

Stage Whispers.



Henley~on~Thames Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society

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ChairWords

The year is racing on, tempus fugit and all that! Summer is here... and before we know it, the Regatta and Festivals, Henley Music and Fringe, will be upon us. *The Boyfriend* is over – great fun for the cast and very well received by the audiences - a big hand to director Ray Burton for that and now on to *Raffles of Singapore*. It seemed such a long way off when we told Ian Senior and Richard Cleghorn-Brown in 2008 that we would take on the show in November 2010, but now, the auditions are upon us and publicity is in the planning. Check out the music from the show on the Raffles page. The songs were sung for us by two professional West End singers and sound fantastic. More about this later.

Because time flies so quickly, it is important to make sure that an excellent programme of shows is in the pipeline for the future and I am sure that you have all noticed on the website that the line-up for 2011 is *Follies* in the Spring and *Little Shop of Horrors* in the Autumn. So, I am delighted to be able to announce that Judy Yates, a long-standing member of HAODS with vast experience of large scale productions will be directing *Follies*, and Lloyd White – who raised the bar with his brilliant production of *West Side Story* for us a couple of years ago will be directing *Shop of Horrors*. They will be announcing their production teams very shortly, so keep your eyes on the web site.

Incidentally – the more people who hit the web-site the better as it keeps our profile up on Google, which will encourage other people to click on too!

Julie Huntington
Chairman

It's that time again.... Subscriptions Due....

Annual Subscriptions were due on 1st June. There are four ways of paying:

- By Banker's Order – cut off the top of the enclosed Form and send to your bank
- By cheque to Linda – use the bottom part of the enclosed Form
- By Cash (with the bottom part of the Form) to any Committee member
- By direct Electronic Transfer from your bank to HAODS bank, which is

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The amounts:

Ordinary, Acting Member	£30.00
Associate, non-acting Member	£15.00
Student (in full-time education)	£10.00
Senior (retired and over State Retirement Age)	£10.00
Patron	£50.00

100 Club Winners In March the luck passed to **Angela Pengilley** and then to **Peta Bowyer** in April

These draws are usually at our **Club Lunches** held in the Green Room on third Saturday's of every month – next is **Saturday 19th June** at 1.00, hosted by Pauline Smith and Hazel West-Manning. For £5 you get a delicious lunch including a glass of wine and masses of chat and gossip!



The Boy Friend .All who saw it will remember it as a lovely show up to HAODS high standards. Congratulations to Director Ray Burton, and everyone else involved in any way..



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HAODS Summer Party Saturday 31st July From 5.00 pm

Once more our Rosalie Raymond is letting us use her delightful home and grounds at Pinkney's Green. For £10 you will have a superb buffet supper and glass of wine.

Ian and Richard, creators of Raffles, will entertain you with some songs. Angela Pengilley will also be there to accompany us for a 'singalong'.

Numbers need to be known for catering – so call Ann Jenkin on **07712 003133** or email her jenkinann@yahoo.co.uk

EXCITING NEWS!! Our Musical for the Kenton in **April 2011** is **FOLLIES**.

We are delighted to announce that we are fortunate to have, as Director, **Judy Yeates**, who has been acting in and directing HAODS shows for over 40 years! She writes - book by James Goldman and music by Stephen Sondheim. **EXCITING NEWS** – this wonderful, interesting, emotional show challenges the Society because the number of parts for all ages is phenomenal. The amount of dancing is fantastic! We will need you all – the dancers we saw in West Side Story and The Boy Friend plus many more. Put next winter in your diaries for lots of fun rehearsal and what should be a fantastic production – without ALL you acting, singing, dancing members it won't happen. Looking forward to seeing you (raring to go) in November – Judy

More Exciting News...

Lloyd White, who directed West Side Story for us, has agreed to take on that wonderful, quirky, but so entertaining musical show, **Little Shop of Horrors** in **November 2011**



Drama and Song Evening Saturday 19th June 7.30 pm

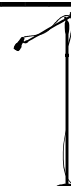
We know that many of you find it difficult to get to the Drama Festivals so this is your chance to see **The Ladybirds** and **A Landlord's Tale** – plus some new poems by our **Wendy Huntley**, an acoustic piece by **John Ralls** and something from **The Black Angels**.

Plus a **Fish and Chip Supper** and wine by donation – all for **£10 in our Green Room**. Book with Ann Jenkin on **07712 003133** or email jenkinann@yahoo.co.uk

Raffles of Singapore - Now The Boy Friend is over it's all Go! Go! For this show. Open Auditions start on Sunday 6th June; dancers on 7th and 'follow-up' auditions on Sunday 13th. All enquiries to Director Julia Rymer on 07786 620623 or PA Ann Jenkin 07712 003133. Musical Director is Andrew Smith and Choreographer Emma Taylor.

And behind the scenes such things as the (so far very) successful campaign for sponsorship continues and planning of publicity. Lots more background and history on our website.

Open Mic Nights We've had two so far and, artistically and musically, they were excellent. Well done all the performers! The next will probably be in September.



In the meantime any enquiries please contact **Daisy** on daisy_me20@hotmail.com (between the 'y' and 'm' is an underscore) or phone 07983 333757

Play Reading for Fun **Monday 5th July 7.45**

This time there will be two comedies (although you wouldn't believe it from the titles!). After the readings your opinion will be welcome as to whether one (or both) would be suitable for performing to a paying audience in the Green Room.



'Granny Must Die' by Ian Townsend. Granny has made a pact with the Devil – so how can the family rid themselves of this monstrous old bag?

'Die, not Live'. Mark Draper receives a headstone with his name on it – just the first of many happenings telling him he is dead...

Nibbles with coffee or wine for a moderate contribution – see you there!

May Day Fun Run Your Society's healthy annual fund-raiser on **Monday 3rd May** attracted over 230 runners on a slightly windier and chillier day than we might have wished for



Peter Hopkins was awarded the trophy for being the first HAODS member to finish.

Big 'Thank You' to all those members who helped in so many ways to make this another successful event.

Halloween Mystery Murder **Saturday 30th October**

Advance notice for your diaries – in our Green Room with supper.

Annual General Meeting **Monday 27th September 8.00 for 8.15**

This very important event will be in our Green Room. Our President, Simon Williams, expects to be there to preside over us

Not too early to think about who you would like to be on the Committee – or off it....It's your Society – make things happen...

Festival Plays **The Ladybirds** and **A Landlord's Tale**, their last performances in the Festivals, will be at the **Corn Exchange, Wallingford**, on **Friday 18th June**. Give them all your support in that lovely little theatre. A round up of how well these wonderfully enjoyable productions have done will be given when it's all over

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Peggie Wilcock, who is ?? years old (truly that old? – yes!) has just got a computer – she wishes she had got it years ago! It really is never too late.....

Help Your Society still needs Volunteers to have a go at **Stage Whispers Editor;** **Website Editor; Membership Secretary;** and, now **Green Room Manager** too. Give Julie or Martin – or any Committee Member a call – or let us know who is waiting to be asked.

This is your Committee:

Julie Huntington	Chair; Publicity and Wardrobe	07877 864234
Martin Jarvis	Secretary, Green Room Manager	01491 412103
Bryan Villars	Treasurer	01491 838960
Nicoletta Hartin	Assisting Publicity	07747 400532
Jo Hunt	Front-of- House Convenor	07593 631920
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Ann Jenkin	Social Events	07712 003133
Daisy O'Halloran	Open Mic Nights	07983 333757
Mark Staunton	Assisting Publicity; Fun Run	01189 472389
Claire Wallis	Festival Play; Play Readings	07747 087730
Linda Selway (not Committee)	Membership Secretary	01491 410262
Jason Huntley (not Committee)	Green Room Bookings	01865 363399

Dates for your Diary 2010

Sunday 6 th June	from 11.00 am	Raffles Open Auditions	Green Room
Monday 7 th June		Raffles	Dancing Auditions
Sunday 13 th June	from 11.00	Raffles	follow-up Auditions
Friday 18 th June		The Ladybirds and The Landlord's Tale	at The Corn Exchange, Wallingford
Sat 19 th June	1.00 pm	Club Lunch and 100 Club Draw	Green Room
Sat 19 th June	7.30 pm	Drama and Music Evening	Green Room
Mon 5 th July	7.45	Play Readings	Green Room
Sat 17 th July	1.00 pm	Club Lunch and 100 Club Draw	Green Room
Sat 31 st July	5.00 pm	Summer Party	at Rosalie's
Mon 27 th September	8.00 for 8.15 pm	AGM	Green Room
Sat 30 th October		Halloween Mystery Murder	Green Room
Sat 13 th to Saturday 20 th November		Raffles of Singapore	Kenton Theatre
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10 th to 16 th April		Follies	Kenton Theatre
12 th to 19 th November		Little Shop of Horrors	Kenton Theatre

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