



# L.A.D.S

NEWSLETTER for October/November 2022

## MEET THE TEAM!

We welcome Moir, as our new Chair at LADS, and look forward to her positive impact as she continues her dedication to LADS within her new role. We wish her the best of luck as our new executive team all confidently navigate LADS into the new year. We are happy to confirm that Richard Lang continues his position as treasurer, and with Sharyn Hughes newly announced as the LADS secretary (also continuing Wardrobe), the executive team is complete and ready for business.

Alana Wilson is Vice Chair, Registrations Officer, Social Media & Ticket Sales

Mandi Tickner is Production Manager & Front of House

Martin Gunfield is Set Design, Construction & Props

Charlie Potter is Farm Liaison & Set Construction

Chelle McGee is Publicity Officer

Heather Bainbridge is Social & Fundraising Secretary

Cathy Hallam is Health & Safety Officer

Doreen Neall is Guild Secretary & Prompt

Robin Warnes is President

Kathy Lang is Honorary Advisor, Wardrobe & Props

### **WHAT'S NEXT:**

September is the start of our season at LADS; this year, we will be taking some time off in order to make some changes and improvements to our backstage and wardrobe areas. Keep an eye out for emails, group chats and social media to keep up to date with the latest news of upcoming productions, read-throughs for cast selection, social and fundraising events and more.

There will be a **Members Meeting** on **Tuesday 8th November at 8pm** in the Shed and we look forward to seeing you there. New members are welcome, so bring along a friend.

# BURNHAM CARNIVAL

We would like to say a huge thank you to the LADS members who took part in Burnham Carnival this year. You did what you do best and put on great show! The show was superbly created by our one and only Chelle McGee and we are in admiration of the talent and opportunities we all have around us in order to perform and delight our audiences.



LADS are now saying a big thankyou to Teddy, Conner and Nathaniel for all of their hard work and great skills in providing our shows with sound, light and technical vision. They have made the difficult decision to take a step back, remaining valued members of the LADS society. We also wish Matt Bacon the best of luck as he moves to London to complete his studies of the Arts.

Also, upmost thanks to Holly for her social media expertise and newsletters. We have all immensely enjoyed the spotlight moments where we were introduced to many valued LADS members. This gave us an insight into the people that we saw both performing their heart out up on stage and those that worked hard behind the scenes. We have highly appreciated her skills in public relations. It is the relationship with our community that strengthens the importance of LADS as a society. Making LADS the organisation that we all know and love today.

Last but no means least, we give Cathy Hallam a massive shout out as she steps away from her devoted role as LADS Chair having accomplished many years of sound guidance and leadership with the LADS society at a very challenging time. Cathy has been a part of LADS for 22 years as both a performer and an established director. Cathy has overseen many productions during this time. Thank you again Cathy you have contributed extensively and we know your hard work will always be spoken highly of.

We extend the warmest thanks to Cathy Hallam who has dedicated unwaveringly to LADS. We thank you!



Show Hits 2022 was exactly what it said it would be - a complete hit! Thanks to Holly and Aimee for directing and producing a great show. We are lucky to feel that full venue rush and the vibrant energy of the shed back to the way it should be.

As announced on page 1, we are taking the opportunity to complete some much needed renovations at the Tractor Shed, including decorating and improving our much loved shed. We look forward to being back in full swing in 2023.

## *FOREVER REMEMBERED*

The world sadly was informed on the 8th of September 2022, that our beloved Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. I am sure everyone has felt the loss the country has experienced and witnessed the outpour of adoration for such a monarch. Moments like this remind us of own losses, both friends and family.  
May she rest in peace, long live the King.

We take this opportunity to remember Alan Chandler-Elkins a cherished LADS member of many, many years. Who sadly passed suddenly and way before his time. We will all remember Alan not only for his steadfast performances, years as Chair but also his obvious love of drama and the arts. Show Hits 2022 was dedicated to his memory and following the production we are honoured to be able to give a donation of £500 to 'The Outhouse' based in Colchester which is a charity close to Alan's heart. Alan will always be fondly remembered.

# WHAT'S NEXT IN 2023....

## Little Women

10th to 13th May (to be confirmed)

## Showhits 2023

30th August to 2nd September (to be confirmed)

## A Bunch of Amateurs

15th to 18th November (to be confirmed)



If there are any types of events you would like us to consider holding, please contact our Social and Fundraising Secretary, Heather.

We will be hosting an interactive Murder Mystery at the Shed during January 2023 and looking at holding a Music Bingo event.

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