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# STAGE WHISPER

TRINITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone.

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year period. Now, back to theatrical matters.

The theatre is in full swing again. Currently rehearsals are going ahead for "Wife after Death" and "Bugsy Malone". There was a very enjoyable Quiz night organised by the Social committee, for which many thanks. Thanks also to our bar helpers - Mike and Bob.

Regarding forthcoming productions - Gwen Stevens is proposing to produce "The Shadow Factory" in July. There is an information evening on Monday February 2nd at 7.30 pm, followed by a read thru on Sunday February 16 at 2.30pm and auditions on Monday, 24 February at 7.30pm. This is an exciting new play with lots of parts - quite a few only small parts - so please come and support this.

"Wife after Death" needs a prompt at least for the rehearsals (Tues & Thurs). Can someone help please?

Apart from productions, we have Suzanne's Dance School putting on two performances on Saturday February 8th at 2 and 7 pm.

We have bar and front of house cover for both shows. Thank you to all who have offered help. Then we have an Adele Tribute Show on Saturday February 22nd and Robbie Williams Tribute on March 1st.

I recently sent an email to all our members but I know that not everyone has this facility so I am repeating it here.

## URGENT—IMPORTANT

### **To all Members**

I am on a mission again. We need volunteers/helpers - call them what you will - I say "excellent people"!!!! Please read on

**Bar and Front of House:** We need helpers for these two sections. Their titles are pretty self explanatory. Each help is for one performance - half an hour before curtain up until the end. But it does not necessarily have to be every performance - just one here and there. I will willingly give anyone more info if needed.

**Chaperones and First Aiders:** I have put out a call for more people to be trained in these two categories on more than one occasion. I have one person who is willing to be trained as a chaperone and two as first aiders.

We do need at least another 3 chaperones and 2 first aiders.

**Designated Premises Supervisor:** John Plumbly is currently our DPS having held this position for several years. We need to appoint a new one but it has to be someone who has a personal licence which is the licence covering our ability to have two bars. To obtain a personal licence means completing a form on line and then another form for the DPS.

***I must stress: Help will be given if anyone has to complete forms on line and needs help. Any costs will be met by the theatre.***

I cannot stress strongly enough that if we don't get people to help we will not be able to operate the theatre. Our bars are very popular but without helpers or a DPS we can't open them. Without chaperones and first aiders our shows cannot be performed. All of this would bring about the closure of the theatre. The few people that do help in the above categories cannot take on any more jobs. Thank you to all of those members and a big Thank you to anyone who steps forward to help.

I am happy to say that we have had some replies and offers for which I am grateful. However the more people we have available the better. However, regarding First Aiders, the situation has changed. We have now decided to ask the Ambulance Service to come to the theatre one evening for a talk on CPR and other related matters taking about 1 - 2 hours. We hope to make an event of this and trust members will find this interesting and helpful. Details have yet to be confirmed. Thank you for putting up with "nagging" me! However, your offers of help ensure that the next few productions can easily go ahead. What a relief!

Carry on the good work.

**Cheers for now, Dinah (291459 or 07876021194)**

# Stage Whisper—Editorial

In this issue is a plea from CAODS President, Dinah Bowman, for more volunteers.

Membership of a dramatic society is not just about appearing on the stage. It is vital that every aspect of the theatre, directing or choreographing productions, running the bar, chaperoning, backstage, set building, first aid, costumes, maintenance, sound & lighting, publicity, front of house, website, the newsletter, helping at one of the monthly coffee mornings etc is attended to.

**Please make it your new year resolution to get more involved with Trinity Theatre.**

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON...

Details of read through and audition dates for our musical production, **The Shadow Factories** are listed in this issue.

**Cheryl**

## Stage Whisper— Next Edition

All members are welcome to contribute to Stage Whisper. Please send entries for the next edition to [stagewhisper@caods.org.uk](mailto:stagewhisper@caods.org.uk). by **Thursday 20th February 2020**.

**Cheryl May**  
**EDITOR**

# Social News

## Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Besides tea and coffee there will be yummy cakes and scrummy bacon rolls as well as a chance to sharpen up on your table tennis skills.

If you can help out at one of the coffee mornings then please contact **John** on **07807165574**.

## Quiz – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm

## Ceilidh – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm

Tickets now on sale, see advert.

## Community Quiz – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Event</b>                                |
|-----------------------|---|
| Coffee Morning        | Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February from 10am |
| Coffee Morning        | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March from 10am    |
| St. Patrick's Ceilidh | Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm   |
| Coffee Morning        | Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April from 10am    |
| Race Night            | Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm   |
| Community Quiz        | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm     |
| Coffee Morning        | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June from 10am     |

Check out our website for other shows and events at Trinity Theatre.

[caods.org.uk](http://caods.org.uk)

# CAODS PRODUCTION NEWS

## WIFE AFTER DEATH

Friday 27th March 7.30pm

Saturday 28th March 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd April 7.30pm

Friday 3rd April 7.30pm

Saturday 4th April 7.30pm

A comedy by *Rising Damp* writer Eric Chappell

BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN

## BUGSY MALONE

Thursday 30th April

Friday 1st May

Saturday 2nd May

CAODS youth section - Trinity Youth Stars are rehearsing for what looks to be a fantastic show.

# THE SHADOW FACTORIES

On **July 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** we are putting on a production called **The Shadow Factory**.

It is all about the struggles of the people in wartime Southampton. It depicts their chaos and courage in times of hardship. It shows how the Ministry had to take over people premises to build the Spitfire anywhere they could, after the Supermarine factory was bombed. There is some exciting music and dancing so lots for chorus to do but also some lead roles for several people.

**Information evening on Monday 2nd February at 7.30 pm,  
Read thru on Sunday 16th February at 2.30pm  
Auditions on Monday, 24th February at 7.30pm.**

## **The cast are :**

Jackie Dimmock  
Polly Stride  
Lil Dimmock  
Fred Dimmock  
Mary 'Ma' Dimmock  
Sylvia Meinster  
Air Chief Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding  
Lady Cooper  
Lord 'Max' Beaverbrook  
Len Gooch

And lots of chorus .

All ages will be considered singing ability is preferable but not essential to all the parts.

Thank you.

**Gwen 525655**

# Coffee Morning

featuring  
tea, coffee, cake,  
bacon rolls & table tennis

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10am to Noon

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