

Members' Bulletin January 2019

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Firstly can we start by saying that we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and here's wishing all our members, both old and new, a belated very happy new year! It was great to see so many of you at the AGM in December. This was, however, tinged with sadness at the loss of our dear friend, Pat Day. She has touched our lives in many ways over the last 50 years or so and will be remembered, amongst other things, as a stunning actress, crew member, Life Member of CAODS and founding member of Young Gen. The celebration of her life was beautiful, with a huge turnout wishing to pay their respects to our dear Patti - gone, but never forgotten.....

MY FAIR LADY – ticket sales currently stand at **60%**. Thank you to the chaps who have come on board – we now have a full cast! The show is looking great and everyone is working really hard. Better get your tickets if you haven't already – the **matinee is already sold out!!!**

Our chosen **charity** for MFL bucket collection is **CHESS**.

Please be sure to share all posts and info that comes out on all platforms, as the publicity wheel really starts to ramp up now...

On **Sunday 10th February**, some of the cast of MFL and members will be performing an hour long concert for **Friends of Hylands House**. Good luck all!

Preview for Life Members and 'Friends of CAODS' is **Friday 15th February** to start at 8pm. Invites are being sent to guests.



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Show Week:
24th - 28th September.
Audition/Saturday rehearsal
dates
to be announced soon!



We are very excited to receive a NODA Nomination for **Best Musical** for '**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**' Region 8 – The awards will be held on Sun 12th May. Congratulations to everyone involved in the production and well done to the other nominees.



Why not support the Society and become a 'FRIEND OF CAODS'

You will receive some great benefits

- *A Monthly Bulletin giving detailed news about the company and forthcoming productions*
- *Exclusive access to the members area on our website enabling you to see what is going on in more detail*
- *A vote at the AGM*
- *An invitation to our social events*
- *An Invitation for a preview rehearsal evening for our shows*
- *Included in our annual Friends prize draw for 2 seats for each show*
- *A free programme for every show*
- *In return for a donation you become part of the 'caods' family and will be acknowledged as a Friend in our Show programme*

*All you have to do is to contact our Membership Liaison committee member
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*who will send you a form to complete which you will return with your minimum
donation of £40 per annum*

. This donation is in addition to any other fees charged if performing in a show.

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The Committee proposed a change to the term Vice-Presidents which was felt to be rather antiquated and numbers had been reducing over the last few years. At the AGM members voted to introduce the new title of 'Friends of CAODS' with the above package of benefits and cost. Perhaps friends and family might like to become a 'friend of'? What a lovely way to support the society and have a few perks also!

A PLEA.....We are looking to recruit some more helpers to operate the Lime Ops (follow spots). Please get in touch if you would like to help out – full training will be given.



The Rules of the Society have been updated and are now available to view on the Members' Area of the website. This includes the changes to the term Vice-President and the introduction of our new 'Friends of CAODS'. It also now makes redundant the use of Membership Cards which were no longer in use.

Save the Date – Race Night Saturday 30th March at HQ. Full details to follow.....

Mayor's Concert – a number of societies in Chelmsford are pulling together, including CAODS and Young Gen, for the Mayor's Concert to celebrate amateur theatre in the City. Tickets are now on sale from Civic Theatre Box Office. The show will be held on Sunday 24th March @ 2.30pm and 7pm at the Civic.



Our next coffee mornings @ HQ are
Monday 28th January &
Monday 18th March



November winners: 1st Maria Richards, 2nd Janet Castle & 3rd Bethany Yetton.

December winners: 1st Kim Anderson, 2nd Janet Castle & 3rd Paul Carr

AGM winners: £75 Cassie Estall & £50 Angela Broad

January winners: 1st Becki Wendes, 2nd Toby Buxton & 3rd Paul Carr

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2019: Claire (Chairman), Jean (Treasurer & Vice-Chairman), Corinne (Secretary), Dave, Kieran, Cassie, Steph, Christine & **introducing Lynette.**

Thanks to Peter who has stood down.

Committee info will be on the Members' area and on the board at the HQ.



SAVE THE DATE! To celebrate our Centenary year in 2020, our 100th Anniversary Ball will be held on 21st November at The Lion Inn, Boreham.

"The Caods Christmas/New Year Lunch was held at Little Channels on Sunday 6th of January. 60 People attended and all had a thoroughly good afternoon. Ex Members who had been in productions many years ago reminisced about the various parts they played and what went wrong on stage !! It was nice to see members of various ages all talking and laughing together. **The next Christmas/ New Year Lunch has been booked for SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2020.** Afterwards Lynette and John Sullivan invited everyone back to their house to finish the day off with a drink and nibbles, this was very much appreciated, so many thanks to them."

NEW ARRIVALS!

Congratulations to Laura McCullagh who recently gave birth to baby Alfie. Also to Lee and Kirsty Masser who welcome their 4th child, Darcie, born on 8/11/18 and last, but not least, to Jill and Jake Burtenshaw who welcome baby Miles to their family, born on 19th January.

Congratulations also to Ellie Pepper who recently got engaged to Rob Darrall



An email has already gone out announcing the sad news of Neville Homersham, who died last Monday. Neville was one of our VPs and a long standing supporter of CAODS. Our sympathies go to dear Audrey Hinton. See email for funeral details.

We were delighted to finish the year at Christmas by awarding Life Membership of CAODS to Christopher Yorke-Edwards.

Christopher joined the society in 1976 for our production of 'Hello Dolly'. He soon became heavily involved in the society, working on the Committee, performing both on stage and off-stage since then. For the last 42 years Christopher has been a very valued member of CAODS, organising Old Time Music Hall fundraisers, being our Company Photographer, working as the Editor of our society Bulletin as well as Designing and producing the Programmes for many years.

Even in most recent years, despite not performing on stage and easing off these roles, he is always there to help and support the society.

Thank you Christopher and congratulations on your award from all your friends at CAODS.

Pictured presenting Christopher with his award is CAODS President, Gill Plumtree.



The winners of this year's awards at the AGM were Fae Goldsworthy, who received the Committee's Member of the Year and Cassie Estall, who was awarded Members' Member of the Year. Well done, Ladies!