

# The Civic Hall Amateur Players Society C.H.A.P.S.

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## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2020

Dear All,

Hello everyone, we hope all in our Society are staying well, together with family and friends. Things are beginning to ease and hopefully it won't be too long before we can all meet up again. I'm sure all our garden's are looking great, our homes are tidy, our cars washed and sparkling !!!

Just a few items of news.....and a new feature this month, SUE'S RAMBLE. No, not ramble in the woods! Ramble! First of all.....

### N.O.D.A. NOMINATION FOR BEST PANTOMIME - CHAPS - HUMPTY DUMPTY

N.O.D.A.'s regional conference has taken place via email on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> June, and we have been informed that our November 2019 pantomime 'Humpty Dumpty' has received the 'Best Pantomime' Award for District 1. Congratulations to everyone for brilliant performances, and especially to Keith as director.

### CHAPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we did wonder if our A.G.M. for this year could take place by email, but the consensus of opinion amongst committee members was perhaps to wait a little while longer in the hope that we can meet as a group before too long.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR..... Margaret had just done her super hero bit rescuing Martin and Jenny from the trials of their caravan trip into space!

### BIRTHDAYS

Julie Turner celebrated her birthday earlier this month, Shirley does the same on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, Margaret and David Cooper both have their birthday's in early July, and John (Willis) and Janet have their birthdays in the middle of July, so as always, happy birthday wishes got to all.

### OTHER NEWS

I know you will be pleased to hear that Jenny is progressing well after surgery, and hopes to be back with us very shortly. I'm sure we all send her our thoughts and good wishes.



Sadly as some of you may know, we lost Bill Chapman at the end of May. Bill was a lovely man and always very supportive of Chaps. He and his wife Pat have come to our productions over many years and he was our president during his term as Mayor of Conwy. He took great pleasure in attending our shows and was always first to laugh and applaud, which of course encouraged the rest of our audience to do so too. He was always

very complimentary about our Society's contribution to our community, none more so that at meetings of Conwy Town Council. We will miss him.

Patti's partner Dave let us know recently that their good friend Carol, who many of you may not know, but who was a big helper with our tea's and coffee's team in the days when we were at the Civic Hall, has also passed away, and we send our condolences to Dave, Patti and Carol's family.

#### SUE'S RAMBLE.

Hello all, how is everyone doing? Well sadly my lock down days are over and I've really enjoyed my time. I've not looked at the clock or stressed about anything.

We have been busy tidying the garden and planting runner beans, french beans, tomatoes and leek's (thank you Margaret for starting us off), and I have also painted the fence, the shed and a few plant tubs which were looking a bit tired - if it didn't move, I painted it! We have all sorts of colours, (those little tester pots are really good!) and you can tell I have had the time as I have tried to match the colour of the pot with the plant. On the way home from a shopping trip to Morrison's at Rhyl recently, where the social distancing seemed to be better than some other shops, we called at a Garden World garden centre like Tal Goed, where we bought a basket of sweet peas and hopefully they will look really beautiful when they come out. Geoff has sanded and varnished the garage door which looks super. He has also been trying to sort bits of his family tree, and with the help of a cousin of mine, we have tried to find some of my Mum's family now; you can really get hooked.

We have seen more of our neighbours during the lock down; we have chatted over the hedge and the fence, and every Thursday we waited for the Church bell to ring at five minutes to eight, and we all clapped for the emergency workers. We had a lovely note from young neighbours on one side saying that if we needed any shopping, just to ask, which was very kind of them. Are we getting OLD??

I have missed the company at work, the banter that we had. I have worked it out, I have not worked for 90 days! All I have had to look at is Geoff and we have got on great. Well most of the time!

I got a phone call from my boss a week last Thursday saying can I attend a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, a get-together and talk, and training, and then on Tuesday, a full day, that was a shock to the system. I have to take my own cup, knife, spoon etc. and lunch of course and all eight of us sat in the coffee shop two meters from each other; it seemed very strange. We had to prepare for a sale and put up social distancing notices. Three days off, followed by all day on Saturday, and then everyday next week. Gosh, every day on my feet in the shop and no air-conditioning, I will melt! I am very lucky to have a job as they have lost seven members of staff.

Well, I hope it won't be too long before we can all be together again. Stay safe and well.

Sue.

Once again, if you have any information or happenings that you would like to share with other members, or thoughts on any of the above, then please get in touch.

Keep well and safe, everyone. Janet, Geoff & Sue.