource.co.uk/cods

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Nursery & Peter Jones (Opticians)

**PARENTAL
ADVISORY**
ADULT THEMES
STRONG LANGUAGE

TWELVE

STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS - WHY WAIT?

<https://www.cranbrookods.org.uk/tickets>

Rehearsals are very nearly over and the performance dates are now within touching distance. Thursday April 4th to Saturday 6th. IF YOU HAVEN'T BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS. Book Now!

THE CAST



TWELVE

MEET THE BACK OF HOUSE TEAM



This has been a great production to work on, with a fabulous cast to work with. I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to have worked with so many talented people. A huge shout out to all the Back of House Team who have put so much effort in this to have made this the production it is.

I DO HOPE YOU WILL COME AND SUPPORT THIS FABULOUS PRODUCTION

By booking your tickets

COME AND SEE WHAT ALL THE HYPE IS ABOUT

You won't be disappointed!

SUPPORT NEEDED

A date for your diary...

Please, please come along to help out with a bit of a clear up at our scenery and set stores at Flishinghurst

Postcode: TN17 2QB

What3words: majority.freedom.reset


Sunday 14th April from 2.30 until about 6ish (whereupon we will adjourn to the pub for beer and cheesy chips)

We will be clearing a couple of the huts ready for the work to begin to renovate and reorganise the site, funded by our legacy from Dennis Russell.

The more the merrier. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible – there will be something for everyone to do, but don't wear your Sunday best.

ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

Cranbrook Operatic and Dramatic Society presents:



The
**Addams
Family**

QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE, CRANBROOK
OCTOBER 31 to NOVEMBER 2 - 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee - 2.30pm

Information Evening: Monday 15th April – 7.30 QHT
Help Night: Thursday 18th April – 7.30pm PAC
Auditions – Sunday 28th April – 2pm QHT
and Monday 29th April – 7.30pm QHT

Annie - annie.hatch33@gmail.com

ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

Save the Dates

for this modern, fun musical with lots of roles for all ages.

Performances 31st Oct - 2nd November

Information evening - Monday 15th April

Help night - Thursday 18th April

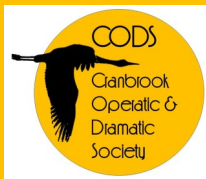
Auditions - Sunday 28th and Monday 29th April.

Download the audition pack from the CODS website Addams Family page

cranbrookods.org.uk/

[2024-the-addams-family-musical](https://cranbrookods.org.uk/2024-the-addams-family-musical)

CODS AGM - 25TH APRIL 7.30PM



Cranbrook Operatic and Dramatic Society

Notification of the AGM

The Chair of the Trustees cordially invites you to join the Trustees and Executive Committee at the upcoming AGM, scheduled for:

Date: Thursday 25th April at 7.30 p.m.

**Venue: PAC (Performing Arts Centre) at Cranbrook School
(w3w: birthing.sapping.passwords)**

Members' apologies to be sent to: cods.secretary@gmail.com

Please come along and listen to what we've been up to, and what we have planned.

Let us know what you think we have done well, and how we can improve the things we are doing.

Voting:

All members of the Trustees and Executive Committee retire annually.

The Trustees will retire, but their resignation will be automatically ratified at the meeting.

The Executive Committee will undergo voting during this meeting.

(Members only are allowed to vote)

Drinks and nibbles included!

If you are not a current member then why not join us now!

2025 SHOWS

CALLING ALL DIRECTORS!

We are looking for director with a proposition for our

Spring Play in April 2025

and another for our

Autumn Musical at the end of October 2025

Are you interested in putting forward a pitch for either of these slots?

If so, please contact a member of your committee or cods.secretary@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you with exciting show suggestions for next year.

CODS PANTO 2024 - ALADDIN

I'm pleased to announce that I'm officially going into partnership with CODS to direct this year's Cranbrook pantomime "Oh yes I am". I'm thrilled to be taking on the panto mantle and want to bring a traditional fun, family pantomime experience whilst driving standards to create a legacy pantomime that Cranbrook can be proud of! See poster below for show dates.

This year's pantomime will be run slightly differently to normal for a number of reasons one being it is me Jack Davidson in partnership with CODS rather than the usual set up. My aim is to produce a family panto at a high standard using a strong core of lead performers and producing a magical professional experience for all. I want a large ensemble of children, my aim is to have at least two teams of children with them being a pivotal part of the panto and not just an afterthought. Panto is a serious art form and is usually a child's first experience of live theatre so we have a duty to do it justice! Christmas is a busy time of year for everyone so I have condensed the process down with main rehearsals starting

November 4th (after Addams Family) last rehearsal before Christmas will be the 19th December

Dress/tech 27th December

Show times -

28th-1pm and 6pm

29th-1pm and 6pm

30th- 6pm

There will be a read-thru and concept rehearsal day on Sept 15th 10am-2pm. At this rehearsal you will be given scripts and songs. You will then be expected to be off script by first main rehearsal on the 4th of November. This is how we can utilise the most of the short rehearsal run and focus on the energy and slapstick needed.

Auditions will be via audition tape (for the adults) and will include a panto style song of your choice and some panto dialogue (pieces will be made available soon). Audition tapes for adults to be in by May 25th and sent to backofficedance@gmail.com. Audition info to follow shortly. Child auditions will be held end of May beginning of June dates to follow shortly.

CODS PANTO 2024 - ALADDIN

Character list will be announced in the coming weeks so watch this space for more details..

I have a cracking team around me of people who have a wealth of knowledge and a love for panto! If anyone has any questions please get in touch backofficedance@gmail.com or 07863132920.

Hope to see you all soon

Jack Davidson



QUIZ NIGHT - 1ST JUNE

CODS QUIZ NIGHT

1ST JUNE

CRANBROOK SCHOOL

DOORS 7PM

QUIZ STARTS 7.30PM

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EVERYONE WELCOME

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Contact Rebecca for more info -

rebecca.e.evans@hotmail.co.uk

GEORGE HUDSON

We recently received the very sad news that CODS' former President and star tenor of years gone by, George Hudson, has passed away.

George was our leading man in so many shows from the 1950s through to his last show in 2004 'Trial By Jury' (you may recognise some performers in this photo!)

George had been a member of CODS for more than 65 years.

We send our sincere condolences to George's family.



Thanksgiving service is Thursday 25th April. 2pm at St Dunstan's Church. (Private family cremation beforehand). Afterwards at the Vestry Hall.

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Any questions about what you have read?
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If you have any news, views, or ideas for what YOU
want to see in CODSWALLOP, let me know!



CODS MEMBERSHIP

Membership to CODS is from 1st January to the end of December. It is only £10 per annum. Only CODS' members are allowed to take part in productions, whether it is a play, musical or a Pantomime.

In order to renew your membership (current members) please complete the new membership form that was emailed to you at the beginning of January. Payment can be made via bank transfer. Please email the completed form to:

cods.secretary@gmail.com

If you are not a current member, but would like to join our flourishing society, then please email:

cods.secretary@gmail.com and request a membership form.

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