

Westlands Yeovil Entertainment Venue, Yeovil, from October 14-18, 2025



Out of tragedy and adversity comes kindness and community - 9/11 remembered

TALENTED members of the Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society take to the stage this week with the group's latest production - *Come From Away*.

The show is based on the true story of the small town of Gander in Newfoundland which hosted nearly 7,000 stranded passengers after the September 11 attacks forced planes to land there in 2001.

The locals opened their homes and hearts to the *Come From Aways* - offering food, shelter and comfort.

Over several days, strangers formed friendships, romances blossomed, and cultural barriers were broken down.

When the passengers finally departed, both they and the locals were left

profoundly changed, remembering the kindness and community that emerged in the face of tragedy.

YAOS is staging *Come From Away* at the Westlands Yeovil entertainment venue in Yeovil from Tuesday, October 14, to Saturday, October 18, and we'd definitely recommend anyone to go and grab some last-minute tickets for the show.

It might be something a little different to a normal YAOS production, but it is a fantastic show with a hugely thought-provoking story.

The 9-11 terrorist attacks in America were one of those occasions where you remember where you were when you first heard the news.

It is somewhat scary to think that next

year on September 11, 2026, in will be the 25th anniversary of when the world stood still and watched on.

Next up for YAOS will be the classic musical *Fiddler on the Roof* which will be presented at the Westlands Yeovil entertainment venue from March 17-21, 2026. Phone the Westlands box office on 01935-422884 for further information - show tickets could make some ideal Christmas gifts? See the advert on Page 64 for more details.

Come From Away - Cast List: Diane, Jennifer Holland Brewer; Hannah, Helena Reid; Janice, Amelia Meldrum; Beaulah, Karen Pankhurst; Bonnie, Jodie Glover; Beverley, Elly Driver; Mickey/Flight Attendant, Lucy Capes; Delores/

Customs Officer, Sian Spencer; Oz, David Hallett; Kevin T, Nick Harris; Kevin J, Rob Reid; Bob, Pedro Meredith; Claude, Duncan Wright; Nick, Ed Creswick.

Production: Director, Naomi Rose-Mock; musical director, Matt Holman-Holmes; assistant director, Charlie Hamilton-Saul.

Band: MD and keyboard, Matt Holman-Holmes; whistle, Jennifer Campbell; guitar, James Kendrick; mandolin, Dan Shaw; drums, John Rackham; percussion, Charlie Lawson; fiddle, Christine Bull; bass, Nigel Dodge.

PHOTO: The cast of *Come From Away* ahead of the full dress rehearsal on October 13. Photo: Yeovil Press.