



Players Patter No 154 - Apr 2012

Treasurer's Report

I am delighted to report one of our best surplus' ever for Oliver at £4400. A massive thank you to everyone who was involved with the show, which was a fantastic success in many ways, but with my Treasurer hat on it was a particularly resounding financial success!

I would also like to extend my thanks to all those who organised and attended the Auction of Promises recently - this also proved to be a very successful fundraising event.

I am just in the process of finalising our year end accounts, and despite the excellent financial result from Oliver we are likely to still be in deficit this year - primarily due to the high costs of Beauty and the Beast. Some of our general costs have also increased significantly during the year (in particular insurance) so we will need to continue to work hard to break even every year.

Our income from patron donations has reduced by 60% from two years ago, and I would therefore put out a request to anyone who would like to become a patron of the society to let me know. The committee look to put on a variety of different shows each year that appeal to different audiences and cast members, some profitable and some not, but it is the on-going member and patron subscriptions and donations that are vital for the financial stability of the society. The Haslemere Players is a society of exceptionally high quality and calibre, enhancing and enriching the lives of people in the local and surrounding areas, and I believe we are a society worthy of local patronage. Please consider us if you are looking to support a local society!

And finally, please don't forget to complete a gift aid form for your membership or donation if you are UK tax payer. If you need a form please let me know and I will email or post one to you.

Sally Barr, Treasurer

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Copies of the latest Players Patter are always available on the web site:

www.HaslemerePlayers.com

Chairman's message

Firstly, thank you so much to our excellent *Oliver!* production team, Bob & Angela Cantan and Angela Jones, assisted by Sarah Thomas and William Godfree. The whole team, including the cast, all worked so hard to make the show both an artistic and financial success. So many audience members commented on how much they'd enjoyed the show which is wonderful for the society and hopefully the excellent ticket sales will have filled the coffers a little (always good news!).

In addition to this, the Waitrose **GREEN TOKEN** initiative, arranged by Debbie Bowyer, also raised £231 for the society. Thanks Debs!

Rehearsals are now under way for *Jubilee Show Stoppers* and (I think!) we now have a finalized cast and programme. For a while it reminded me of a version of *10 Green Bottles* my Mother once saw at Headley Infant School (I wasn't starring in that particular number). Part way through one of the 'bottles' took one look at the audience, burst in to tears and fled....the rest of the number was spent with 'bottles' getting on to the wall, falling off the wall, getting back on to the wall again, all in a vain attempt to end up with the same number on the wall as in the song. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house by the end of it!! Anyway, we now have the right number of bottles on the wall and I don't think any more are falling off or getting back on again (I hope!). We've got a great mix of songs from 1952 up to the present day and a fabulous cast don't miss out - tickets are available now through the Haslemere Hall. The afternoon performance includes a traditional cream tea with scones and clotted cream and the evening performances will include a two course supper and, of course, we'll have the usual licensed bar. I still need help with plating up food so if you are willing to help with this, or are waitressing and perhaps willing to help during Act 1, I would absolutely love to hear from you....in all honesty, we just can't do it without the support of the society so please do get in touch.

On Friday 20 April we had the *Auction of Promises* at Grayswood Village Hall. Thank you so much to Mike Byrne and Debbie Bowyer who did the bulk of the organizing, assisted by Chloe Johnson-Jones. Also, thank you to our

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auctioneer, Tony Creasey, who had us all digging deep to bid for everything from bicycle maintenance to babysitting, computer tuition to cakes, dog walking to delicious desserts (don't worry, I'm not planning on covering the entire alphabet...but you get my drift). Personally, I am looking forward to Tony coming round to delve through my drawers in search of the odd antique! Thank you to everyone who donated promises and to all of you who came along to support the event, which raised a massive £1,196!

Plans are also now underway for *The Sound of Music*. Full details from Hamish & Bob appear elsewhere in the newsletter but do come along to the read through on Thursday 7 June.

Vicki Gavin

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Haslemere Festival Masses of things to do this Spring in Haslemere

Charter Fair in Haslemere High Street on Monday May 7th, 1 pm to 5 pm. The annual Charter Fair originally dates from 1394 and was revived in 1894. Come and join the enthusiastic crowd and see all the things on offer

Classic Car Tour and Show Lion Green on Sunday May 27th. Now an annual event on the last Sunday in May, the Classic Car Tour takes in a fascinating tour of the Surrey & Sussex countryside. It is followed by the Classic Car Show and Traditional Village Fête on Lion Green that attracts well over 100 lovingly maintained - www.jamesewing.co.uk/hccs

Cycleworks Sportive on Sunday May 27th starting in Haslemere. The route passes through the prettiest parts of the Sussex and Hampshire Weald to the South Downs at South Harting. Three levels of challenge - the Sport (38 miles), the Challenge (50 miles) and the Epic (100 miles) - provide something for everybody - www.littlelumpy.co.uk

Haslemere Fringe Festival, Lion Green on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June. We can look forward to two days of musicians, comedians, story tellers, artists and crafts men and women in a fabulous and original programme which includes our own Show Stoppers - www.lionfest.co.uk

Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Monday June 4th. A Carnival Procession will start from High Lane at 2 pm reaching Lion Green at 3 pm where the Giant Picnic takes place. On Lion Green there will be musicians celebrating every decade of the Queen's reign, stalls and fun for children as well as the Picnic (with cream scones). In the evening a torchlight procession will march to the Royal School at the top of Farnham Lane, for a jubilee bonfire and fireworks - www.haslemere.com/jubilee

Book your Show Stoppers Tickets

It is time to book your tickets to Show Stoppers and to bring your friends. Why not get up a table for this popular evening out. Friday 1st & Sat 2nd June at 7.30 pm; Sat mat at 2.30. Hall box office 01428 642161

Social Report

A very enjoyable night was had by all at the long-awaited Auction of Promises on Friday, 20th April in the Grayswood Village Hall. The evening was anticipated to be highly entertaining and lucrative with over 30 excellent promises donated by members.

After a concerted effort to drum up interest in the event we were graced by 39 of the Society's finest who had a great evening of bidding, feasting on fish and chips and downing one or two drinks to loosen their lips and their purse-strings.

Our 'celebrity' auctioneer, Mr Tony Creasey, was thankfully in full flow on that Friday night and with his quick wit and irrepressible charm he managed to entice over £1,000 out of the buyers which contributed to a profit for the evening of £1,200.

A huge thanks to all of you that attended and/or donated your time and talents to the Auction and a special thanks to Debbie who masterminded the event with a little help from me organising the practical side of things.

Events Coming Up

Summer BBQ at Edgecome, Hill Road, Haslemere in August – date to be announced in the next Newsletter.

Inter-Society Quiz on 13th October
⊛ in Grayshott Village Hall
Mike Byrne

CALLING ALL WAITRESSES

Help is urgently needed for waitresses and barmen for the Jubilee Show Stoppers on Saturday, 2nd June. In the afternoon we will need help with the traditional cream tea with scones, and then in the evening we shall need help with the two-course supper and bar. We shall also need help with plating up the food beforehand. It is all good fun as you get to see most of the show, but PLEASE PLEASE if you can spare the time we should be so grateful for any help you can give.

Please could you give your names to Jennie Budden on 01428 654365

Haslemere Hall Volunteers

You probably know that the Haslemere Hall receives almost no annual grants from Waverley BC, although Waverley do help with capital projects (like the new roof).

What this means is that the Hall depends on Volunteers to act as ushers and man the bar, particularly for cinema performances.

If you would be able to give even a modest amount of time, say once a month, to help as a volunteer please email richard@haslemerehall.com



The Sound of Music

October 23rd to 27th, 2012

Director Hamish Donaldson, MD Robert Cantan.

In case you missed this last time...

The story of the von Trapp family is well known and has universal appeal - Maria, an unconventional postulant (trainee nun), is sent to be Governess to Baron von Trapp's rather beastly children. The way she wins them over and captures the heart of the (largely absent) Baron is the theme of the story. Always in the background is the ominous rise of Naziism in Austria which precipitates the family's escape into Switzerland.

There are 22 named parts, including Maria, Baron von Trapp, Elsa Schrader (engaged to von Trapp), Max Detweiler (a promoter), Mother Abbess, Liesl and the other six children. The chorus consists of nuns, neighbours, postulants, soldiers and other contestants in the Kaltzberg Music Festival.



The famous songs include *Climb Every Mountain*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *Edelweiss*, *Maria*, and *The Sound of Music*. They would get into any top ten.

Auditions will be held on Sunday 17th June; children in the morning and principals in the afternoon.

The readthrough will unusually be held on a Thursday - the 7th June. The reason is that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated the previous week-end and the national celebrations will spill over into Tuesday 5th. See you then...

Hamish

PS the picture shows the backdrop we will be using in the show - the mountains that border Austria and Switzerland



GRAPEVINE News of Members

CONGRATULATIONS to Don Stacey who celebrated his 80th birthday on 14th April. Don is our longest-serving member and it was he who helped restart the Players after the last War (World War II in case you have any doubt) with a production of the Pirates of Penzance in 1949. Happy Birthday Don, and may you have many more of them.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hamish who was made a Lay Canon of Guildford Cathedral at a ceremony at the Cathedral on 4th March. This was in recognition of his 20 years as Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the preservation of churches. About 50 members of St Bartholomew's Church were there to support him.

Elizabeth Chester is producing again! This time it is Pinocchio for Graffham Rustics and the performances will be on 17th, 18th and 19th May in The Empire Hall, Graffham. Tickets are available from Elizabeth on lizchester.emc@virgin.net or online at tickets@graffhamrustics.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



17-19th May	The Importance of Being Ernest by Haslemere Thespians
1 & 2 June	Jubilee Show Stoppers in Haslemere Hall
2 & 3 June	Haslemere Fringe Festival on Lion Green
4 June	Jubilee Carnival and giant tea party on Lion Green with Players Show Stoppers
Thur 7 June	Read-through of Sound of Music
12-16 June	Farnham Operatic: Half a Sixpence
Sun 17 June	10.30 a.m. Children's Auditions for Sound of Music 2 p.m. Principal auditions
19 June	Players AGM at 7.45 p.m. in the Hall Annexe
13 October	Inter-Society Quiz
23-27 October	The Sound of Music

Gas Works in Lower Street

From the 30th April until the 25th August Lower Street (and for 6 weeks Sheppard's Hill) will be closed for essential gas works.

The knock on effect is that Bridge Road will be the diversion route and the main route for the emergency services. No parking will be allowed on Bridge Road for the duration of the works, this includes the bay in front of the Hall. Also during this time the Car Park at the rear of the Hall will be locked, please use the Chestnut Avenue Car Park. If you need access to the Hall car park for unloading etc. please apply to the Box Office on arrival.

If you get this newsletter through the post and would be happy to receive it by email please send an email to donaldson@haslemere.com Many thanks



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Haslemere Players will be held at the Haslemere Hall on Tuesday 19 June 2012 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. Hon. Treasurer's report
5. Chairman's report
6. Subscriptions for 2012/2013. The outgoing Committee's recommendation is that the subscription rate for members should remain at £25 per annum; the rates for non-acting members remain at £5.00. New Patrons £20.00 per family.
7. Election of Officers and Committee
8. Appointment of Mr Chris Lang as the Independent Examiner
9. Any Other Business

The present officers are as follows:
President: Mr Hamish Donaldson
Chairman: Miss Victoria Gavin
Secretary: Mrs Pamela Depledge
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Sally Barr

The present Executive Committee consists of the following members:

Angela Jones, Chloe Johnson-Jones, Jane McMichael, Lisa Bailey, Debbie Bowyer, Liz Hawes, Adrian Stent and Mike Byrne. Lisa Bailey and Jane McMichael are not standing for re-election. 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 16th 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 rules of the Society is available from the Secretary.

A copy of the Minutes from the 2011 AGM is displayed on our website and will be available at the meeting and from the secretary.

Mrs P Depledge
Hon Secretary, April 2012

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,
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