



DAODS Newsletter

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What a year this has been! After an enforced lay off for DAODS it has been great to be back on stage, and this month to be back at our home, Heathfields Hall. I Want was a huge success, and we look forward to many more excellent hall shows moving forwards.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in 2021. I am enjoying putting it together and hope you are enjoying reading it. Special thanks to Amy and Sophie for supplying a special article this month, and of course to everyone who sends me copy and photos when I panic in the last couple of days of the month. Have a great Christmas and see you all soon!

Alex F

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News...

On Sunday 19th December at 2pm we will be holding the annual Christmas tradition of the Bring and Share. Show off your culinary skills and bring a dish to share with everyone. Ella Walden will be co-ordinating and there will be a sign up sheet at the hall to write down what you intend to bring (so we don't



end up with a thousand roasties and nothing else). Picture may not represent actual food on the day.

For anyone interested in the history of Hollywood, there is an interesting production of "Bette and Joan" coming to The Bromley Little Theatre next year, and starring our very own Donna Dawson as Joan Crawford. Telling the story of the fraught relationship between Crawford and co-star Bette Davis during the filming of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?", it runs from January 26th-30th and tickets can be booked at www.bromleylittletheatre.org.

To be warned, there are only 42 seats for each night (but on the plus side, it is performed in the bar area!) so first come, first served!

Good luck to Donna from all of us here at DAODS!



Huge congratulations to the newest arrival to the DAODS family. Sally and Danny welcomed baby Keanu Jay Danny Mudhoo on Tuesday 16th November. He weighed in at 7lb 11oz and is doing well.



Everyone here at DAODS sends all our love to them all, along with Leia, Cleo and Savannah, as well as to the proud grandmother, Jenny.

Earlier this year we received the sad news that long standing member and former Chairman of DAODS, Len Stubberfield had passed away. Len had a huge impact on the society, and we wanted to share with you that his family have decided to donate some money to DAODS in his name recently. DAODS was a huge part of Len's life, and he is greatly missed by many. We send our love and thanks to his family.



I Want

An enormous congratulations to everyone who was involved in last month's production of *I Want* at the Hall. There were some outstanding performances of some of the best songs in musical theatre. There was something for everyone with old school classics, modern hits, and some outside the box shows being represented (and of course, the now traditional rap from Luke). Well done to Ellesse on her directorial debut.

The Mary Phillips and Yvonne Pearl Hall Show Award was handed out to Alex Moore, Rebecca Hills and Ed Sage for all of their hard work.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members born in December!

Sophie Guariglia-Smith
7th December

Dawn Leese
7th December

Alex Tostdevine
20th December

Katy George
29th December

Emma Ramsay
5th December

Owen Kerry
20th December

Ellena Jones
27th December

Dave Cosh
15th December

Keith Hills
16th December

Dave Hughes
22nd December

Jean Hook
2nd December

Emma Goodday
17th December

HALLOWORKS

On the 6th of November we celebrated Halloworks, the combination of both Halloween and fireworks night. It was a brilliant evening full of spooky costumes, dancing, tricks and treats! Mark and Gina Fromings won best costume, Oliver Walsh won best child's costume, and Kaye Brown won best carving. The fireworks were spectacular and I would like to thank everybody who attended for making it so much fun. Huge 'thank you's to everyone who helped out organising and running the event, especially to Emma, Ed, Keith, Fred Lynne and Katy (and my mum for doing the pasta bakes).

Ella Walden



All Shook Up

After an incredible set of auditions, we have cast our next Orchards show, *All Shook Up!* Congratulations to everyone who auditioned—the standard was incredibly high, and it felt very exciting to be starting a new show.

This of course means that it is also time to start promoting the show! Tickets are available at the Orchard Theatre website right now (and might make perfect Christmas presents...) so time to start spreading the word and get the audiences in for what is going to be a show that is a lot of fun.

Here's a little sneak peek at some of the early rehearsals for the show.



Tips for being eco-friendly at DAODS

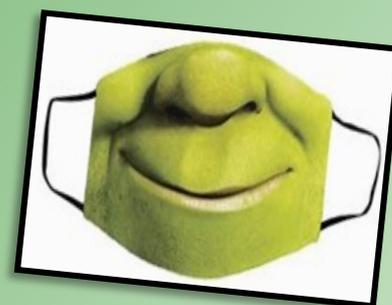
Time to hand over to Amy Cooper and Sophie Nightingale, who are here with some top tips on helping to keep DAODS green.

In light of COP26 this past month, we thought that this would be a great opportunity to share some ideas on how we can build more sustainable and environmentally friendly practices into our rehearsals and shows! These are all small changes that anyone can make to help make a difference.

If you live close by to other members involved in a show, consider car sharing to get to and from rehearsals.

Remember to bring a reusable water bottle to rehearsal with you rather than using plastic cups or buying a plastic bottle of water.

Consider wearing a re-usable face mask at rehearsals instead of single use, disposable ones.



If you need a pair of tap or character shoes for a show, try asking on the DAODS Members Facebook page to see if anyone has some you can borrow rather than buying a new pair. Equally, if you're getting rid of shoes that aren't in bad condition, then consider selling or donating them to other members of the society!

Similarly, if you're going to a fancy dress party, ask around and see if anyone in the society has items you can borrow, rather than buying something new to only wear once.

If you're looking for rehearsal clothes, consider buying second hand from charity shops, or apps such as Vinted.



When it comes to show make up, consider buying plastic free or refillable products. Lush sells refillable lipstick and mascara as well as face make up in cardboard packaging, and Peace with the Wild has a large range of really nice refillable and natural cosmetics, as well as reusable make up wipes.

Consider buying drinks from the bar that come in glass bottles rather than plastic cups. Or take your plastic cup back for a second drink, rather than getting a new one every time!



Use electricity wisely. Make sure you turn off light switches in rooms that aren't in use at the hall.

There is a new shop in Dartford called Rawganic where you can refill your own containers with bulk products. Let us know how you get on if you pay them a visit!

Amy Cooper and Sophie Nightingale

Fast Five

A quick five questions with a DAODS member. This month we are speaking to our last minute Shrek hero and one of the stars of I Want, Luke Walden.



What is your favourite musical?

My favourite musical is The Producers. I love its ridiculous nature and every male part is a dream role for me.

What part would you love to play?

Doc Brown in Back to the Future: The Musical is a particularly high bucket list character for me, but I think I will have to wait a few years for that!

What is your favourite song from a show?

I've always loved Disney villain songs, and Be Prepared from The Lion King is one I have a particular soft spot for.

What's your funniest on stage moment?

In West Side Story I forgot Officer Krupke's name... right before the song Gee Officer Krupke... it was like rubbing salt in the wound.

What show would you love to see DAODS do?

Everyone will think I've gone mad, but the SpongeBob Squarepants musical is surprisingly incredible. It has no right to be as good as it is, and has some great characters and songs. The Plankton Rap has permission to live in my head rent free.

Games

It's Christmas time! This month I would like you to try and work out which musical films with a Christmas connection have I taken screenshots from. As usual, answers sent over to me in whatever way seems easiest—Facebook, WhatsApp, DAODS email address etc. Good luck!

Congratulations to Katy George who got last month's Jukebox questions correct.

The answers were—Beautiful (Carole King), Sunshine on Leith (The Proclaimers), Our House (Madness), Sunny Afternoon (The Kinks) and Viva Forever (Spice Girls).



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