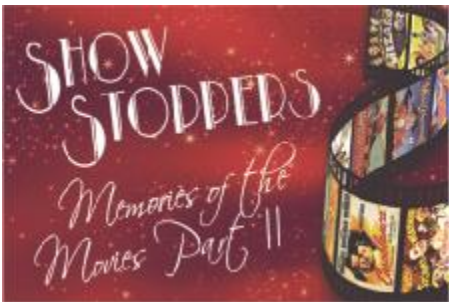




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SHOWSTOPPERS - MEMORIES OF THE MOVIES Part III!

Following last year's sell-out show, this year's Show Stoppers will be another exciting programme of popular show stopping songs made famous on the Silver Screen, including a tribute to Grade Fields and a salute to James Bond, and featuring songs from a wide range of films including *Casablanca*, *Mary Poppins*, *Hans Christian Andersen*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *The Sound of Music*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Bugsy Malone*, *Oliver!* and *The Lion King*.



Our choreographers have devised a splendid set of routines for the chorus numbers and once again we have a

spectacular tap dance. Musical Director Robert Gillman is busy coaching 35 soloists and Director Jonathan Foster is creating lots of exciting back cloths and projections.

We are seeking a few extra men to partner the ladies in the closing number of Act 1 and to dress the stage (by sitting at tables) in a couple of other numbers. All that is required is to learn a few lines of song, sway a bit and attend one or two brief rehearsals nearer the time. Once again, dress will be black tie and you'll be able to help front of house and watch the show when you're not on stage. If you'd like to be involved in this way, please get in touch with Jon atjcpdvfoster@tinyworld.co.uk.

In the meantime, tickets are now on sale at the Haslemere Hall box office 01428 642161 or online at www.haslemerehall.co.uk. We sold over 100 tickets before the first rehearsal, so don't delay, call today!

Chairman's message

Well done to everyone involved in **Fiddler on the Roof**. The reviews were excellent and, whilst we don't yet have the final financial result, it's looking like a healthy surplus. I know that some audience members were disappointed that the show was presented in a less traditional way than expected but the simple, yet effective set made for swift scene changes which allowed the action to flow and the audience to become completely immersed in the story.

Thank you to Adrian and Hamish for leading the way with the set construction (personally, the journey from the wings to the stage in a bed will remain with me for some time!), Mary, Mary-Lou and Sue for once again providing us with excellent costumes, Steph, Alison and Annie for props and Luan for taking on the role of stage manager, wonderfully supported by Gary.

Show Stoppers – Memories of the Movies, Part II is coming along well and promises to be a lively and entertaining production. This is a great opportunity for the society to stage songs from musicals which wouldn't be available for amateur societies and for individuals to perform numbers they might not otherwise have the chance to do. We also have a couple of new choreographers this year, Alex Mackintosh and Kim Seymour who are both doing a great job, led by Jonathan at the helm. Performances are on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 June.

How to Succeed in Business is looking like it will be another popular show amongst cast and Steph, assisted once again by Joce and Justin are busy making plans. Quite a large group are going to see a concert version of the show at the Royal Festival Hall on 19 May to get a feel for the music and the read through will take place on Tuesday 9 June at the school. Principal auditions take place on Sunday 21 June.

Howard and Lizzie are also busy making plans for **Sister Act** which will be our March 2016 production.

Thank you to those of you who came forward with suggestions for our October 2016 production. The committee are busy reviewing these and trying to make sure we choose the best show for the society. More news in due course....

Vicki Gavin

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Treasurer's Report

I am delighted to report that Fiddler on the Roof shows every sign of having made a useful surplus. It was a relatively low cost production to put on - minimal scenery and being able to use our own costumes for a lot of the characters has saved a few bob here and there so well done to all those who were resourceful in this respect. Showstoppers rehearsals are now well underway and given the success of last year's show let's hope that we manage to sell out on all three performances.

All those in Showstoppers need to pay their show fee before 9th May or it will rise to £20 from £15. PayPal, BACS and cheques are all acceptable means of payment or cash can be given to me or Pamela at any time. We will need to be making some minor fire safety alternations to the studio shortly but hopefully there are no other major expenses to fund at the moment.

Any questions or queries please email me at arabellaburwood@gmail.com

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

As soon as you have put away your tap shoes and hung up your dress suits after Show Stoppers, rehearsals for How to Succeed in Business will begin.

Set in America in the '50's (think Mad Men without all the smoking), the show follows the fortunes and misfortunes of an ambitious young man making his way up the "cold corporate" ladder from window washer to boardroom executive.

Based on the satirical book of the same name, and described as "mischievous" and "irreverent", the show is a funny and fast-paced piece that combines the musical magic of Frank Loesser and the wonderful wit of Abe Burrows – the team responsible for Guys and Dolls – "in a perfect musical comedy construction".

It is a show that requires an energetic and committed ensemble of singers and dancers – not to mention performers who can deliver snappy punch lines! There are some cracking roles for men of all ages and fewer, but no less brilliant, roles for women.

Come to the read-through and discover the wonder that is this Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning musical.

Stephanie Goodfellow



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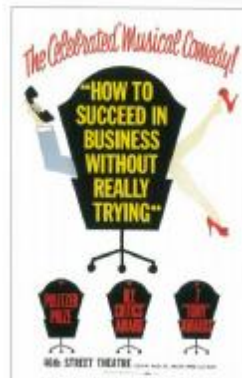
News of Members

Many of you will remember Rosie Stacey, wife of Don, who sadly died last Saturday after a long illness. Rosie first joined the Players for Ruddigore in 1957 and her last show with us was La Belle Helene in 1974 where she played the part of Cressida. Rosie's funeral will be on Tuesday, 19th May at 11 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church.

On a happier note, CONGRATULATIONS to Gary and Luan who are getting married on Saturday, 23rd May.

On Wednesday, 27th May several of our members will be appearing in a concert version of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas with the Waverley Ensemble and Haslemere Singing Studio as part of the Haslemere Festival. The performance will be at St. Christopher's Church, Wey Hill at 7.30 p.m. and appearing will be Richard Arthur, Leanne Osgood and Adrian Stent amongst others.

Tickets available from Haslemere Hall.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th – 31st May

Haslemere Festival

Fri 6th & Sat 7th June

Show Stoppers

Tuesday, 9th June

Read-through of **How to Succeed in Business**

Tuesday 16th June

Players AGM at the School

16 -20th June

Oklahoma by Farnham AOS

Sunday, 21st June

Principal auditions for **How to Succeed**

Tues 20 – Sat 24th Oct

How to Succeed in Business

OKLAHOMA!

Mary Coyte is directing OKLAHOMA! for Farnham Am. Op. Soc. (FAOS) at the Farham Maltings, June 16th to 20th.

The production has quite a few Haslemere Players connections, as well as Mary - Lizzie Hales is Choereographer with Alex Boughton, Heather Legat, Kevin Sampson and Alex Yates all taking leading roles.

FARNHAM MALTINGS Box Office is now open, 01252 745444 <http://www.farnhammaltings.com>



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Haslemere Players will be held at the Toad Hall Nursery on Tuesday 16 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 2015/2016. 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 Arabella Burwood |

The present Executive Committee consists of the following members: Sally Barr, Debbie Bowyer, Mike Byrne, Bill Hudson, Susanna Lloyd, Christopher Lloyd and Adrian Stent. Mike Byrne will be standing down at the AGM. 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 13 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 2014 AGM is displayed on our website and will be available at the meeting from the secretary.

Mrs P Depledge
Hon Secretary, May 2015

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).....

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