



HIADS Newsletter

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Dates For Your Diary

14 to 21 May
7.30 pm

Around the World in 80 Days
HIADS PLAY

21 May
10am-12pm

Coffee Morning
HIADS Social

27 May
2.30 pm and 7.30 pm

West Side Story
FILM

8-11 June
7.30pm &
Sat 11 2.30pm

Little Shop of Horrors
Hayling Musical Society
VISITING GROUP

30 July-6 August
7.30pm

Ladies Day
HIADS PLAY



SEE THE WORLD...

....at the Station Theatre.

This coming Saturday, 14th May, the curtain comes up on our next production, Around the World in 80 Days.

Jules Verne's ever popular tale has been adapted for the stage and features such delights as comedy, music, dancing, circus acts, bandit attacks, storms at sea, daring rescues, assaults on the police, romance but definitely, absolutely and categorically NO BALLOONS!

The large cast, production and technical crew have worked their collective socks off to bring this show to life and would greatly appreciate your support.

So get your tickets through the normal sources. The Box office is open 10am-12pm every Saturday, phone 0333 666 3366 or go online to www.stationtheatre.co.uk.

This is a great way to support HIADS. Go to www.havant.lottery.co.uk and search for "dramatic society". £1 could win you £25,000 or a cracking prize.....



URGENT HELP NEEDED

We urgently need people to assist with front of house duties for Around the World in 80 Days. Even if you can help for one night it would help your theatre greatly.

Please call the theatre on 02392 466363, send an email to info@hiads.org.uk or make your interest known to Rosemary Gardner or a committee member. Without proper front of house staff the show can't go on. Thank you!

YVONNE HAWLEY-HIGGS 1933-2022

We are very sad to announce the death of one of our most renowned members. Yvonne was heavily involved with the theatre from 1995 until 2013. For those who don't know Yvonne she was an ex-rep actress who started our HIADS youth group, wrote plays, directed our first panto at the Station and sat on many committees.

Yvonne is best summarised by three of her favourite characters, roles that she played excellently for HIADS: Madame Arcati (Blithe Spirit – 1999), Lady Bracknell (The Importance of Being Earnest 2010—pictured below) and her final role, Dolly Messiter (Brief Encounter – Still Life 2013). She will be sadly missed. Here's an email we received from her daughter Jackie....

"It is with great regret that I have to inform you that my mother, Yvonne, passed away on 16th April 2022. She moved away from Hayling Island to live in Totnes in Devon near my brother Jerry in 2020. She spent a happy year and a half there, making friends with the other residents of the sheltered accommodation block. Instead of daily walks along the seashore, she enjoyed walks along the River Dart. Instead of going into Mengham on her mobility scooter, she went to the top of the High Street on 'Bob the Bus' and then potted down browsing in the many fascinating little shops on the way.

Her Totnes flat was decorated with pictures and posters from the many plays she participated in during her 18 years at HIADS, where she enjoyed acting, directing and being publicity officer. Even when she was at school she knew she wanted to be in the theatre, and as soon as she had finished her education, she went on to train at Webber Douglas Drama School in London. Her first job was in repertory company in Aylesbury where she found it quite a challenge to learn new parts every week or so. This was also where she met and fell in love with my father Geoff.

After they got married and I and then Jerry came along, it was not really possible for her to pursue her acting career and I remember her talking about her drama days with great regret thinking she would never have an opportunity to act again. But she did, thanks to HIADS! She enjoyed being a member of the HIADS community so much and was delighted to realise that those acting skills that had been lying dormant for all those years were still there and that a group of like-minded people were living nearby, making her retirement a very happy one. The HIADS community were also very important to her after Geoff died – she was never allowed to be lonely with so many theatre-loving friends around.



It was at a HIADS social event, some years later, that she met Basil, who, up till then had admired her from afar through her various theatrical roles. They had five happy years together before Basil died, and during that time he went to see her in many different plays and took her out for lovely meals. He even took her to New York on the Queen Mary 2 from Southampton!

Different people on Hayling Island will remember her for different parts she played during her time at HIADS, but most of all she will be remembered for her swan song, in which she played Lady Bracknell in 'The Importance of being Earnest'. It was probably also the part she enjoyed playing most!

Before she died Yvonne expressed a desire to be cremated, and to have her ashes scattered at Sharpham Meadow Natural Burial Ground just outside Totnes. It will just be a family ceremony and we don't want any flowers. Instead, I have started a Just Giving fundraiser to help refugees from Ukraine. This is a cause that she cared deeply about, and I know she would be happy to know that money was being raised in her memory for this worthy but sad cause."

The link is below in case you would like to participate. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacqueline-coe

Jackie Coe April 2022

LADIES' DAY

THEY'RE UNDER STARTERS ORDERS

The flag is raised and they are off for LADIES DAY....30th July-6th August

The cast are neck and neck as follows:

Pearl - Teresa Murphy

Jan - Lesley Marshall

Linda - Debbie Porter

Shelley - Laura Duncan

Joe - Gary Doe

Jim - Dave Ellis

Patrick - Carl Wood

Barry - Dave Modig

Fred - Carl Wood

Kevin - Gary Doe

A big thank you to everyone who came to the reading and the audition.

Linda Mac

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to all our new members in 2022 to date:

- David Ayling
- John Sommerville
- Wendy Sherrington
- Rodney May
- Rebecca Weaving
- Christine Thomas
- Barbara Nixon
- Mark Lally
- Tom Hudson
- Emma Hogarth
- Richard Burkart
- Rob King

It's great to see so many new members, some of whom are already heavily involved in current productions.

Welcome to the HIADS family!

BEHIND THE SCENES

It takes a lot more than just actors to make a show happen -

We need people to help out with lighting, sound, set building/painting, props and wardrobe, irrespective of experience.

Rob King would like to have a get together with anyone who is interested in getting involved asap.

Please email Rob on rob.king@hiads.co.uk

YOUR THEATRE NEEDS YOU!!