



# HI NOTES

## Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society Newsletter

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### '42<sup>nd</sup> Street'

What a great show with many superb moments and slick and fantastic dance routines! The dancing, the music and the costumes were fantastic and everyone who saw the show thought it was as good as the West End – praise indeed!! The show sold just over 62%, not as good as we would have liked but it appears that the bills are coming in under budget, so that's a good thing!! Our congratulations to all concerned for what was a happy, superb show – on stage and off stage – we are lucky to have such a great team. Sheila did a fantastic job of the directing and choreographing, and our thanks also to Gill for the fabulous orchestra! Well done all!

**Programme** Programme sales amounted to £2,350 and a good profit of £750 plus the advertising revenue will be made.

**Raffle** A wonderful figure of £1,556.80 was made on the raffle – congratulations Chris Owen and helpers!

Our **Charity** for the show, MIND in Somerset, will benefit from £1 from all the seats sold on Charity Night (316) and from the bucket collections (which amounted to £415.91). A cheque for £750 will be presented sometime in June.

### 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' – 9-19 October

We are pleased to welcome Jeremy Tustin again as Director, and also Kat Stevens, as Musical Director. Lovely to have you both back again Jeremy and Kat!! Erin Darling-Finan has volunteered to be Show Secretary this time. The assisting will be in Sheila Driver's capable hands once again.

We held auditions Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May and after great deliberations have a fantastic cast, the main parts detailed below:

Caractacus Potts	Nick Harris
Truly Scrumptious	Jennifer Holland-Brewer
Grandpa Potts	Steve Williams
Jeremy Potts	Ewan Cassell/Ben Read
Jemima Potts	Olivia-Rose Wiehahn/ Fenella Milner
Baron Bomburst	Steve Harland-Brassington
Baroness Bomburst	Kern Champion
The Childcatcher	Shaun Driver
The Toymaker	Steve Roberts
Boris	Luke Whitchurch
Goran	Nick Toop
Lord Scrumptious	Fred McLoughlin
Mr Coggins	Duncan Wright
Junkman	Mark Rudd
Miss Phillips	Sally Matthews

Well done everyone. May I add how wonderful it was that we had so many enthusiastic members came along to audition – there really were some fantastic auditions.

Then on to –

**'Sound of Music'** – next Spring. We are delighted, once again, to welcome our own Sheila Driver as Director and Gill Merrifield as Musical Director – what a great team!!

Put the show dates in your diary: Tuesday 10 March – Saturday 21 March 2020.

Further on into the future –

### 'Chess'

We are pleased to announce that our autumn 2020 production will be 'Chess', music by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus (of Abba fame) with lyrics by Tim Rice. Dates for the show are 6 - 10 October, 6 performances in all. We are looking for a local director for this show so if anyone knows anyone – or you would like to be considered to direct the show – please contact Geoff or Paula.

### 'Sweeney Todd' voted NODA best Musical 2018!!

YAOS is delighted to announce that at the recent NODA South West Awards Dinner in Plymouth, our 2018 production of 'Sweeney Todd' was awarded BEST MUSICAL – NODA's highest award for all musical shows in the region! Geoff Thresh and Nick Mountjoy were in Plymouth to receive the award on everyone's behalf. Many congratulations!!

### Position of Business Manager

We are very sorry that Lorna has had to stand down from this position due to pressure of work. We would like to thank her for the work she has done in this respect.

The Committee is in the process of splitting the jobs that come under the Business Manager's umbrella – Mark Rudd, of course, is in charge of tickets; Social Media will be undertaken by Lucy Crane; general publicity by Jean Rudd and the other topics pertaining to Business Manager will be resolved shortly.

## **The Silver Singers**

The group is still meeting regularly on the second Tuesday in the month (not July and August) at Edwards House at 2.15 pm. If you would like to join them contact Mark and Jean Rudd on 01935 422231.

## **Car Parking at Yeovil Showground**

The Society has been asked to take part in 'parking cars' for the Car Boot sales that take place every Sunday morning (this will be once a month). The Society will get 50% of the proceeds for undertaking this so if anyone would like to help in this way then contact Lucy Crane on 07581 203939.

## **Condolences and our love go to –**

The family of Tony Norris, Danny's Dad

The family of Wally Cottrell – Wally played many strong and vibrant leads in 36 shows from 1963 to 1991. Our thoughts and love go to Angela and his 2 daughters

The family of Iris Jenkin – Iris was Society accompanist for many years commencing in 1970

Finally to the family of Joy Bishop. Joy was a long time member for many years mostly involved with Props. Our love and thoughts go to Kate, Alan and the family.

## **Love and our best wishes go to –**

Sue Burgess and Di Jamieson who have both undergone eye operations earlier in the year.

## **NODA Awards**

Please let Paula know if you are due for a NODA long service award this year. Unfortunately, these awards will now have to be paid for. Let Paula know if you want to know the up to date price for an award. The awards will be presented at the AGM in October.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS!! ....**

Your subscription (£20 or £10 for those aged between 14 – 18 years) is due 1 May and should be paid by the end of July. Please give or send to our Membership Secretary, Mary Nichols at 3 Lower Wraxhill Road YEOVIL Tel 425735.

## **Now a few words from Geoff -**

Dear All

I just want to say a few 'thank you's'.

Firstly a big 'well done' to everyone involved in '42nd Street' - what a wonderful show. A huge thank you to Sheila for a fantastic job well done and to Gill for her terrific orchestra and her enthusiasm throughout rehearsals. It was a great team effort by everyone so a big thank you to all.

Another great event was the Cabaret evenings which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and raised around £2000.

Many, many thanks to Chris who worked so hard to see her dream materialize and to everyone who worked tirelessly to make it so successful.

And now onto 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. Great auditions and a brilliant cast which I am sure will result in a fantasmagorical show!

One final thank you to Erin for taking on the job of Show Secretary.

To everyone involved in 'Chitty', onstage, backstage, front of house or, in any other way, enjoy and let us make it another wonderful YAOS production.

Geoff

## **Don't Forget –**

the Suggestions Box in Edwards House! Let the Committee know if you have any tangible comment to make.

**Website** Keep your eye on our website for all information and updates. Our thanks to Guy Burgess for keeping this up to date for us.

The next edition of Hi Notes will be published in December. Please let Paula know if you have any comments to be included.

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