

NEWS LETTER for DOS & DOSYTCo

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President: GEOFFREY DANN

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A Message from the Chairman

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year.

A big thank you to the production team, cast and crew of Aladdin, what a great show, another certificate winner I am sure. Only people who have been involved in Panto production realise the amount of work and effort that is required to achieve a show of this standard. Congratulations to you all. Special thanks must go to 2 people who we are very fortunate to have associated with our society, Nick and Dougal. Where would we have been without them? A huge thanks to you both.

For those of you who attended the Christmas Party I am sure that you felt as I did that this was a very enjoyable evening - Thanks to Julia and Peter for all the hard work they put into this to make it a success.

So what does 2010 have in store for DOS?

The Play - DOSYTCo musical - Dereham Festival Concert - October Musical.

We are trying to sort out a venue for a Panto as the Memorial Hall should be closed.

(Full details of all these productions and the play cast list appear inside.)

There are more social events planned and I am sure that you will give these your full support. If you have any suggestions for future events please contact Julia with your ideas

Congratulations to all those that managed to get a part in the forthcoming play - Tim Cara, the Director, says it is even funnier than the last one.

The committee are looking at productions for 2011 and the Grand Reopening, so suggestions please on a postcard - no not really, any form of communication will do.

I hope you are all looking forward to this exciting year ahead.

Finally a big GET WELL SOON to Tony - it was great to see you on the last night of the Panto looking so much better - "keep taking the tablets"

See you all soon - Martyn

DOSYTCo - Update from the Chairperson

Auditions went very well for the forthcoming production of Beauty and The Beast with everyone who auditioned being successful. We have a cast of just over 40 who were looking forward to rehearsals again which started on Sunday 10th January. We are delighted that Elaine Shaw will be MD AND Matt Brown will conduct our orchestra and join the production team once he has finished The Producers with the N+N. John has already given a great deal of thought to the production and floor rehearsals and officially started on the 17th Jan.

We are also pleased to say that due to a delay in the start of the work on the Memorial Hall the production will be performed there and not at Northgate School as originally thought.

Prior to Christmas the workshops finished and I am pleased to say that they were a great success with some being professionally led and others led by friends of the society. I think Dosytco has been extremely fortunate to be able to participate in these workshops and everyone has learnt a great deal.

DOSYTCo members will also get the opportunity to join DOS in the concert being performed as part of the Dereham Festival in May.

Emma

Ed's Comments. Well it seems that Issue 01 went down well, thank you for your positive comments, so here we are with issue 02. If you have anything to contribute for future issues, please do send it to me for consideration.

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EVENTS – from Julia



Christmas Party

Held at the Kings Head Hotel on 5th December was a great start to the festive season. Neil (DJ) did a fine job keeping us up and dancing. There were a couple of issues with regard to the arrangements with the temporary Management, but nothing to spoil the good time had by all. Photographs on the website!



Panto Refreshments

I'd just like to say a big thanks to those who helped with the Intervals teas and coffees for the Panto, and provided a wonderful Cast tea on the 2nd January. Geoffrey Dann, Jill Everett, Pat Tabor, Heather Barnard, Lavinia Pirret, Marilyn Cara and Sandra Moore. What a happy and efficient band!!! Thank you very much for your support.



Quiz & Chips Night -- Friday 26th February in the Studio.

Starting 7.30 pm. Sue & Kevin Jude to Officiate. £6.00 each, includes Fish & Chips supper.

Bring your own drink & bread & butter.

Last year's quiz night was a great fun evening so start arranging your teams and let me know how many tickets you would like.

Don't forget to think of a name for your team.

Please note it's the same price as last year – good value too!!

ALADDIN

Treasures report

We had an audience of 2077 over the Aladdin run totally revenue for seat sales of £14,422 over eight performances. This was 124 seats less than last year when the revenue was £15,197. We had five very good, near sell out performances, but three quite indifferent evening performances. However, the overall profit for this year is predicted to be around £3,500 a very good financial result.

We have 75 paid up acting and non-acting members for this current year. The youth acting membership is 73.

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Panto Comments. After 33 years away, I have just experienced a most enjoyable and rewarding 4 months.

Everyone involved in any way with Aladdin, worked hard and so well together, respecting each other's efforts which made Aladdin so successful. DOS is truly a social society, a family. Thank you. (Ed)

(See DOS website for some Panto Photographs Ed)

CONGRATULATIONS. To Vice President Norman Rolfe and his wife Masie who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 25th February. Very best wishes from everyone in the Society

What are we doing next

'Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild
Dramatic Society.
Presents

"The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle"

by

David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr.

Thursday 11th March to Saturday 13th March 2010.

Ticket prices: Balcony £8.00 (no conc.) Stalls £7.00 (conc. £6.00)

BOX OFFICE: HALLMARK. Priority Booking 1st February 2010

For our spring play
At Dereham Memorial Hall,
hard on the heels of last year's
triumphant, 'Farndale Avenue
Housing Estate
Townswomen's Guild
Dramatic Society
Murder/Mystery Play', we
progress from ruining Agatha
Christie to doing our very best
to destroy Hammer Horror.

Our plucky ladies clearly know their lines, but not necessarily the order in which to say them. Led by their perpetual leading lady, Thelma, and under the watchful eye of their indomitable Chairwoman, Mrs Reece, we guarantee that everything that could possibly go wrong will do exactly that, including missed cues, skipped pages, falling scenery and broken props.

The story has echoes of Rocky Horror as an innocent couple of teenager lovers eloping together break down outside a lonely castle. Little can they imagine the trials they will encounter at the hands of its strange owner Lady Madge, and her weird maid Crematoria, or what fate has in store as they wrestle with their destiny to unravel a family mystery.

A really strong cast includes Marea Smithson, Doug Hartley, Paul Gregory, Julie Hewitt, Marilyn Cara and Greg Reeve, and is directed by Tim Cara. The Farndales have now clocked up over 1000 productions from Perth to Perth, Canada to Canberra, and are classic comedies with their own place in theatre.

Apology from the Committee: *The Committee would like to extend their sincere apologies to Members of the Society with regard to the lack of information made available prior to the casting of the play. We will learn from this oversight!*

AND



Our Youth Theatre Company's Production will be:

Disney's "Beauty & the Beast"

Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th April 2010

Dereham Memorial Hall

Box Office HALLMARK. Priority bookings 1st March



The show includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

Maurice seeks shelter in an old castle, whose master is a horrible beast that takes him captive. Maurice's daughter Belle gives up her freedom to save her father. But can Belle tame the unfortunate Beast?

(See DOSYTCO website for Cast list and more details .Ed)

What else are we doing

October Musical.

Tony Wilds is producing the show, with Andy Lofthouse as Musical Director.

A Choreographer has yet to be confirmed.

A couple of evenings will be arranged soon, to introduce DOS members to the characters, music & story of the show.

Our Musical for 2010 will be:

“The Matchgirls”

Book and Lyrics by Bill Owen

Music by Tony Russell

Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th October 2010

Northgate School

Priority Bookings from 13th September 2010

This factually-based musical follows ‘Kate’, and her fellow workers, as they join forces with the famous social reformer ‘Annie Bessant’, to fight for better conditions in the Bryant & May match factor. There are also sub plots, which include Kate’s threatened relationship with docker ‘Joe’.

Despite the subject matter of the musical, a strong emphasis is placed on the positive mentality and natural ebullience of the so called ‘cockney sparrows’, this leading explosively to a number of cheerful, toe-tapping songs and dance routines (think “Oliver” meets “Half A Sixpence”!

The show boasts eleven named female parts, although there can easily be more! They are referred to as “girls”, but all ages are represented. There is also Joe and his fellow Dockers, and other characters, to be cast!

This is a dynamic, passionate, moving and, above all, *fun* show, and requires enthusiastic cast to portray the characters and set the stage alight!

Any queries, contact Tony on 07894 919088

DID YOU KNOW: *(It’s Impossible to lick your own elbow? Ed)*

UPDATE

Memorial Hall

There have been some cosmetic structural changes to the plans, i.e. different roofing materials over the current bar area. These changes do not affect the proposed facilities. The actual bar in the new bar area has been relocated but is still within the bar area; the reasoning behind this move is to avoid possible congestion when people pass through the bar. The Dereham Town Council is seeking tenders at this time. The proposed start date of the build and refurbishment is still May 2010. The alteration to our Studio will be at the beginning of the project and whilst this is happening we will be using the present bar area in the Hall for rehearsals and meetings.

Dave Filer/ John White -----

AND

What else are we doing

For the Dereham Festival we will be performing a concert entitled

"Made in Heaven"

A blend of songs with a spiritual theme from your favourite musicals and films.

Wednesday 26th May in St Nicholas' Church Dereham at 7.30 pm

St. Nicholas Church, which as many of you will already know, is a beautiful Norman church, and one which I know we can fill with music and fabulous voices!

"Made in Heaven" will be a wide variety of songs (so something for everyone) reflecting the joys, prayers and celebrations, comfort, inspiration and hope which its walls have heard and provided throughout its history. We will be singing some of the fabulous numbers from best loved musicals, films and popular music, including songs from: Sister Act, Jesus Christ Superstar, Carousel, Joseph, The Sound of Music, Rent, Godspell, Anything Goes, Martin Guerre and more - plus loads of other great songs originally performed by all sorts of artists.

I am delighted that Charlie Caine has kindly agreed to be our MD. Now what we really need is a wealth of the terrific voices which I know the Society has to offer. It will be an opportunity to take part in some great ensemble singing, in harmonies, together with various solos, duets and group numbers, in a concert style format.

I hope that as many of you as possible will want to come along and take part. Auditions will be held for solo, duet, trio work etc, but if you would simply like to come along and be in chorus numbers, that would be fabulous and no audition for society members is required!

Above all I would like it to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the company.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

David Rees
Director - "Made in Heaven"

The following will all take place in the DOS Studio.

Sunday 7th February at 7.00pm.

There will be a 'Get together' for everyone to find out more about this production.

Sunday 14th February at 7.00pm Auditions.

(If you cannot make the audition on 14th February:- Bring your choice of a song to sing on the 7th February)

Sunday 28th February at 7.00pm First Rehearsal for everybody.

Tuesday 16th March at 7.30pm & Thursday 18th March Main Rehearsals start.

**Then each Tuesday & Thursday though March, April & May at 7.30pm.
(Not everybody will be required at all rehearsals; a list will be issued at first rehearsal.)**

DOS AGM

The Dereham Operatic Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held in the Studio at 7.30 on Wednesday 5th May.

Situations Vacant:

SECRETARY -- PATRONS SECRETARY -- MINUTES SECRETARY
Plus 3 COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

If you are interested in getting more involved in running the Society, please contact any present Committee Member.

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU.

Many of you over the years have worked hard for the Society as committee members
To make it work it does need people to run it.

Everybody, please consider standing for the vacant positions. *(They are quite a friendly bunch. Ed)*
Remember it's your society!

Barbara Wade

Sadly Barbara passed away on the 6th January following illness. She joined Dereham Operatic Society 40 years ago appearing in many Musicals and some Pantos but her greater pleasure was to perform in plays with both Dereham and Swaffham players. It was said "she not only learnt her own line and moves but also knew the lines and moves of her fellow performer". She will be missed.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY 2010

Monday	1 st February	Priority Bookings for the 'Farndale' Play
Sunday	7 th February	Made in Heaven "get together" in the studio
Sunday	14 th February	Auditions Made in Heaven
Friday	26 th February	Quiz & Chip night
Monday	1 st March	Priority Bookings for Beauty & the Beast
Thursday	11 th to Saturday 13 th March	The 'Farndale' Play
Wednesday	14 th to Saturday 17 th April	Beauty & the Beast
Wednesday	5 th May	AGM
Sunday	4 th July	DOS BBQ
Sunday	29 th August	DOS Fun Day
Monday	13 th September	Priority Bookings for "Matchgirls"

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DID YOU KNOW: So did you try? (Ed)