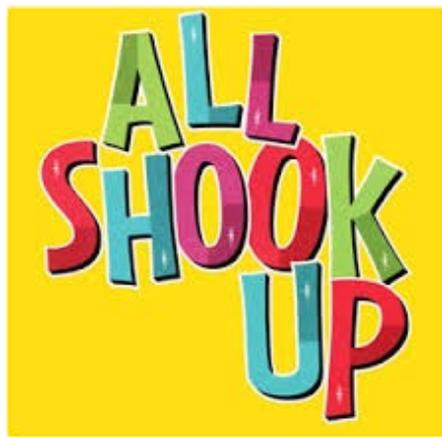




Firstly, a **HUGE** thank you must go to everyone who made the publicity day such a great success! Still a bit disappointed in the lack of non-acting members who turned out on the day to support the society though.... Ticket sales currently stand at around **55%** and we need **80%** just to break even... Flyers are at HQ, so please, grab a handful at costume collection and let's see what we can do - fingers crossed....The publicity team has reported that our 'reach' is better than other local societies - our social media has a phenomenal **630%** engagement! Roles within the team have now been appointed and it would appear that everyone is doing their bit - thanks, guys!



Production team update: happy to report that Becki Wendes will also be taking on the role as PA to Sallie Warrington in this production. We are still looking for a **WARDROBE MISTRESS** for the show, so if you are interested, please **MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN** to anyone on committee - you should know who we are by now! Thanks



**Bryan Cass** has been confirmed as **MD** and the production team have also confirmed there will be **6** all day Saturday rehearsals - more details to follow....

## OTHER STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW.....

The committee are currently reviewing both the society's **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**. Please be reminded, that copies of these will be issued to ALL members around April/May time, in line with membership renewal. There is an expectation that all members should read and sign these terms and conditions, as they form a legal part of our constitution. We also need to keep a record of certified **FIRST AIDERS** to call on the case of a medical emergency during a rehearsal or performance. If you are already qualified, please can you pass your details on to our secretary, Corinne Dobinson. Thanks all in advance 😊

*'Anything Goes' after show party - Bay Horse - see Keeley or Jill for details!*

AUDITIONS 19TH MAY 2018!

# TOP HAT



*BALL ROOM DANCE CLASSES ANYONE? The committee hope to organise this amazing opportunity for members who wish to audition for our 2018 production of Top Hat. The only information I have at the moment is that classes will commence the week after Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - more details to follow. Watch this space!*

*On Wednesday 15th March, 8pm - 10pm, we will be hosting an evening of drinks & nibbles for people to find out more about the society and how they can get involved. Whether you are already a member, thinking of joining or just want to find out more, come along and have a great night. The committee will be there to answer your questions and show you how much fun you can have by being a member of caods. And in preparation for our production of 'All Shook Up', our director, Sallie Warrington, will offer an insight into what she has in store. Come along to Young Gen HQ, Meteor Way, Chelmsford CMI 2RL to find out what all the fuss is about!*

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

*SPOTLIGHT ON: KATIE (HOPE) DORAN - 'Joining caods in September was definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made! It has been such an amazing process and I feel that I have developed so many skills, as well as my confidence. Everyone has made me feel incredibly welcome as a newcomer and they have been so encouraging and supportive as I rehearse for my first ever main part! The show is coming along together so well and I couldn't be more proud of everyone as the weeks go by.... I've always loved dancing and have been training since I was 4, however, since I joined caods, I have found my passion for singing. If someone this time last year had told me that I would be singing on stage, I wouldn't have believed them for a second!'*

## Future shows

*The committee would like to hear your suggestions for our 2019 productions! It's never too early to get the ball rolling when applying for licences and availability of shows, etc, but it can be a long process and may not always result in us getting our first, second or even third choice.... However, rest assured that any suggestions officially received WILL be duly considered and appropriate feedback given. So please, don't just talk amongst yourselves, let us know!*



### NEXT COFFEE MORNING

*Date for your diaries:*

*3rd April*

*Come & taste our selection of yummy cakes! Grandchildren welcome.....*



*February winners:*  
Sue Buxton £30  
Marion Cook £20  
Emily Wilton £10



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01 February 2017

Dear Jean and all at CARODS,

Thank you so much for raising £384.50 for Alzheimer's Research UK by organizing a coffee morning. We're so grateful that you've committed your time and energy to helping defeat dementia. Your donation will help power vital new research that will transform people's lives.

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Dementia is one of the greatest challenges facing the world today. Right now there are 850,000 people fighting dementia in the UK alone, and every 3 minutes, another person develops the condition. Every one of those people has friends and family members for whom the diagnosis will also be a devastating blow. But your support offers them hope, enabling world-class researchers to begin new studies into the causes of dementia, and find new treatments.

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Thank you once again for your generous gift and joining the fightback against dementia.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Atkinson  
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PS. If you'd like to take on a new fundraising challenge for Alzheimer's Research UK, you'll find ideas and inspiration at: [www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/support-us/fundraise](http://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/support-us/fundraise)