



Players Patter No 178 - May 2017

Treasurer's Report

Congratulations to everyone in the Wizard of Oz which was a slightly unknown entity at the start and gamely embraced by Vicki Gavin as her inaugural production. I am still awaiting some costs to come in but the financial result is looking more pleasing than originally anticipated. Although the costumes were elaborate Vicki spent a lot of time making many of these herself and as usual Mary Lou and Sue were extremely resourceful using as much from our own wardrobe as possible. The scenery costs were well within budget and although ticket sales were down we do appear to have at the very least broken even and possibly even made a small profit – final figures will be available at the AGM.

Showstoppers rehearsals are now well under way and as mentioned by Kim Seymour at the read-through everyone involved in Showstoppers needs to pay their show fee by 19th May or it will rise to £20. Please do email me if you have any questions regarding this. PayPal, BACS and cheques are all acceptable means of payment or cash can be given to me or Pamela at rehearsals.

Any questions or queries please email me at

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Show and Membership Fees

It is the policy of the Haslemere Players that everyone who takes part on stage in any production is a fully paid-up acting member of the Society and their membership subs and show fees must have been paid, irrespective of any role they perform within the Society. To comply with the conditions of our insurance policy, anyone whose membership and show fees have not been paid will be asked to withdraw from the show.

From the AGM, Frances Cross will be taking over as Membership Secretary from Linda.

Chairman's message

Haslemere Hall is still finding glitter in the most unexpected places! A huge congratulations to Vicki Gavin on her directorial debut with Wizard of Oz. This fabulous production has received well earned plaudits from all who saw it.

It is May already, I am nearing the end of my first year as chairman and I want to take the opportunity to thank some of my fellow committee members for the hard work they do unseen behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the society.

Pamela is one of our longest serving members. As Secretary she ensures that all minutes, agendas and notices are prepared and circulated in a timely manner, including the notice of the annual AGM, which is on page 4. In addition to her role as Secretary, Pamela arranges the distribution and collection of all the Libretti and Scores.

Mary-Lou, another long standing member, and her team work tirelessly in the wardrobe. She has spent so much time working on costumes recently that she has hardly had time to perform herself. Please help her by attending fittings when asked and by making an appointment with her if you require anything.

I also want to thank all the other members of the committee who do so much. Arry Burwood, our treasurer, who also looks after all the show licensing and the catering for Show Stoppers and after show parties; Sally Barr, who looks after the mailings, both postal and electronic, and is a mine of information; Adrian Stent, who looks after the Studio and whose artistic talent is behind a lot of our scenery; Debs Bowyer, who looks after advertising and marketing; and our two social committee representatives, Susanna Lloyd and Frances Cross, who manage social events and make sure that refreshments are available during shows and rehearsals.

Lastly I want to take the opportunity to thank Linda and Hamish Donaldson who quietly, in the background, give the committee advice and guidance, acting as our mentors

Chairman's letter continued

and conscience. It is thanks to Hamish that we are now a Company Limited by Guarantee which will protect the society financially and against take-over by anyone interested in our assets.

Looking forward, I am very excited that Kim Seymour has agreed to direct this year's Show Stoppers and our October production of My Fair Lady. We also have two very exciting shows lined up for 2018. More about these later.

I want to close by thanking you for your continued membership, support and participation. The Players gas a reputation for being a friendly, inclusive and welcoming society. We also put on some very good shows!

Chris Lloyd, Chairman

SOCIAL REPORT

This year's annual BBQ event will be held at the home of Jane, Jim and Issy McMichael on Sunday, 27th August from 12.30 p.m. Their address is Woodpeckers, Church Lane, Haslemere GU27 2BJ.



Tickets are available from Susanna Lloyd (susanna@familylloyd.net) or via the Players web-site (Paypal) - £7.50 for Adults and £3.50 for under 16s to cover all food costs.

A sumptuous array of food will be provided. All you need to bring along is something to drink, a chair or blanket to sit on and a swimming costume.... Weather guaranteed as usual.

Let me know if you need more information.

Best wishes, Susanna.

SHOW STOPPERS 2017

AROUND THE WORLD IN MUSICALS!



Following last year's sell-out Cabaret show - Memories of the Movies, The Haslemere Players are proud to present Showstoppers - Around the World in Musicals! - a fabulous programme of box office smash hits from famous West End and Broadway musicals with a world-wide theme. The show is on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm matinee on the Saturday.

Enjoy memorable masterpieces from classic award-winning international musicals! You will fly over to the Far East for *Miss Saigon*, *The King & I* and *The Mikado*; cruise down under to Australia for *The Boy from Oz* and shimmy over to Africa for *The Book of Mormon* and *The Lion King*. Make a pit stop in Russia for *Fiddler on the Roof* and journey to Israel for *The Joseph Mega Mix*. Trek across to South America for *Evita*; travel up to the USA for *42nd Street*, *Oklahoma* and *Calamity Jane* and then head for Europe for *Les Miserables*, *My Fair Lady* and *Made in Dagenham...* and much more! Oh what a night!

The audience can relax in a 'Talk of the Town' cabaret setting and delight in either tea and yummy scones at the matinee performance or a delicious two-course evening supper whilst enjoying a show-stopping journey around the world in musicals! There is a fully licensed bar during the evening performances. Tickets are £12.50 for the matinee performance and £17.50 for the evening performances. Bookings can be made through the Haslemere Hall Box Office - Tel: 01428 642161 or online at



Haslemere Festival starts this week. The Thespians are staging Don't Dress for Dinner and on Friday there is a Town Band Concert at St Bartholomew's Church and Jazz Morley at St Christopher's. After that the events come thick and fast.

There are Classical music concerts (with international superstars), Jazz, Folk and Opera - including a new take on *Midsummer Night's Dream* composed by our own Clive Osgood.

There are weekend and family events including Cycling Sportive, Bell Ringing and Sub-Aqua Club 'have-a-go', Classic Car Show, Fun Dog Show (with prize for dog most like its owner) and Haslemere's Triathlon.

The speakers for our weekday talks are remarkable. The highlights include Boris Pasternak's niece talking about the Lara (of Lara's theme), the curator of horology at Greenwich Maritime Museum talking about Harrison's Chronometer (that revolutionised navigation 250 years ago), the Head of the Field Survey team for the Great Arab Revolt Project talking about Lawrence of Arabia (100 years ago), local lad Guy Farley describing how he composes music for movies (he has scored over 60 films, including *Mother Teresa*), Talks on the Battle of Waterloo (with sand table to illustrate the battle's movement) and the Battle of Jutland (100 years ago), the Protestant Reformation (500 years ago), Louis Pasteur (150 years ago), Building the Panama Canal (100 years ago), Jane Austen (100 years ago) plus a number of talks of local interest - Town Map of 1735, Watts Gallery, historic Town Walk and Haslemere's peasant art revival.

Pick up a programme at Haslemere Hall or local shops. Or go to www.haslemerefestival.org.uk

MY FAIR LADY

With only three weeks to go until we take Showstoppers around the world in musicals to the stage, it's time to start thinking about our next production. Hailed by critics and audiences for its heart and its wit, My Fair Lady is a beautiful musical about transformation, patronage, gender politics and class, based on George Bernard Shaw's play, Pygmalion.

The plot is relatively simple. Acclaimed Professor and confirmed bachelor Henry Higgins makes a wager with his linguistic colleague Colonel Pickering that in six months he can pass off gutter snipe Eliza Doolittle as a duchess at an embassy ball. Through arduous training, day and night, Eliza learns how to speak English properly, and transforms into a lady respected and adored by all classes. Along the way she bewitches young Freddy Eynsford-Hill into falling in love with her, and convinces a supposed linguistics expert that she is royalty. However, she finds herself in a difficult position, now too refined to go back to her old life and not with any means or desire to live life as a lady of leisure.

It's an ambitious project for the Players; with 18 scenes and nine different settings. There are 23 speaking parts (17 of whom are male!?!) and 14 non-speaking parts; plus lots of singing and dancing for the ensemble. The main leads are:-

Henry Higgins, Baritone
Eliza Doolittle, Soprano
Colonel Pickering, Baritone
Mrs. Pearce, Mezzo-Soprano
Freddy Eynsford-Hill, Tenor
Alfred P. Doolittle, Baritone
Professor Zoltan Karpathy, Spoken
Mrs. Higgins, Spoken
Mrs. Eynsford-Hill, Spoken

Come join us for the presentation evening on Tuesday 13th June at the Grove; followed by audition practice for those wanting to audition for lead parts on Thursday 15th June. Auditions will be from 2pm on Sunday 18th June at the Hall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at kimchivers@hotmail.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



11 – 13 May	Don't Dress for Dinner by Haslemere Thespians
15 – 29 May	Haslemere Festival
17, 18, 19 May	My Fair Lady by Alton Operatic
24 – 27 May	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels by the Grayshott Stagers
2 & 3 June	Show Stoppers
Tues. 6 June	Read-through of My Fair Lady
Sunday 18 June	Principal auditions for My Fair Lady in Haslemere Hall
Tuesday 21 June	Players AGM at Haslemere Hall
Sunday 27 August	Players BBQ
24 – 28 October	My Fair Lady in Haslemere Hall

INCORPORATION

Back in October we agreed to incorporate the Haslemere Players as a Company Limited by Guarantee. It turned out to be a bigger job than we thought and the Charity Commission told us that we would have to re-register as a charity. All this has now come through.



We are now Company No 10433813, limited by guarantee and Registered Charity No 1172917

We have new Articles of Association which are attached. They are not very interesting as they are 'Model Articles' which are recommended for every new charity. The bits we have changed that are relevant to us are:

- Our Objects (which remain unchanged)
- The Minimum number of Trustees (Directors) - five
- A quorum of Members - seven

The Players Rules have had to be adapted to meet the new requirements and a copy is also attached.

Our Articles allow us to have more than one class of Member (Member in this sense can be likened to a shareholder of the company). It would not be practical to have every member of the Society a Member of the Company, so in our Rules we have distinguished between ordinary members of the Society and 'Subscribing Members' of the Company. The Subscribing Members will be the Management Committee and those Life Members who wish to subscribe. All the Subscribing Members will be



registered at the Charity Commission and Companies House (you can see why we don't want to include and maintain all our 120 or so members in this exercise).

Apart from defining these two classes of Member our Rules are substantially unaltered. We continue to require a quorum at General Meetings of 25 members (of which at least 7 must be Subscribing Members to make it a valid Company General Meeting).

We have still to transfer the assets of the old charity to the new charity but as the names are the same it should be relatively straightforward.

At the AGM on 19th June there will be the opportunity to go through this all in more detail and ask questions. We will then need to approve the new Rules.

Hamish



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Haslemere Players will be held at the Haslemere Hall, Annexe on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising and Correspondence
4. Incorporation and adoption of revised Rules
5. Hon. Treasurer's report
6. Chairman's report
7. Subscriptions for 2017/2018. The outgoing Committee's recommendation is that the subscription rates should be: Members £35 per annum, Junior/Student members £15, non-acting members £10.00, new Patrons £20.00 per family.
8. Election of Officers and Committee
9. Appointment of Mr Nigel Oldham as the Independent Examiner
10. Any Other Business

The present officers are as follows:

President:	Mr Hamish Donaldson
Chairman:	Mr Christopher Lloyd
Secretary:	Mrs Pamela Depledge
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs Arabella Burwood

The present Executive Committee consists of the following members: Debbie Bowyer, Sally Barr, Susanna Lloyd, Adrian Stent, Mary-Lou Knox, Frances Cross. For any additional nominations to the position of Officers or Committee, please complete the form below.

It would be appreciated if nominations for the election of officers and committee, proposed and seconded, could be sent to the secretary by Saturday 17 June. No nominations will be accepted once the meeting has started. Please note that only paid up members may vote at the AGM. Subscriptions for the coming year become due for payment immediately following the AGM. A copy of the new Articles of Association the proposed revised Rules of the Society are attached.

A copy of the Minutes from the 2016 AGM will be displayed on our website, will be available at the meeting and from the secretary.

Mrs P Depledge

Hon Secretary, May 2017
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Agenda Item 7: Nomination Form

We, the undersigned, wish to nominate

to the executive committee / to the position of

(delete as required)

Proposed by.....Seconded by.....

I agree to stand for the position above (signed).....

Please give or send this form to Mrs Pamela Depledge, Torwoodlee, Mowatt Road, Grayshott, Hindhead GU26 6EY 01428 605237 pameladepledge@talktalk.net

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