

NEWS LETTER for Patrons and Members of DOS & DOSYTCo

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President: GEOFFREY DANN

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Welcome to the second newsletter of this year, and what a lot has been going on.

Hard Hats at the ready, the studio is cleared – thanks to everyone that helped – the contractors have moved in. Our passageway is now filled with bricks, sand and cement. The long overdue but eagerly anticipated refurbishment has started, now I cannot wait to see it progress and give us our new hall for 2011.

Made in Heaven, our concert for Dereham Festival came and went all too quickly. Well done to everyone involved especially David and Charlie for a concert that was well received, by a good audience in St Nicholas Church.

Matchgirls arrived on the scene and was auditioned/cast and underway very swiftly. Congratulations to all those who managed to get a part and it was really good to see several new members. Shame we did not have more men but this seems to be a problem that we need to address during the coming year. Rehearsals are going well; Greg Fitch has been added to the production team as assistant producer, to help Tony when needed – good to see him back.

Our annual BBQ was again blessed with good weather and fewer than usual of us had a really nice day – thanks to Jane and Chris and to Julia for organising. Thanks also to the ladies of the committee for producing such lovely accompaniments to the meal.

DOSYTCo put on their summer concert in Northgate School, ticket sales did not look good and then to all of our surprises the audiences turned out in numbers. I am sure that like me they were glad they did – what a concert this was, I think it was the best yet. Well done to all the youngsters – the NODA President was very impressed. It is such a shame that Jonathan, their director, is leaving but we can all understand why and we wish him well in his post as Head of Music at Bury St Edmunds.

Congratulations to Threshold Theatre group for hosting a Summer Ball at Dunston Hall; it was nice to see that outside of their group Dereham was next best Operatic Society represented. Thanks to Andy, our MD, for organising that.

Well I think that is nearly enough from me, just a couple of things before I go. Our show for 2011 will be **Me and My Girl** which is about to be re-released. More in the next issue. **Babes in the Wood** will be on at Northgate School starting on 23rd of February

Finally congratulations to our editor who has made it to 65.

Don't forget to look on our website www.dosoc.co.uk

See you soon *Martyn - Chairman*

DOSYTCo Chairperson's report

The summer concert "Spread The Love Around" which was directed by Jonathan Lodge was performed at Northgate High School in July to better than expected audience numbers. We were delighted to welcome the NODA Council President Margaret Coltman and guests to the evening performance which was very well received. This was a great success all round with lots of very positive feedback not only to the solo artists but also to the company as a whole.

After a well earned summer break, workshops will recommence on Sunday 19th September. Once again we will be utilising friends of the society to facilitate workshops as well as having some professionally led workshops. Peter Polycarpou has agreed to return this year and we will also be treated to a stage combat workshop and a drumming workshop (the mind boggles).

There is a strong membership again this year with an increase in the number of members joining from outside the Dereham region, (our reputation is spreading).

We have not yet agreed what the main musical production will be –so you will have to, as is often the case watch this space!

For more information see our new website. www.dosytco.co.uk

Emma

Well here's another issue. Thank you for your positive comments and contributions. I may have to edit them to fit. If you have anything to contribute for future issues, please do send it to me for consideration. (Ed)
peter.havis@btinternet.com

Treasurers Report

We had an audience of 185 for "Made in Heaven" which was performed in conjunction with The Dereham Festival. The accounts showed a slight loss of just under £200 but as we share this with the Dereham Festival we only had a loss of £100, which considering the change in venue and the restriction on what we could sell was not too drastic. Our Summer BBQ made a profit of around £100 which was pleasing. This money will be spent to provide cast teas on the two Saturdays that we are performing Matchgirls and Babes in the Wood. Please support our production of the Matchgirls. We purposely chose an inexpensive show but it will still cost around £15,000 to produce so we need you to come along to the Northgate High School during our run 27th October to 30th October. Tickets will be £9 Balcony £8 Stalls (£7 Concessions for all performances. YOUR COMPANY NEEDS YOU. If you have not renewed your membership yet I will be more than happy to receive your money, £21 acting £10 non- acting.

Margaret White

Social Events

It seems an age since I did an update of Society Social Event

Summer BBQ

The July BBQ was again a brilliant day. Unfortunately the numbers attending was disappointing, but I am told that this was due to other commitments by members and not a lack of interest! Yet again we had a lovely day; I'm not sure how much longer I can go on organising this wonderful sunny weather. Those members who did attend thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Just thinking about the selection of salads and sweets available, and the delicious BBQ makes my mouth water. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to provide such tasty food. Of course a huge thank you to Jane and Chris for allowing us to hold the event at their home.

I am delighted to say that Jane has said that we can hold next year's BBQ in their beautiful grounds. So put the date in your diary. (Sunday 3rd July 2011). It would be lovely to see more of our Patrons at this event. Originally the BBQ was organised so that our Patrons could come along and enjoy an informal time with all members of the Society. Bartles Lodge really is a lovely venue, there are peaceful walks around the fishing lakes and shady places to sit and chat and just enjoy. There are also lots of very friendly people who would love to see you there. So why not make a date.

10 Pin Bowling

I got no response to this suggestions, so must presume that this is not something you are interested in doing.

(Well I would like to, anybody else? Ed)

Family Fun Day

This event, due to take place on Sunday 29th August, had to be cancelled. The Fleece Meadow is not available at present due to the refurbishment work being carried out on the Memorial Hall. However Michael Steward had kindly said that we could hold it at the Barn on his lawn. As it turned out we cancelled due to lack of interest. Perhaps as well, since the Bank Holiday Sunday proved to be a very wet and windy day. We may organise something for next summer.

Christmas Party – Saturday 4th December 2010

I am absolutely delighted to say that the Christmas Party tickets will cost the same as last year. Also, I can promise that it will be better than last year. Elaine has given us a discount on the buffet due to the fact that last years was not up to the King's Head standard, for which we thank her very much. Mike Lynn has agreed to provide the Disco for the same price as last year. The number of tickets available will be limited, so please let me know how many tickets you want as soon as possible. I can't say I know how many shopping days to Christmas there are, but less than you think!!!! Don't leave it too late *Julia*

Dereham Operatic Society

Christmas Party

Saturday 4th December 2010

7.30 pm to 11.45pm

Oasis Roadshow Disco

**At: The Kings Head Hotel Dereham Adults: £12.00. (Under 16 - £10.00)
Including Buffet Supper**



Patron's report

Grateful thanks to all of you who have either renewed your patron's subscription by sending a cheque or via your bank as a standing order. Your continued support is really appreciated by the Committee. We hope that you will be coming along to our productions of Matchgirls; we know that you will enjoy this lively, entertaining show. Please take the voucher in this newsletter into Hallmark to book your priority tickets. If you have not sent your cheque to renew your subscription it is not too late and Margaret White (59 Garrick Green, Norwich, NR6 7AN) would be so happy to receive it. If you would like to contribute any articles to the next edition of this Newsletter please contact our editor Peter. Also Julia will be more than delighted if you could come along to join in our Christmas Party on Saturday December 4th.

Tony Wilds/Margaret White

For Patrons Priority Bookings. Please present this page of the News Letter when Booking

**PATRONS of DEREHAM OPERATIC SOCIETY.
PRIORITY BOOKING VOUCHER
For Productions
1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011**

Booking Office Hallmark Nelson Place Dereham

Tel: 01362 694222

What are we doing next

Our Musical for 2010 will be:

“The Matchgirls”

Book and Lyrics by Bill Owen

Music by Tony Russell

Musical Director Andy Lofthouse:

Producer Tony Wilds

Choreographer Jean Cator

Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th October 2010

Northgate School

Box Office HALLMARK 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 factory.

There are also many sub plots.

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.

The show boasts eleven named female parts, they are referred to as “girls”, but all ages are represented.

There is also Joe and his fellow Dockers, and other characters. This is a dynamic, passionate, moving and, above all, *fun* show, with an enthusiastic cast portraying the characters and setting the stage alight!

Producer is pleased with Progress

The Producer of MATCHGIRLS, Tony Wilds is very pleased to say that the production is really starting to take shape - great dancing and powerful singing.

NOTE: All Cast and members should remember that the different venue (Northgate School) means we need everyone to support the show, so please make sure you spread the word.

What else are we doing

Sunday 28th November

Members of the Society will sing a medley of appropriate yuletide songs at the switching on of the Dereham Christmas Lights. Details & times to be advised. (*Jingle bells and all that Ho -Ho -Ho Ed*)

And then -----

It’s Panto Time - (But not yet)

Our Pantomime for 2011
Will be

“Babes in the Wood”

This will be Performed in February 2011 to suit availability at Northgate School

Wednesday 23rd February to Saturday 27th February

Watch this Space for more details in the next Issue

President's 100th engagement (No not Geoffrey.Ed)

At Our Youth Theatre Company Summer Concert 'Spread the Love Around' on Saturday 24th July at The Northgate High School. The NODA Council President, Margaret Coltman, on her 100th engagement, enjoyed the concert of songs taken from shows that have been hits in the West End & Broadway since the year 2000, After congratulating the cast and production team she posed for photographs with the cast.



This must rate as one of the best summer productions that DOSYTCo have performed. From the slick timing of the chorography carried out confidently by all, the mixture of personalities and powerful presentations of the songs. The diversity of the songs constantly keeping the audience's attention.

It was a real pleasure to watch.

Jonathan Lodge must be extremely pleased with the production.

Credit must also go to everyone involved with DOSYTCo who work so hard to make it all happen.



Made In Heaven



For the Dereham Festival on the 26th May we performed a concert entitled "Made in Heaven"
Directed By David Rees with Charlie Caine as Musical Director

It was a blend of songs with a spiritual theme from favourite musicals and films.

Ensemble singing, in harmonies, together with various solos, duets and group numbers.

Sung by 10 members DOSTYCo who joined the 20 adult members of DOS to make a wonderful evening's entertainment performing to a packed audience. A one off 'Special' which was really special.

NODA Youth Academy – Drama Workshop 6th-9th April 2010

Having studied GCSE drama and currently studying A level drama you only cover half of what is involved in performing. I have just attended the NODA Academy spring workshop. Did we work hard! Sit-ups, 3 different types of press-ups and sprinting around the room were only the warm-up exercises on the first day. Then on the second day, after being lifted, carried, flipped and swung about we really started to get into it and didn't want to have lunch (or we might throw it up!) Normally words come first and then you put movement in, with Physical Theatre movement comes first. Words are important, but being able to express them in the right way and get the right point of view across to the audience is what a performance is about. The Workshop made us appreciate the meaning behind some of the simplest movements, as in eye contact, if not done correctly it can come across with the wrong meaning. With safe lifts and atmospheric music we surprised our audience with what we had learned in such a short space of time.

I now have more knowledge on the subject of Performing in the Theatre & Musical Theatre thanks to the wonderful support from all the team involved on the workshop and the hard working organisers, The knowledge I have learned and the confidence I have gained is life changing and something I will hopefully be able to instil in my work and life for the future. Thank you NODA.

Laura Pirret April 2010

NOTE: Bursaries can be granted by DOS to help individuals with costs. Apply in writing to the Committee.

July BBQ

What a glorious day. The 1st event of the Day was the Grand Gazebo race!



It brought the Chairman to his knees.



We are winning, I think!!



What are all these pieces for?



Are you sure about this?



Many hands make light work, is it right?



See, it all worked and everybody sat down to enjoy the food and talked a lot. What a way to spend an afternoon.

UPDATE

Refurbishment of Memorial

Hall project

Report to Date (1st September)
by Dave Filer & John White



In preparation for the work to start. We eventually cleared out our studio on July 25th.

Many thanks to all of you who came to help on the day. It was an opportunity to have a good sort out. We managed to throw a lot of items away, but most of the equipment was taken to storage.

The builders moved into the Studio on August 2nd and work is progressing, so far so good. We hope to be able to move back mid October, this is a delay of two weeks from original date, due to building problems.

Help will be required again when this happens, so any of you who can lend a hand please contact one of us below. The whole project is due to be complete by the end of August 2011. So watch this space!!

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DOS Joins THRESHOLD

On the 23rd July Threshold Theatre Group staged our first Summer Ball. Initially a fund raising event but we decided to try to create an event that would encourage members of surrounding amateur societies to meet in a comfortable venue to be able to catch up on old friendships and, hopefully, promote new ones. I made contact with many local societies. Dereham Operatic Society was by far the most enthusiastic of the bunch – excepting Threshold of course. Unfortunately, the date clashed with summer holidays, rehearsal etc. We expected between 100 – 150 but achieved 62 with almost 20 of these having a connection to DOS.

The day finally arrived and so did our guests. There is something amazing about seeing a group of friends together dressed 'to party'. The men all wore dj's with either snazzy bow-ties or waistcoats – or both. (There were some very impressive watches on display) The ladies were, without exception, the most beautiful you are ever likely to see with enough ball gowns, cocktail dresses and summer frocks on display to make Ascot look like a tea party. The people that did come, definitely came to party. We met in the bar and - after a few surprises with the prices – then to the marquee in the gardens. A superb three course meal later (and a few more drinks, hic) the dance floor was pretty much full from the first dance through to the final slow dance I think we finally finished around one in the morning

We will certainly be looking to repeat the event next summer, possibly a different venue. Thanks to Dunston Hall and all the people who made it a night to remember.

Andy Lofthouse

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY 2010/11

Monday	13 th	September	Priority Bookings for "The Matchgirls"
Wednesday	27 th	October to Saturday 30 th October	"The Matchgirls"
Sunday	28 th	November	Switch on of Dereham Christmas Lights
Saturday	4 th	December	Christmas Party
Wednesday	23 rd	February to Saturday 27 th February.	Panto – Babes in the Wood

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You cannot believe how difficult it is to type it out. (Ed)

Food Glorious Food

This Issue Ruth is kindly sharing her recipe for **Ginger and Syrup Cheesecake** Serves 2

4 digestive biscuits	4 pieces of ginger in syrup, 2 diced
15g softened butter	4 tablespoons of ginger syrup
300g full fat cream cheese (I used half fat and it was fine)	3 tablespoons of grated chocolate (optional)

Crush the biscuits and mix with softened butter. Place to individual metal rings on serving plates and fill with the biscuit mix to make the bottom of the cheesecake.

Place the cream cheese in a bowl with the diced ginger (I chopped mine) and about 4 tablespoons of the ginger syrup. Spoon the mixture on to the crumb base and flatten the top.

Top with grated chocolate and slices of ginger to decorate.

Place a warm cloth around the rings to loosen the cheesecakes.

To make an 8 inch cheesecake you need to triple the recipe.

I hope you enjoy. It certainly went down well at our BBQ and it is so simple and quick. Ruth x

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Did you know?

Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great King in History

Spades –	King David.
Hearts –	Charlemagne.
Clubs –	Alexander the Great.
Diamonds –	Julius Caesar.

If you like the Photos and want to see them in Colour the Newsletter will be on the DOS website from the end of September in Glorious Colour Ed