

## S.O.S Summer Salutations!

September 2018

Welcome to the rather late Summer Newsletter. Apologies for the delay, but I've been on holiday, then my computer became very ill, but thankfully, it has now recovered. . . . ! I do hope you're all been enjoying the incredibly hot & unusual weather we've experienced recently? Well, here's the news: past, current & of things to come.

Our Concert - 'Let 'em eat Cake' - took place at the lovely venue of Blackmore Village Hall on Friday & Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June; and the theme of the Concert was food & drink.

After months of rehearsals, our stalwart & talented MD, Alli Smith & Director, Kate Smith - [no relation] - licked us into shape for 3 really good performances. Concerts are excellent for providing the floor for new talent to emerge, where they haven't the pressure of a large stage role, but can really 'show us what they've got'. This has proved the case in a number of our concerts over the years, & this year was no exception!

Songs from well-loved shows, & songs from shows most of the cast hadn't heard of, were presented to our audiences, who received them happily - along with mouths full of cake.

We've made an amazing profit for the Society of £2,222.64 - which is what it's all about. Well done everyone!

### Rock'n'Roll Night

Shortly after the Concert, Sarah, our Social Secretary organised a 'Rock'n'Roll evening at South Weald Hall as an introduction to R'n'R ready for our next big production *'All Shock Up!'*

The evening was a great success, no-one was badly injured, but one or two might have been a little stiff the following day, & we managed to make a profit of £100.00. Rock on . . . . .

## What's next?

Our next production will be '**ALL SHOOK UP!**' at the 'Queen's Theatre' from Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> to Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> - when there will be 2 performances. This is a show set in the 50s, to the music of the King himself - Elvis Presley and promises to be a FANTASTIC event. The music you will know - so just go with the flow!

We would like to welcome our Artistic Director, David Street, who many of you will know, and our Musical Director, Ben Summers, who has also worked with us in the past. Audition rehearsals are Fri. 7<sup>th</sup>; Wed. 12<sup>th</sup>; Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> September and on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, **auditions** will be held at **St. Peter's School, Wigley Bush Lane, Brentwood CM14 5QN** from 12 noon - 5:30pm.

**Audition forms** can be found on the website, but need to be completed & sent to our Vice Chairman, Claire Rose on this email address [claire-rose@live.com](mailto:claire-rose@live.com) by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> so that they can be collated.

**Please buy your tickets through the Queen's Theatre, which sells them on our behalf! Tel: 01708 443333 or go to the 'Queen's Theatre' website**

## Charities:

The charity to which we're subscribing as a Society, this year is the **Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Society**. We're supporting them throughout our rehearsals & all through Show Week. The **Air Ambulance** isn't part of the NHS and it relies on monetary donations from the general public. It provides a free life-saving **Helicopter Emergency Medical Service**, known as **HEMS**, for the critically ill & injured of Essex, Hertfordshire & the surrounding areas.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please go on line to [ehaat.org](http://ehaat.org) - or give your donation to any Committee or cast member of 'All Shook Up!'

We have a collection box & will ensure the money goes to EHAAT.

### New Committee:

Having mentioned the Committee, you now need to know who to contact! The following 10 people were voted in at our recent AGM.

President: Enid Morris

Patron: Hon. Dominic Petre

Chairman: Kerry Cooke

Vice-Chair: Claire Rose

Secretary: Annette Harris

Treasurer: Steph Ironmonger

Publicity: Suzanne Gunn

Membership: Caroline Green

Printing: Kerry McGowan

Social: Sarah Nuzum

Production Louise Byrne

Show Budgets: Louise Miles

### Controller:

A small rise in the subscriptions was also voted in & membership will now be £12/month instead of £10/month. If you pay by Standing Order, please would you see that it's altered before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

### Props & Costume store:

The costume/props store is having a 'tidy-up-& throw-away' session on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Anyone** who can help will be more than welcome. Please contact Caroline Green through her email address on [sosmembership@hotmail.com](mailto:sosmembership@hotmail.com) for directions.

### Birthdays!!

Four members of the Society had important birthdays this year - [that is Birthdays which end in 0. . . !]

To the following we send extended Happy Birthday greetings!

Kerry Cooke, who reached her half century;

Georgie Godbold & Sue Witney, who added a further 20 runs

Mary Jones, who added a further 10 to the score.

Congratulations, Ladies!

If you have anything you would like putting in the next edition of the Newsletter, please send it to either Annette Harris - email at [daveannestock@aol.com](mailto:daveannestock@aol.com) or Kerry Cooke on [cookek@gmail.com](mailto:cookek@gmail.com)

Thanks! Lynne