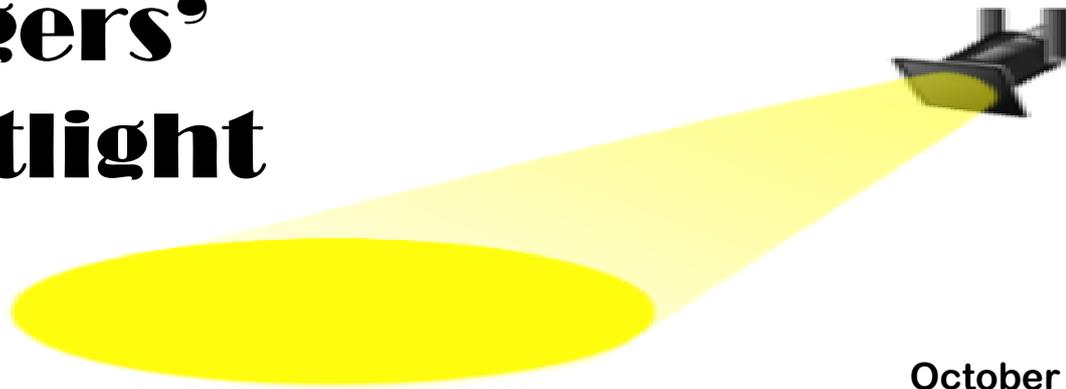


Stagers' Spotlight



October 2020

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the October edition of Spotlight and my first as your Chair. Another huge thank you to Helen Coyte for all of her hard work as my predecessor and also to Heather Legat who has agreed to step up and give us the benefit of her experience supporting the society as your new Vice-Chair.

As well as these changes, we are very lucky to welcome two new members onto the committee. Eric Collins, who has seemingly been in every recent Stagers show (my favourite was seeing him as Lucien Tomb in A Tomb with a View) and Ellis Nicholls, who was last on stage as Harold Wilson in Made in Dagenham and was hoping to bring us an evening of Noel Coward this November. They have both stepped up and are giving their time, their passion and their expertise to help Stagers.

That makes your full committee at this time: Joe White (Chair), Heather Legat (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Charters (Secretary), Stephen Penny (Treasurer), Peter Budd, Ruth Wilbraham, Barry Levy, Hazel Hawkswell, Eric Collins, Ellis Nicholls.

We are planning to make Spotlight a regular, monthly email out to you all, maybe a little shorter but hopefully focused on giving you all the important information that you need. Should you have anything you would like us to include please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the committee.

These are strange times but we can keep supporting each other and find moments of joy, connection and celebration.

Go well.

Joe

Upcoming Events

Quiz Night

I hope you will all be able to join me for a quiz on Wednesday 28th October from the comfort of your own home.

It will be a fun quiz which will cater for all ages and abilities.

There will be a mystery prize for the winning team!

Looking forward to quizzing with you soon.

Helen

You can join from 7.45 ready to get started at 8pm via the zoom details below.

Zoom Meeting: [Stagers Quiz](#)

or

Meeting ID: 964 6454 0599

Passcode: 332861

February One Acts

Thank you to everyone who replied to our survey about the February One Acts; we received responses from almost half our members and there were clearly strong feelings on all sides.

We spent a long time in the last committee meeting discussing the concerns but also the fact that there are a large number of members keen to get back together and on stage, as well as people willing to support the production and come along and watch it.

Based on that, at this stage we will proceed as if we will be able to put on two performances in February. We will work to find a small number of plays (maybe even just two) with a maximum of 5 parts and limited costumes, set and props that can be staged in a socially- distanced manner.

A number of people expressed interest in directing so we will work with some of them to agree how to do the auditions and rehearsals in line with current guidelines and undertake risk assessments for all aspects of these shows, up to and including the performances themselves.

We will work with the Village Hall to stay on top of any changes to the guidelines and we will only proceed with the performances if the committee feels we are able to do so in a responsible manner. Our first duty is to all of you and we are prepared to cancel the show right up until the curtain rises, if we feel that it is necessary.

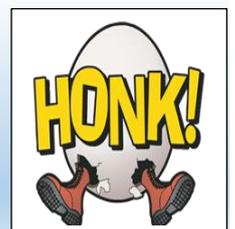
In fact, probably the only thing we can be certain of at this point is that we will not be serving food on the evening.

I realise that not everyone will agree with this decision or choose to support this show, should it happen, but I hope you will believe that we are working in the interests of the society as a whole and that we are ready to adapt our approach as the situation changes.

Please feel free to contact directly to Joe or Heather if you would like to discuss further.

Honk Readthrough

We are hopeful that rehearsals for HONK! can resume in February. To keep the cast and creative team honking while we wait, we will be holding a readthrough sing-a-long via zoom on 18th November.



You're invited
to celebrate...

A STAGERS' CORNUCOPIA

***Saturday 5th December - 7.45 for 8pm
Zoom (details to follow)***

***Bring your choice of party piece -
monologue, sketch, song, what-you-will.***

***Or ... just pour a glass, sit back and
watch.***

Membership News

Subscriptions

Please accept my thanks if you have already paid your subscription for the current Stagers' financial year, which commenced on 1st July.

If you haven't done so, I would be grateful if you could let me have your payment as soon as possible. Details of subscription rates and how to pay are below.

Please remember that if your subscription remains unpaid at 31st December your membership will lapse

Stephen Penny (Honorary Treasurer)

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There will be more information re
Stagers Cornucopia in the next
Spotlight

If you do have a party piece to
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