



## Players Patter No 163 - May 2014

### Treasurer's Report

I am delighted to report a surplus for South Pacific of £1600 which is a fantastic result. Ticket sales were slightly less than we had hoped for, but costs were also kept as low as possible. Scenery in particular deserves a mention - the total cost being only £450 which is less than half a typical show's scenery cost but with, I'm sure you would agree, no reduction in quality. The Studio continues to be an excellent resource for us - not only for housing our extensive wardrobe collection, scenery and props, but also as a rehearsal venue. We are also fortunate that the Nursery School hires us their hall at attractive rates allowing us to keep our rehearsing costs to manageable levels.

As we approach our AGM, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that member and patron subscriptions are due. My address is: Rangers, Weycombe Road, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1EL for anyone who would like to send a cheque.

Sally Barr, Treasurer

### Chairman's message

Well, here we are again at Newsletter time and, as always, there's lots to report.

**South Pacific** was a great success enjoyed by cast and audiences alike. Everyone on stage and behind the scenes really pulled out all the stops and I think it is a production which will be remembered by all with great fondness for many years to come. I'm so pleased that many of the new faces who joined us for the show have decided to stay with us and are now fully ensconced in **Show Stoppers**.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, **Jonathan Foster** is directing **Show Stoppers** this year and believe me, you have a treat in store. Jonathan has put a huge amount of time and effort in to finding some of our best-loved show stoppers from films of the last 100 years. We are still recruiting men as Jon, being the charming and thoughtful chap that he is, doesn't want to leave any of the ladies as "wall flowers" in *A Grand Night for Singing*. All you need to do is wear a dinner jacket, sway from foot to foot and look suave, debonair and sophisticated.....sorry, I veered in to my own wish list for a moment! Seriously, if you would be happy to come along and do just one number in the show (only a couple of rehearsals required) and perhaps help front of house....or just watch the rest of the performance, I know that Jon would love to have your support. He has also set himself a target of having 50 people on stage so it would be lovely if we could help achieve this. You can contact Jon by email at [jcpdvfoster@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:jcpdvfoster@tinyworld.co.uk). We are also delighted to welcome Stephanie Goodfellow as this year's compere.

On another note in relation to **Show Stoppers**, we have a lot of people in the show so we are really relying on support from the rest of the society to help with waitressing, bar and food. More info on how to volunteer elsewhere in the newsletter.

Work is also well underway on the October production, **The Producers** which will be directed by our very own guru of the "gosh factor", Hamish Donaldson who is joined by Bob and Angela Cantan as musical director and staging respectively. **The Producers** is a hilariously funny show with a wide range of parts and already we are preparing ourselves for a long day of auditions. I urge you to come along to the read through which will be held on Tuesday 10 June at 7.30pm at the studio. Audition material will be on the website shortly.

We are also starting to make plans for this year's summer BBQ which we plan to hold on the afternoon of Sunday 31 August (venue

### SHOWSTOPPERS - AT THE MOVIES!

Don't miss our nostalgic salute to the "Silver Screen" with "**Showstoppers – Memories of the Movies**" on Friday 6th June and Saturday 7th June at Haslemere Hall, with a matinee performance on the Saturday - and enjoy 28 memorable masterpieces made famous by hit musical films over the last 100 years!

From uplifting numbers such as *42nd Street*, *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*, *Get me to the Church on Time* and *Cabaret* to haunting melodies such as, *Moon River*, *Bright Eyes*, *Don't Cry for Me Argentina* and *Beauty and the Beast*

Tickets are from Haslemere Hall – 01428 642161 or online at [www.haslemerehall.co.uk](http://www.haslemerehall.co.uk)

Chairman's message (continued)

TBC). This is a really fun annual event and a great opportunity to relax and chat with fellow members and friends.

Plans are also under way to organize either a skittles evening (for those that remember we had a very enjoyable evening at the Black Fox in Liphook a few years ago) or a Karaoke night (again, we held one a few years ago at Grayshott Village Hall). Our social team aim to do their best to organize events which will be popular and fun....the more the merrier! If you have any suggestions, or a view on either of the above events, we would love to hear from you.

Until the next time.....

Vicki Gavin

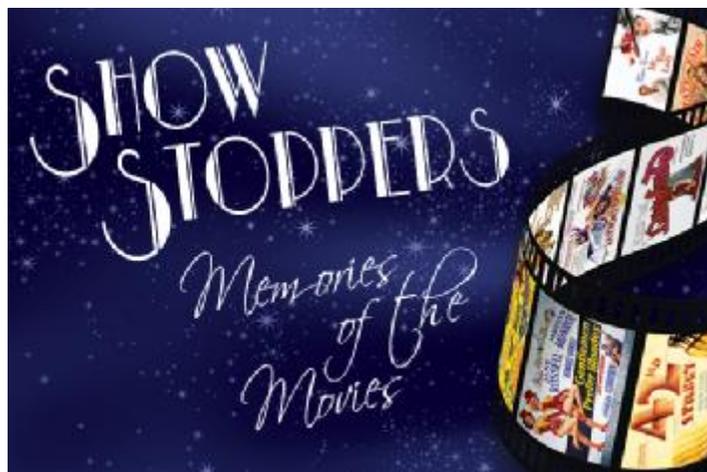
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## HASLEMERE PLAYERS INVOLVED IN LOCAL MURDER!

On Midsummer night, Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, and staged at the gorgeous Lythe Hill Hotel, Restaurant & Spa on the Petworth Road, is Haslemere's "Mid-Surrey Murder Mystery Dinner". The scenario is based around the school Centenary reunion of "Lythe Hill High" and the ten main characters in this intricate drama are played

by members of The Haslemere Players, who will also entertain afterwards with a selection of mega-hit musical masterpieces from their recent "Showstoppers at the Movies" extravaganza.

Guests, acting as "Dining Detectives," who will have enjoyed a sumptuous three course dinner during the thickening plot, will employ their little grey cells and reveal who they think the murderer is and what the motive was - and stand to win champagne for their table! Tickets are £49.95 pp and include a Welcome Drinks reception, amuse bouche and three course dinner plus murderous entertainment (!) from The Haslemere Players! ( please go to [www.lythehill.co.uk](http://www.lythehill.co.uk) for more information)



Rehearsals for **Show Stoppers – Memories of the Movies** are well underway, the cast being put through its paces by director Jonathan Foster, MD Justin Luke and choreographers Debra Allen, Verity Foster, Lizzie Hales and Jessi McCluskey.

We have an enormous cast of 43, including 28 soloists, but Jonathan is still seeking a few more men to partner the girls in the closing number of Act 1 – **It's a Grand Night for Singing**. So if you'd like to be involved in this one number, please do get in touch.

The Haslemere Hall box office is now open and tickets are already selling well. We have a hugely talented cast and this is going to be a really great show, so don't delay – get your tickets today! In conjunction with the show, Jonathan has mounted an exhibition of signed movie star portraits at Haslemere Museum. There are two displays featuring nearly 200 photographs, so do go along and see them if you can.

## FRONT OF HOUSE TRAINING

Many of you have very kindly already taken the time to attend the hall's usher/Front of House training and I know have found this useful. As I explained in our February newsletter, rules and regulations are constantly changing so it's important that the society keeps up to date with requirements so we know what to do to ensure everyone's safety in the event of an emergency. The hall are running another training session at **7.30pm on Tuesday 20 May**. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

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## HELP! CALLING ALL WAITRESSES

**Show Stoppers** fast approaches and, as always, we will need your help with each of the performances (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June). As many of you know, we provide a licensed bar and a two course supper (tea and cake for the matinee) so we need the services of willing waitresses and barmen plus some volunteers to help with plating up the meals ready to be served. The cast come and help serve the food so this can be done very quickly but we need to keep our audience supplied with an endless stream of drinks (we find it helps their enjoyment....and our finances). If you are able to help, please contact Pam on 605237

## THE PRODUCERS

Our autumn show is *The Producers* by Mel Brooks, one of the greatest of the more modern musicals. It is the story of an established producer who learns from his auditor that it is more profitable to stage a flop than to stage a success. So they set about staging a musical in the worst possible taste - it's called *Springtime for Hitler*. Well you can probably imagine how funny and non-PC it is.



Here are the main characters:

Max Bialystock	A Broadway Producer
Leo Bloom	An Accountant
Franz Liebkind	Author of <i>Springtime for Hitler</i>
Roger de Bris	A Director
Carmen Ghia	Roger's Assistant
Ulla Inga Hansen...	An attractive PA, dancer etc
Hold me touch me Kiss me feel me Lick me bite me	} Little old ladies

There are also a good number of cameo parts as well as chorus numbers featuring show goers, accountants (male and female), prisoners (male and female) and little old ladies (male and female).

I look forward to telling you all about it at the read-through on Tuesday 10th June.

Hamish

### BBQ Event Sunday August 31st from 12.30

Tickets £7.50 for Adults and £3.50 for Children to cover all food costs.

This year the event will be themed to **The Producers**, our Autumn show. For fun come as a **Stormtrooper** or **Bavarian Peasant**.

You'll find some excellent food, the opportunity to make paper aeroplanes (ME109) and a fun table quiz.

The venue is to be advised.



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

[www.HaslemerePlayers.com](http://www.HaslemerePlayers.com)



## GRAPEVINE News of Members

Christmas this year brought news of Jane Hamlyn who shows no sign of slowing down – rather the contrary as she belongs to two choirs and had just produced the local pantomime. She sends her love to everyone and does so wish she was nearer so that she could be one of the Old Ladies in *The Producers*. We are sorry too as she would have been superb. Congratulations are also due to Jane as she has just become a great-grandmother for the fifth time!

Very sadly I have to report that George Streeter died last week and his funeral is on the 8th May at the Royal Chelsea Hospital. Although his loyalties were really with the Grayshott Stagers, he did several shows with us starting with *The Dancing Years* in 1988. His last show with us was *Me and My Girl* in 1998. He was a lovely person and he will be greatly missed.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sat 15 – Sat 17 May

**The Crucible** by the Haslemere Thespians

Wed 21 – Sat 24 May

**The Shakespeare Revue** by the Grayshott Stagers

Fri 6 & Sat 7 June

**Show Stoppers**

Tue 10th June

Read-through of **The Producers**

Tue 17th June

**Players AGM** at the School

Tue 17 – Sat 21 June

**Copacabana** by Farnham Operatic

Sun 22nd June

**The Producers** Principal Auditions

Sunday 31 August

**Players BBQ**

Tues 21 – 25 Oct

**The Producers** in Haslemere Hall

20 – 22nd Nov

**The 39 Steps** by the Grayshott

Stagers



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Haslemere Players will be held at the Haslemere Hall on Tuesday 17 June 2014 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 2014/2015. The outgoing Committee's recommendation is that the subscription rates should remain unchanged: Members £25 per annum, Junior/Student members £10, non-acting members £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:

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| 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: Chloe Johnson-Jones, Debbie Bowyer, Arabella Biddle, Racheal Rhodes, Adrian Stent and Mike Byrne. Racheal Rhodes is not standing for re-election. Sally Barr is standing down as Hon Treasurer but remaining on the executive committee. Arabella Biddle will take over the duties of Hon Treasurer. 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 14 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 2013 AGM is displayed on our website and will be available at the meeting from the secretary.

Mrs P Depledge  
Hon Secretary, May 2013

**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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