Members' Bulletin November 2018 Editor: Kim Anderson

TOPHAT

What a great week! We have received excellent feedback and reviews. **Huge** thanks to everyone involved in any way with the production, who helped to make it such a success. Tickets were at 85.2% overall - which includes comps - so our actual sold figure was 81.5%. Our budget for the whole show was £40,355 and we are delighted to report that we made in the region of £1,000 **profit!** In addition, we sold 1 in 5 programmes and made a profit of £300 - 31 of these were purchased with the discount code. We also raised nearly £500 for the charity Kids Inspire with our bucket collections in the foyer.

Following a great day of auditions, the show is now cast. However, we still need a few more men to fill some minor roles and ensemble/dancers, so would appreciate any support! Olivia Bentley is Dance Captain and will be assisted by Izzy Churches, with Kieran Bacon as Production Assistant. We welcome new members Rachel Paulson, Sammy-Jo Evans and Frankie Mae. The early bird promotion is now over so will report back next month with an update on how ticket sales went. Currently we need to sell 87% of tickets to break even.





An enjoyable evening was had by all, raising an incredible £557!
Our thanks go to Tracey and all who helped organise it.

New password for members' area on the website is flowers2018







We are looking for some more people to help out on our **publicity team** - this is a huge undertaking that requires lots of helpers on every show. If you are interested, please contact **Claire Carr** or **Cassie Estall** for more information.

You may have heard about the work Peter has been doing on Gift Aid over the last year. Well we have now reaped the reward and our claim has now paid out £1952 for the last 3 years of backdating! Make sure you click on gift aid whenever you pay your membership fees if you are a UK taxpayer.





Monday 26th November Christmas Coffee and Chat 10.30am @ HQ. All welcome! £2.50 all you can eat and drink



This year's Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th December @ 7.30pm for 8pm start. We are looking for new committee members for the next 2 year sitting. If you want more info, please contact Corinne or Claire. And remember - awards will also be presented on the evening, with wine & a Christmas buffet to follow!





October Winners:

Alison Gill £30 Simon Titchner £20 Neville Homersham £10



Friends of Hylands House have asked us to give an hour long concert on Sunday 10th February from 2-3pm. This is a lovely event and we will be in touch with more details in the near future.





The CAODS **New Year lunch** will take place on **Sunday 6th January @ Little Channels**. All members and friends are welcome! Details have previously gone out on email but for those of you who may have missed it, please see menu, opposite:

Dear Member and Friend,

A lunch has been arranged at Little Channels for Sunday 6^{th} January 2019. The menu is attached (any dietary requirements' please let me know). The cost of the meal is £27 per person inclusive and that includes a tip. I would be grateful if you could please return your menu choice as soon as possible. I do require payment by Friday 14^{th} December please, which gives me time to sort things out before Christmas. You can post it to me Cheque payable to D Yetton at 35, Helston Road, Chelmsford CMI 6JF or transfer monies to Lloyds Bank CAODS IOO Club Sort Code 30-91-85 account number 00589529. You will of course settle your own drinks CASH on the day. Hopefully you can join us, and I would be grateful if you could get back to me as soon as possible in the first instance to let me know if you are attending.

Best wishes and thank you,

David Yetton

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MENU

PRAWN AND CRAYFISH TIAN WITH A ROSE MARIE SAUCE.

HOMEMADE SOUP OF YOUR CHOICE
TRIO OF MELON WITH
STRAWBERRIES AND A
RASPBERRY COULIS

ROAST BREAST OF CHICKEN VEGETABLES AND STUFFING.

SIRLOIN OF BEEF.
YORKSHIRE PUDDING, ROAST
POTATOES AND VEGETABLES

SALMON AND BASIL WRAPPED
IN FILO PASTRY WITH NEW
POTATOES

CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE WITH
OREO BASE

STRAWBERRY AND PROSECCO
CRÈME BRULEE WITH HOMEMADE
SHORTBREAD

LEMON MERINGUE PIE SERVED WITH RASPBERRY SORBET.

FOLLOWED BY TEA COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE MINTS.

(CHILDRENS MENU ON REQUEST)

MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT 2019

Dear Members.

Each year it is tradition for the Mayor to raise money for Charities of their choice. This year our Mayor, Yvonne Spence, has chosen two local charities Kids Inspire and The Broomfield Hospital Dementia Project.

The Civic allow the Mayor to use the Civic Theatre free for one night and so as part of the many events being arranged during her year, the mayor has decided she would like a musical evening. Jean Pinkney sits on the Mayors Charity Committee and so she, together with Eric Smart have undertaken a unique one off event with all 5 Musical Societies in Chelmsford. Trinity, Springers, Police Society, Young Gen & CAODS will be joining together for a matinee and evening performance of a musical concert on Sunday 24th March 2019. The title of the evening has yet to be decided.

Cassie Estall has volunteered to be the lead person for CAODS and has attended the first meeting of the group. She has numerous ideas for our part of the show and hopes that you will support her and CAODS in this exciting joint venture. Sallie Warrington will also be working with Cassie on this!

Rehearsals for this event are to take place on a Wednesday evening, starting with a few in December but mainly from the new year. There will be a couple of weekend rehearsals before the event, details to follow.

Due to the numbers the Civic Theatre can hold, each Society has been asked to use no more than 16 people. If more than 16 of you are interested in taking part, we will hold a set of auditions on the 10th Nov AM.

If you would like to be part of the concert please contact Cassie Estall at <u>Cassie.estall@gmail.com</u>. Please also don't be put off if you are a 'My Fair Lady' cast member, Kieran and Cassie will look at individuals if required and work around it.

We look forward to hearing from you!

CAODS Committee

