



Members'

Bulletin

Hello, again!

Apologies for the delay in getting this second issue out to you, I hope you enjoy it.....

Parking @ HQ

Just a gentle reminder, please, to NOT park your vehicles outside HQ. Terms of our lease state that only people dropping off/picking up, or those with blue (disabled) badges, are authorised to park there. The Ballet Company have also been reminded. The carpark is FREE and we urge you to use it at all times. Saturdays are difficult because of the Park Run, I know, but running late for a rehearsal is not an excuse!!!

Website

It would be really helpful if you could let Jessica Broad have your feedback regarding the new website, please. Updates are added daily, so it is in your best interest to visit it regularly.

Values

Thank you Tom Tull for volunteering! We still need more of you to form the working group, which will be chaired by Claire Carr. Please email/text me.....Your society, your values. Nuff said.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

On Friday 26th March, Patrick Tucker was awarded life membership of CAODS. Our president, Gill Plumtree, surprised Patrick with his award before the start of a 'Legally Blonde' rehearsal. He has been with the society for many years, not only playing many principal roles, but also as Chairman and Musical Director. Congratulations Patrick!

99.5 %



Well, we (nearly) did it! Our audiences loved it ❤️ Thank you to everyone on stage and off who helped make 'Legally Blonde' such a huge success. We **broke even** - only just - which just goes to show how important it is to sell, sell, sell those tickets.....

Future shows....

Thanks for your suggestions - keep 'em coming! Here's what's been discussed so far:

- **Made in Dagenham** - being done by other local societies this year (Brentwood) so no licence available - possibility for 2018?
- **Oliver** - CYGAMS next show
- **Sweet Charity** - currently has performance restrictions in place and is not a good seller
- **Hair** - contains nudity - not deemed appropriate for the society
- **Titanic** - CAODS performed in 2012 - too soon to repeat
- **My Fair Lady** - currently unavailable
- **42nd Street** - we last performed in 1997 - available
- **Spamalot** - Springers next show at Civic - not much for ensemble to do
- **Cabaret** - not available
- **Mack & Mabel** - available
- **Adams Family** - not available
- **Calamity Jane** - Police Society's next production, so not ideal
- **Singing in the Rain** - we last did this in 2005, so possibility...
- **The King & I** - lots for children to do, but not much for men
- **The Sound of Music** - not much for company to do
- **Kiss Me Kate** - available



Production Team Announced

Ray Jeffery will be your director and Bryan Cass will be waving his baton as Musical Director. Thank you to those who offered their support as PA - I can now reveal that Robyn Gowers will be your Production Assistant, with Jill Gordon as your Dance Captain. Thank you, ladies! Thanks must also go to M&G for their £1000 sponsorship of the production.

Some rehearsal dates for your diaries:

Workshop:	Sun 20th March, 10am-4pm
Pre-audition music:	8th/13th/15th/20th/22nd April
Auditions:	Sat 23rd April
Friday/Saturday calls:	20th/21st May 3rd/4th, 10th/11th June 1st/2nd, 8th/9th July 22nd/23rd July (10 - 2.30) 16th/17th September 23rd/24th/25th September

Circus Skills Workshops:

Weds 30th March

Weds 6th April

To be run by Brad Wendes.

CAODS are delighted to be working in partnership with *Team Kinetix* for this production.



Minutes (edited) of Committee Meeting

9th February 2016

Matters Arising: Patrick Tucker to be award Life Membership. Presentation to be made at rehearsals ✓

Legally Blonde: Attendance at rehearsals better. Cast changes made. Scenery arrangements agreed. Dog licences sorted ✓

Barnum: Some rehearsal dates may have to be changed due to Ray's other commitments. Dance Captain and PA roles discussed (now appointed✓) In discussions with South Essex Gymnastics Club re show sponsorship. £1000 sponsorship received from M & G.

Show suggestions: Can now be made via the new website. Members to be kept informed via Bulletin ✓ The role of Show Rep will be introduced for Barnum - will ask CYGAMS what they do.

Publicity: Photos to be taken at Hylands House. Need to find someone to set up equipment in town centre. Shout out request submitted to Elaine Paige show on BBC radio 2. Interviews arranged with BBC Essex and Essex Chronicle. Winner of LB tickets from Chelmsford Cathedral evening to be selected ✓

Social: Barnum workshop with Ray on 20th March. Abigail's Party on 30th April.

Membership: Most members paid up. Unpaid members without email access will not receive future copies of the Bulletin. We have four potential new members via website. Show fee needs clarification.

Treasurer's Report: (at the date of this meeting, ticket sales were at 58%)

Website: Handover to Jessica Broad complete. More feedback to be sought via Bulletin ✓

Bulletin: To include show suggestions and (edited) minutes of last Committee meetings ✓

Survey: Issues raised were discussed, but not completed. Further discussion needed at separate meeting (date to be arranged) before feedback can be given.

Any Other Business: Members to be reminded about parking regulations at HQ via Bulletin ✓ Director for/and Spring 2017 production discussed, yet to be confirmed.

Date of next meeting: 8th March 2016



Congratulations to our February winners:

#70 Paul Carr £30

#37 Charlie Cartwright £20

#119 Steph Yorke-Edwards £10



A reminder that our next coffee morning will be held at the HQ on
Monday 18th April
Children always welcome!

'Legally Blonde' dress rehearsal photos taken by Christopher Yorke-Edwards, are now available on 2 CDs to purchase from Jean Pinkney for £5. Please email her dandjpinkney@outlook.com or send a cheque. Thank you.



As part of our social/fundraising calendar, some of our members will be performing Mike Leigh's acclaimed play, 'Abigail's Party'.

Beverly and her husband Laurence host a drinks party for a few neighbours in their suburban house. The guests - Angela, her husband Tony, and Sue, a divorcee whose daughter Abigail is having a rowdy party nearby - are subjected to Beverly's desire to be an exemplary hostess.

This event will be held at HQ on Saturday 30th April and tickets cost £15 each, which includes a hot meal. 1970's fancy dress is optional.