

# caods

Chelmsford Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society



Members'

Bulletin

## Just to clarify....

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If I confused you, I'm sorry! Even though we officially sold out for 'Legally Blonde', certain seating constraints put on us by the Civic, mean that we can't actually SELL all the tickets i.e. 1 free ticket is issued for every disabled seat sold. Now we are aware of this policy, Jean will be able to factor it in for future shows.

## It's a bit early, but....

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Christmas is only 7 months away (!) but members of the Social Committee are already looking into the possibility of a hosting an xmas 'do' for members - maybe you have some suggestions? Watch this space..... 🎄

## Our next shows are....

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.....causing us a bit of a problem! Suffice to say that with some there are licensing issues due to either our proximity to London or with other societies in our locality. Rest assured, we are working on it and hope to be able to announce our next productions soon! Keep suggestions coming and Thanks for your patience.....



## Ding dong the bells are gonna chime....

Huge congrats to Carl and Diana Easton, formerly Baker, who tied the knot on April Fool's Day! May you run many miles together and live happily ever after 💕 Also, congratulations to acting member Laura Bradley, who got engaged to Lewis Schaefer on 20th April 💕 Must be something in the water @ HQ.....

## 1970's revival raises £1,106!

Our recent fundraising event featured 5 of our members performing the 70's hit black comedy, 'Abigail's Party'. It was a feast for the eyes and the ears, a trip down memory lane for (almost) everyone in the audience! Thanks to Robyn, Steph, Karen, Barry & Kevin for providing the entertainment, Jean & helpers in the kitchen for the yummy food and FOH for raffle and hospitality. Thanks everyone who came for your support.





### *The Cat that got the shield*

Congratulations must go to CYGAMS on winning the NODA Shield for their recent fantastic production of CATS. The winner from each category was entered for the shield and our Young Genners came out the overall winners - an amazing achievement! Very well done 🐾🐾

## SANCTUS

### *The Sleeping Bag Mission*

One of our members, Elle Woods - sorry - Keeley Denman, recently helped to raise and donate funds of £1000 and some new sleeping bags, to Sanctus in Chelmsford. CAODS played their part in helping this charity by holding a coffee morning and making christmas card donations to the charity. Thanks go to members for your generous support.



## NODA AGM & AWARDS

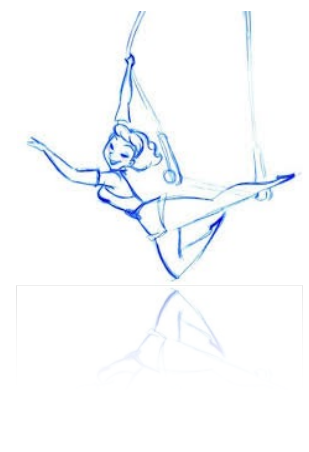
All societies in the Eastern Region are split into 12 areas. We were nominated for best musical in area 8 for both Sister Act and Guys & Dolls. There are only 3 nominations for each area and we got 2 of 'em! Not only did we get nominated, but our production of 'Sister Act' won 🎉 A big shout out must go to Sallie Warrington and her Production Team who put together our award winning show!

and THE  
WINNER  
IS...





The show is now cast (latest cast list on website) and music rehearsals are going very well. We are excited to have the chance to learn more circus skills over the next few weeks. Please can I remind you about the importance to your fellow cast members, as well as the director and production team, about providing stand-in's when you are not at setting calls - you can either let Robyn know, or post your request to the CAODS (Unofficial) Face Book group. Another reminder - this time for the **Publicity Day** in High Chelmer, **Saturday 3 September**. We needs lots and lots of help as we are hoping to have some face-painters for the children and some circus skills taking place throughout the day. Please put this date in your diary **NOW!** Ticket sales are currently at 15% - Friday evening & Saturday matinee selling well. Flyers and posters will be available very soon..... In the meantime - please get selling! Ta.





CAODS 100+ CLUB

APRIL 2016 WINNERS

1 <sup>st</sup>	KAREN WHITEHEAD	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DAWN MARTIN	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	GARETH BARTON	£10

Congratulations to all the winners, Please SUPPORT your society by joining the 100 Club, or join a member of your family, partner, children or grandchildren. Only £1 per month!

Contact Dave Yetton 01245 263537  
Email: [david.yetton@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:david.yetton@blueyonder.co.uk).



Date for your  
diary.....

Our next coffee morning will  
be on Monday 6th June

Hope to see you there!

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Peter says: " Since joining CAODS in 2007 I have performed in 5 fantastic shows and have served on committee for the past 5 years. Having served in that time as the Society Treasurer my present role is to support and advise the current Treasurer, Jean Pinkney. Drawing on the experience of my day job managing a diverse multi-million pound budget in the lesiure industry I advice the Treasurer on accounting, tax and financial matters as required. I also provide a business perspective along with a non-acting members view in my contribution to committee discussions and the decision making processes."*

*Jess says: " I was elected to the committee in December so as a newbie I'm still learning the ropes! Our new website looks fantastic (thank you everyone involved for all their hardwork) but it's still a work in progress with lots of things to update on a regular basis. As the first port of call for many new members we feel it looks great and gives plenty of information about our society and what we do. My main committee "job" is to update the website weekly or, in the run up to show week, daily! With recent news, publicity details, information for members, events, social occasions, show details, reviews, photos and all the little bits and pieces that need to be on there it keeps me busy. The website really does have a lot on it so it's worth checking in and having a look around. As well as the day-to-day running of the website are long term projects are working on updating our mailing list and also getting all our show information and photos from the archive onto the website, with shows going back to 1920 it's quite a task! If anyone has any ideas for the website then please contact me using the online form on the website or my email address is in the members area under committee."*

*Dave says: " I am on the publicity team carrying out various tasks. I also manage the 100 Club and am second signature for payment approvals."*

Jean says: " I think most of you will know me as I have been around for a while, but do you realise as Treasurer what the job entails!

I am responsible for maintaining the records for the society of every penny and pound that we spend and the income to the society. Computerisation has made this much easier, but it is still a time consuming job. I issue cheques and complete on line transfers and reconcile monthly bank statements.

I set budgets for each show, based on past experience, then monitor them and feedback actual costs to the executive committee during the months run up to the shows. The results are finalised after the show is finished and analysed. It is important when choosing a show, that the committee are mindful of the potential costs. I also liaise with the Stage Manager to ensure all requirements are met.

At the end of the financial year, I prepare our year end accounts ready to go to be audited. Balancing to the last penny can prove tricky, but a challenge in itself. These are presented to the members of the society at our AGM and questions can be asked to ensure everyone understands them.

Other parts of the job are renewing insurances, updating our figures on the charity commission website and researching any new products around or new ways of doing things. I also apply for licences, talk to rights holders and liaise with the Civic Box office on sales. To sum it up I am accountable to all members of caods.

So quite a mixture to keep me busy!

P.S. We are still discussing the feedback from the survey carried out in December - our next committee meeting is on 10th May; sorry to keep you all waiting.....