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L.A.D.S Latchingdon Arts and Drama Society

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## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair - Cathy Hallam

Vice Chair/Box Office - Alana Wilson

Treasurer - Richard Lang

Secretary - Moir Gunfield

Production Manager - Mandi Tickner

Health & Safety Officer - Charlie Potter

Website Manager - Matthew Bacon

Social Secretary - Heather Bainbridge

Publicity—Michelle Kuta

Buildings - Tom & Richard Playle

Sound - Teddy Allen

Lighting - Sean Sullivan / Connor Anderson

Stage/Set - Martin Gunfield

Costumes - Sharyn Hughes

Support - Kath Lang

NETG Liason - Doreen Neale



## Keep Calm and Carry On!

In recent weeks the nation, and the world, has seen some new and uncertain times. If you have been following the news then you will already be well aware of the outbreak of Covid-19, a coronavirus that is sweeping through the world.

As a society, we always take the health of our patrons and actors very seriously, and due to this outbreak, our management team have had to come to some decisions recently to ensure the safety of everyone involved at LADS.

In this newsletter we will be covering some points on this, postponed events, hand washing procedures and putting your mind at ease with the protocols that are now in place for your safety.

However it is not all doom and gloom here at LADS! The shed clear up is going fantastically well with some successful afternoons clearing things and making a detailed inventory on all the costumes, props, tins of paint and set pieces we have, and more importantly what we no longer need! A huge thankyou to those who have helped out, and now LADS is looking almost brand new! We have had a fantastic new beauty bar (pictured above) installed into the changing rooms and we have also now got a huge workspace back stage for building sets and props for any upcoming productions. We are also amidst a kitchen refurbishment, which will finish us off and give the kitchen that magic touch!

In other not-so-happy news we have had to postpone our upcoming production of 'Last of the Summer Wine' in May. This comes with a heavy decision but we are looking to reschedule this til further notice. Our committee felt it was safer this way, and follows with the governments guidelines of social distancing for now.

Another postponed event was our Quiz on the 21st March. Again, the committee decided this was not in-keeping with government advice and that it would be better to postpone this event once things have calmed down. **For any questions about this please contact our Social Secretary Heather Bainbridge via email. Lads.socialsec@gmail.com.**

**All information regarding Covid-19 and the postponing of events will be detailed on the next page.**

To return to a happier note, we had a successful turn out for the Grease Summer Musical Workshop! A huge thankyou to Maisie Tickner, Alana Wilson and Emma Olney who ran the workshop and had the whole place involved in a riveting singing workshop and energetic dance workshop! We had lots of new faces as well as existing faces, which was fantastic! A big thankyou to all who made the workshop, or registered their interest.

If anyone is in need of any help or advice during this time, please do not feel isolated even if you are having to self-isolate, reach out via email to our Secretary Moir Gunfield.

**Please DO NOT ENTER the Shed at this time under any circumstances as requested by Tom & Richard, due to Government Guidelines of self-isolation due to Covid-19.**

**Please stay home and stay safe.**

# Detailed Notices

## An insight into the current notices for society!

A small notice about the coronavirus Covid-19 and the procedures we have put in place to comply with the government.

- Covid-19 is a virus that has symptoms of **a persistent dry cough & a temperature**
- Do not go to the doctors/hospital if you suspect you have symptoms—ring NHS 111 and follow their advice.
- At LADS we ask you wash your hands **for at least 20 seconds when arriving & at tea breaks/handling food.**
  - Anyone who is on tea duty at rehearsals will be wearing gloves.
- If you feel unwell or suspect you may have symptoms please **call NHS 111 immediately and stay away/follow NHS self-isolation guidelines.**
  - If you fall into the “high risk” category **please call NHS 111 and follow their self-isolation advice.**
    - Please wash your hands in general as often as you can, use hand sanitiser if you can
    - Avoid large social groups ( **hence Committee’s decision to postpone upcoming events for now**)
  - **Cover your mouth with your inside elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze (bin tissue immediately)**

**If in doubt about anything to do with the coronavirus PLEASE call NHS 111 and take their advice.**

All of the above information has been sourced from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**As per the previous page of this newsletter , the following two events have currently been postponed:**

- **LADS Quiz Night** - This has been postponed til further notice to comply with the governments guidelines of not having social gatherings to prevent the spread of the virus.
- **LADS Last of the Summer Wine** - This has been postponed til further notice to comply with guidelines on having social gatherings, and for the health and safety of our actors, as well as audience for the show.

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## Member Spotlight

I was asked to join LADS in April 2019, so I am a real newcomer to the Society. However I have been acting since I was taken onto the stage at the age of four by my mother.

In June 2019 I was asked if I would be prepared to be head of wardrobe following on from the talented Kathy Lang. I was more than happy to take on this opportunity as I have been a seamstress most of my life and a wardrobe mistress for two other drama groups. I’ve won best costume at the Felixstowe Drama Festival several years ago for The Crucible.

Not only have I been apart of LADS wardrobe, I have also dipped my feet into the acting side of things! I did take on a role in LADS production of ‘Waiting in the Wings’ which I really enjoyed. But now I’ve been rehearsing the part of Nora Batty in ‘Last of the Summer Wine’. I’m really looking forward to this production when it is safe to put on at the Shed as I’m really looking forward to working on character and comedy acting. The cast is fabulous alongside our director Michelle, I’m very much excited for it. I hope to be with LADS until feel I can’t give anymore. Everyone at LADS is most welcoming and I hope I have slotted in.



Sharyn Hughes - Costumes/  
Seamstress 2019/20