

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

Founded 1979

(Affiliated to the National Operatic & Dramatic Association)

## NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2020

Dear All,

As I am sure you will have imagined, due to the corona virus pandemic, CHAPS is having to put on hold for the foreseeable future, the meetings we were planning for this spring. We had hoped to be in rehearsal for a summer show right now. However, here's a note of some things that we have been able to do, and thoughts for later in the year.

Firstly, and very sadly, many of you will know that we lost Norman at the beginning of February. His first ever performance on stage was in our play 'Little Box of Oblivion' and he was so natural in his comedy role. Next came pantomime, as Sheikh Yaboddi in 'Dick Whittington', Jonathan Collings in 'Erica and Me', and as a chorus member in 'Old King Cole'. Norman also took on front of house roles, and was a great supporter of Janet. Some of us will always remember him at a James Bond themed murder mystery evening held at Chateau Rhianfa, where he won the Best Dressed award, in his white dinner jacket and black eye patch! We will all miss his smile and his laughter.

MURDER MYSTERY PERFORMANCE FOR THE RNLI. We were asked to repeat our murder mystery 'The Great British Bump Off' as a fund raiser for the Landudno Branch of the RNLI, and this took place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at Colwyn Bay Cricket Club. The RNLI themselves did all the arranging, all we had to do was to turn up. That said, we were very grateful to both Sian and Peter who brought along and set up backcolths, sound and lighting. The evening was very well attended, and we understand that £560.00 was made for the benefit of the RNLI. The event was also good publicity for our Society.

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE WHITE LION INN, LLANELIAN - SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020. I think we just managed to get this in before the corona virus restrictions hit with a vengeance. Fifteen of us were able to enjoy a really nice Sunday lunch and get-together. I just hope that the White Lion will be alright for the future.

DEGANWY PROMENADE DAY - SATURDAY 30TH MAY FROM 11AM TO 4PM.

After the success of our attendance at last year's promenade day, we thought that it would be a good idea to further promote the Society, and spread the word about our future productions, to have a stall at this year's event. It was an enjoyable day for those of us that took part, meeting the public, many of whom we know and who know us, and publicising last year's play. As far as we know at the moment this is still going ahead, so if you would like to help with this, please let us know.

## SUMMER PLAY / MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20 JUNE,

We had suggested a Summer Play / Musical Variety show for Friday and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June, with the short play 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' and either a second short play or musical / monologue variety section, but meetings for this would have been taking place at this time and obviously this is not now possible. Depending on how things go, possibly deferring a performance to late August or very early September and then going straight into rehearsals for pantomime is the thought at the moment. However, we had asked Hallam if he would help us put together a musical section for this and he has made the following suggestion:

*Hello everyone!*

*With the lockdown in place for the foreseeable future, and everyone (hopefully) staying at home I was thinking of ways that CHAPS can continue some sort of production. The idea I've come up with is a radio drama, or series of audio short stories. Members can record their lines on their mobile phones or iPads etc. Then they can send them to me to edit into a single play. These could be posted onto the CHAPS Facebook page. Let me know what you think!*

*All the best,*

*Hallam*

As Hallam says, let us know what you think.

## PANTOMIME FOR 2020

The pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' has been suggested and Margaret has provisionally booked the following dates for performances:

Rhos on Sea Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 10.00am - 10.00pm Two performances

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020..... 1.00pm - 6.00pm Performance & get-out

Memorial Hall, Llandudno Junction.

Frid 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020 12.00pm - 10.00pm Get-in & performance

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020 12.00pm - 6.00pm Matinee only

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 1.00pm - 8.00pm Performance & get-out

## DEFIBRILLATOR

This was installed on the side wall of Boots the Chemist in Llandudno Junction on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Welsh Hearts undertook free training sessions at Llandudno Junction Memorial Hall, for people wishing to be trained in the use of this equipment, and it is to Martin that we owe very grateful thanks for pushing this through.

OTHER NEWS.

Our thoughts and best wishes of course go to Jenny, recovering at home from an operation, and Janet would like us to organise a beach party for the summer. We haven't had one of these for years but wouldn't that be something to look forward to.

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.

I think that's all we have for the moment. Keep well and safe, everyone.

Geoff.

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