

CODSWALLOP!

The Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Cranbrook Operatic and Dramatic Society Presents:

Silly Shorts

Fri. 24th &
Sat. 25th
June



Music, Sketches, Plays & Silliness

Tickets from:

www.cods.ticketsource.co.uk

UberSports & The George Hotel, Cranbrook

or

01580 713887

7.30pm Start at the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook

Includes:

The Accident by Herb Hasler, Questions by Susan Vest
& When the Hurley-Burley's done by Gill Medway

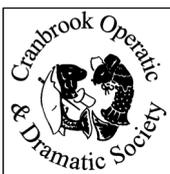
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**“NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE HEALING POWER OF
SILLINESS AND ABSURDITY.” – STEVE MARABOLI**

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Hi Folks, so where has almost half the year gone already!?
Where does the time go?

I subscribe to Mr Oettinger's theory: "Time flies like an arrow;
fruit flies like a banana."



This sort of silliness is exactly what you can expect from Silly
Shorts at the end of June! So please take a look at the latest details on page
four and spread the word to friends, family and fungi (I would make a silly
joke here but there's not mushroom in this newsletter...sorry!)

Let's hope it's half as successful as our Spring Play, Cards on the Table, which
attracted good audiences and has gathered a clutch of nominations for the
KDA Awards, see details later. Congratulations to Annie and all the cast on
the show and good luck to those nominated.

Looking forward, rehearsals have started for Gypsy and the cast are throwing
themselves into learning new skills and honing old ones. Directors and crew
are already overcoming the challenges every big show like this faces, so it
would be fantastic to see the whole society get behind this show and
encourage everyone you know to come and see what promises to be a
glorious musical full of show-stopping moments. Tickets are already on sale
at cods.ticketsource.co.uk

On other shows, you may have already seen that unfortunately there will no
longer be a CODS production of "Betrayal" at the Ellen Terry Theatre in
September. It's a shame that this experiment in trying a somewhat different
format and output for CODS has not been possible this year, but the good
news is that we are calling for Directors to come forward and pitch small
plays for a similar slot at "The Barn" next year. See more details on this and
the other opportunities available and shows already selected in the
2016/2017 programme later in the newsletter.

Back to time and silliness, remember that life's too short to take things too
seriously, so if you can't laugh at yourself, give me a call and I'll laugh at you
instead!

Cheers everyone, James

SILLY SHORTS

Silly Shorts - 24th and 25th June - Cranbrook

Get your tickets at cods.ticketsource.co.uk today

The Accident



A play within a play with no props or set (that being close to the point).

A small theatre company is preparing for the opening night of their friend's original play when an accident prevents the truck carrying costumes and props from arriving. Determined to salvage the production, the actors stage the play using other actors and their stagehands as scenery...

Questions

A short play, with a minimal set.

Edward is getting annoyed with the nurse who is giving him his home visit check-up.

She's asking all sorts of silly questions when he knows that he's perfectly fine. But not everything is as Edward remembers it.



Fish! and other Animals

A compilation of Silly sketches and short comedy set pieces to take place around the town.



When the Hurlley-Burley's done

A different take on the classical Shakespearian scene...

Three very familiar hags are gathered at a local spot, but a certain Thane is running late. The ladies discuss their options and possible plans, before finally getting down to the business of the night.

NOTICES

CODSWALLOP!

We aim to release the newsletter bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November, shortly after the Committee Meeting (on the 2nd Friday of the month, in CODSWALLOP months). All articles need to be submitted by the Friday following the meeting, keeping them concise (under two pages) with contact for, or links to, further information if required.



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We are continually looking to improve CODSWALLOP! Please contact Lee on leedavehatcher@gmail.com with your thoughts. Thank you.

THURSDAY EVENING WORKSHOPS

We have been running informal, drop-in workshops in the PAC alongside rehearsals for the forthcoming show. To date we have had dance workshops, run by Lisa and also specialist 'Lindy Hop' workshops, run by Charlotte. These have been great fun and well attended. It is a great way to keep in touch even if you are not in the next production, as well as learning a new skill or improving an old one.

We would like to know whether there are any members out there who have a particular skill and are willing to run a workshop or two to teach society members, also if there are any skills which members would like to learn at a Thursday evening workshop/course. Please get in touch with a member of the committee to let them know.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

A copy of the society's Rules and Constitution is available on our website, please go to the following link to view these - <http://www.cranbrookods.org.uk/committee/constitution.pdf>

SHOW SELECTION

We're happy to let you know that the 2017 Spring Play will be Alan Ayckbourn's "A Chorus of Disapproval" directed by Jack Davidson and the 2017 October Musical will be "Scrooge" co-directed by Lisa Ferris and Rachel Croft-Golding.

More details on these exciting productions can be found at the links below and we'll be sending out more details as we get closer to the dates.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Chorus_of_Disapproval_\(play\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Chorus_of_Disapproval_(play))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scrooge_\(musical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scrooge_(musical))

There are still some opportunities available to pitch for in 2016/ 2017 including the 2016 and 2017 December Pantomime, the 2017 Summer Show slot – anything from a Singalong to more Shorts or anything else creative someone can think of! And last but not least there's a chance for directors to pitch a small play to be produced by CODS at the Ellen Terry Theatre, Smallhythe Barn in September 2017. As mentioned before for this slot, there needs to be a small cast, with minimal set, costumes and other production values but high in quality and creativity!

As ever, anyone interested in pitching for these open opportunities should contact Angela Woodcock via secretary@cranbrookods.org.uk who will supply you with CODS production guidelines and give you details about the steps to be taken.

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GYPSY

Cast

Uncle Jocko	John Wright
George	Roy Barclay
Arnold & Guitar	Jacob Santer
Balloon Girl	Amelie Watts
Baby June	Molly Woods & Ellie Pattenden
Baby Louise	Emmy Wren & Erin Hennessey
Rose	Lisa Ferris
Newsboys	Sasha Angell, Molly Woods, Faith Dorkings, Madidson Hicks, Amelie Watts, Erin Hennessey, Ellie Pattenden Jacob Santer
Weber	Colin P Barnes
Herbie	Andy Fairweather
Louise	Chloe Swan
June	Charlotte Maughan-Jones
Tulsa	Simon Tomlinson
Yonka's	Mark Jeffrey
L.A.	Marion Woolley
Angie	Sarah Hutchings
Kringelein	Roy Barclay
Mr. Goldstone	John Wright
Miss Cratchitt	Sharon Pickles
Farmboys	Simon Tomlinson, Mark Jeffreys, Alexander Kinson, Sarah Hutchings, Chloe Swan, Marion Woolley
Hollywood Blondes	
Agnes	Becky James
Marjorie May	Rachel Croft-Golding

GYPSY

Dolores	Sarah Hutchings
Thelma	Michaela Tick
Edna	Samantha King
Cow	TBC
Pastey	John Wright
Cigar	Colin P Barnes
Tesse Tura	Marion Woolley
Mazeppa	Sharon Pickles
Electra	Angela Woodcock
Showgirls	Samantha King, Rachel Croft-Golding, Michaela Tick, Sarah Hutchings, Becky James
Renee	Michaela Tick
Phil	Mark Jeffrey
Bougeron-Cochon	Roy Barclay
Announcer	James Hanaway

The show runs from Wednesday 26th October to Saturday 29th October, tickets are available now from

cods.ticketsource.co.uk.

CODS are taking part in the procession for Cranbrook's Family Fun Day on Sunday 19th June. We need as many people as possible to take part, hand out flyers to the crowd and promote our upcoming productions. Please come along, especially cast & crew members from Shorts and Gypsy, and meet at the Co-op car park by 11.15am. See you there!

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Any questions about what you have read? Please contact your Codswallop Editor Lee Hatcher: tel: 07539 460571

or email: leedavehatcher@gmail.com

If you have any news, views, or ideas as to what YOU want to see in Codswallop, let me know!



CARDS ON THE TABLE

The KDA nominations are in! Our Spring play, Cards on the Table has several nominations. Well done to all those involved in this production, without you it wouldn't have been the success that it was, and good luck to all the nominees!

Cards on the Table has been nominated in the following categories:

Best Actor in a Supporting Role - Jez Druce

Best Actress in a Cameo Role - Debbie Knight

Best Debut in a Full-Length Play - Andy Fairweather

Best New Festival Director - Annie Chesters

Please note that those in the running for the following awards are not announced in advance: Best Director, Best Play

It's not too late!

Photo CDs from Cards on the Table are still available!

Great memories, courageous hair cuts and loads of oohs.... you can keep your memories by ordering a DVD of over 400 photographs of "Cards on the Table" for just £4.00 (£4.50 if postage required) by contacting Guy Fillmore at

guyfillmore@hotmail.com

- all proceeds to CODS.



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