



@latchingdon_artsdrama



@ladsdrama



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

L.A.D.S

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021—WEB ISSUE #10



The Greatest Game, The Biggest Adventure...

When churchyards yawn, and hell itself breathes out contagion....Sorry! Just quoting from our first show back after Covid! And what an absolute success it was!

After lots of safety measures, our cast began to rehearse back in July for 'The Games Afoot'. Our director Cathy Hallam, and Chair woman, jumped straight in head first to a farce of triumphant proportions. It was hands on, comedic beyond comparison, and came with so many props, costumes and extras that we couldn't believe our eyes!

Complete with a revolving set, a couple braces of pistols and an eager and buzzing cast, we opened our doors on the 6th-9th of October to enthusiastic audiences, with raving reviews!

So a huge congratulations to the cast, backstage, set designing team, front of house, sound team, lighting team and our photographer for all pulling together and creating a fantastic return to the stage! Now we are all rearing to go and excited for the next production on the cards...

We aren't even pausing for breath this time folks, we are already leaping into rehearsals for Showhits 2021 which this year is in December, and we have a cast very eager to perform for our audiences.

Aimee Hart & Holly Hallam will be directing a show serving up some new favourites, and older classics! Buckle up, and get ready for the return of the popular Showhits!

The future beyond Christmas is sitting in the darkness, awaiting instruction! We have things all lined up and ready for everyone to sink their teeth into.

With that in mind, the need for new members, helping hands, and talents are ever-increasing! So if you think you have a skill / talent or just some free time you can dedicate to our lovely LADS schedule, please get in touch!

Keep those eyes open, as I see you shiver with anticipation!

Upcoming Events

The Games Afoot—a Success!

‘The Games Afoot’ was a huge success with our audiences after a long awaited return. Special thanks to our chair Cathy Hallam for pulling this production together. Also a special mention to Martin Gunfield & Moir Gunfield for heading up a fantastic set design & build team who put together yet another astonishing set for this play.

Our cast—Dan Tunbridge, Moir Gunfield, Matt Bacon, Jessica Hallam, Charlie Potter, Heather Bainbridge, Sharyn Hughes and Holly Hallam—were polished and energetic in their individual roles and work smoothly as a team. The play itself being highly physically demanding, they all took it in their stride.

Our sound and light effects causing many a gasp each night from our audiences with ominous thunder to really set the scene, and our back stage team creating flawless transitions with our very own revolving set!

SHOWHITS 2021!

And as if you couldn't take much more now that LADS is back in the swing of things—BAM! Here comes Showhits!

Showhits has been running for many years, and when the lockdown broke our 30+year streak, we were all gutted.

But not to despair!

Showhits is back this year—just at a slightly later time! **We will be performing December 1st– 4th**, with rehearsals starting to take place slowly in September/October time. For those who have expressed their interest in taking part we cant wait to see you! We’ve got a little bit of everything to please everybody!

So put it in your diaries! LADS is back and ready to rock and roll!

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 - Connor Anderson

Stage/Set - Martin Gunfield

Costumes - Sharyn Hughes

Support - Kath Lang

NETG Liason - Doreen Neale