

NANDA Newsletter



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Play of the Year 2006

A great big congratulations to Bonington Players who bowled over our adjudicator Jill Gautrey and picked up the Newark Advertisers Shield for Play of the Year! Jill's full report can be seen on our website, whilst there was much advice for our groups, she had some great feedback and to quote...."my most important experience was to discover that at the heart of many of our village and urban communities there is a vibrant and highly committed amateur theatre company. Theatre is alive and kicking in Nottinghamshire and it has been a privilege and pleasure to share in the fruits of your hard work and bear witness to the sweat and tears, the highs and lows, concerns about lack of space, lack of access or lack of equipment, the



"might have beens" and "if onlys".

I have been staggered by the amount of time given selflessly by some of you on top of full time jobs in the service of both theatre and members of the group". It seems a large pat on the back is well deserved to everyone who manages to juggle their careers and lives with bringing the Art of entertaining to our city and communities. At a Nanda dinner some time ago, Susan Penhaligon & Lisa Goddard were shocked to learn that a group attending the dinner were doing their opening night that evening. "God, we'd be sweating buckets and thinking of nothing other than first night", said Sue. Life is certainly different in the world of amateur

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Nanda Youth Festival 2006

There were packed audiences again this year as drama groups and parents made their way to the Dukeries Theatre Ollerton to attend the 21st Annual Nanda Youth Festival. There were over 100 young people taking part from the age of 10 to 18 on the stage alone so you can imagine the size of the audiences. The quality of acting from the youngest to the oldest was superb making the adjudication a very difficult job for Max Bromley. There were 10 plays shown over the 2

days from 6 different Youth Groups. A full list of results can be seen inside. However, a huge congratulation to the Robin Hood Theatre Youth Group with their production of Rabbit. They won the Reg Dury Cup for Best Overall Play. Group pictured with a smiley Mike Stewart!



Blimey what a busy season we've just had. The newsletter is bursting with all the trophy and award winners from our different festivals. So apologies if there is not much "news" but with the hard work endured by everyone to get these prestigious awards, the accolade of winning should be a name in print! Well done to everyone on the Nanda Council who volunteer their own time to administer and organise such occasions, we couldn't do it without you. If you are keen or interested in assisting with these organisational duties, please let us know. Next year we shall be looking for a festival organiser for the

Youth Festival. On our web site you will find more photographs taken at the events so if you're not in print—our apologies you'll be on the web site. We're keen to hear your comments and views on many aspects of our festivals and what we as a group—NANDA can offer so, please don't hesitate to call or email with your opinions. You can make a difference and bring great ideas! Have a great Autumn season, the calendar is packed full of productions. With Harrods and Selfridges now selling Christmas decorations, I don't feel so bad in saying in September...Have a great Christmas!.... Ed x

Dates for the diary
Sunday 29th October
Nanda Luncheon
Comfort Hotel
Nanda AGM
January 2007 TBC



Robin Hood Youth collecting Best Front of House



Vic Carr winner of Best Newcomer



Adjudicators Award to Tony Breeze



Our special Gurd Award this year was presented to Jean Lebeter for all the hard work she

has done in conjunction with Amateur Theatre and indeed Nanda. Many of you will know Jean from her dedication in building and sustaining a strong and solid Youth Festival one of the best and biggest in the country. Some of you may not know that, sadly, Jean will be stepping down from the post of Youth Festival Co-ordinator, so we are on the look-out for a new replacement.

Well Done Jean, we're all sure gonna miss ya!!

NANDA News from the County

Play of the Year Results

Newark Advertising Shield for Best all round Play

Cinderella—Bonington Players

Pat Johnson Trophy for Best Producer

Beryl Hoyle - Marking Time— West Bridgford Dramatic Society

Harry Penson Trophy for Best Actor

Steve Atkin & Kevin Grant (the ugly sisters) Cinderella—Bonington Players

Jose Cooke Award for Best Actress

Joanne Potter — The Deep Blue Sea -Greasley Players

Dan Shaw Trophy for best supporting actor/actress

Deborah Craddock—Eckersley Rising, Burton Joyce Players

Sydney Hopkin Trophy for Best Newcomer to the Adult Stage

Vic Carr — After Dinner—West Bridgford Dramatic Society

Lallie McLauchlan Trophy for Best Presentation

Eckersley Rising by Burton Joyce Players

The Oxley Trophy for Best Costumes

Cinderella by Bonington Players

The Belper Cup for Adjudicators Special Award

Tony Breeze— Eckersley Rising, Burton Joyce Players

Huthwaite Stafford Leese Award for Set Design

Great Expectations—Edwinstowe Theatre Group

Peter & Joan Martin Front of House Award

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe Robin Hood Youth Theatre

NANDA INSURANCE SCHEME

Nanda groups who participate in the Nanda Insurance Scheme will, in the next few weeks, be receiving reminders from Norman Scott at Greenhalgh and Gregson that contributions for the new season are due on 15 September (a few members have other renewal dates). These will be at the same price as last year but with slightly increased cover on "scenery, wardrobe

and props etc" due to index-linking. Insurance for amateur theatre groups is not easy to find: Brokers receive few enquiries and some don't know where to look. To protect your group against an unexpectedly big loss through a low cost wide cover facility non participating members are invited to contact Norman at 01204 526161 mentioning that you are members of NANDA..

Edwalton Church Drama Group perform Pygmalion

Although a small stage area, the furniture, set and props worked well. However, it would have been good to have suitable music during the scene changes which could have been a lot tighter. Lack of staff also meant the cast "manned" the coffee bar in the interval and although this shows the group's level of commitment to take on all these roles, I found it strange being served coffee by cast members. But credit due to the Edwalton group, they just got on and did the job. The opening scene outside St Paul's Church was very crowded and some characters were masked quite badly due to the shortage of space on stage. There were strong performances from Freddy Eynsford Hill

played by Daniel Williams and Kate Greenwood as Eliza. Her costumes were great and her ball gown was striking and elegant. Good support came from Mrs Eynsford Hill (Teresa Hopwood), Clara Eynsford Hill (Toni Badnall), Colonel Pickering (Gareth Marklew) and Pam Gardner as Mrs Pearce. Angela Wright's portrayal of Mrs Higgins was first class. Alfred Doolittle was played delightfully by Barry Holliday with strong projection which all cast members of this production handled very well. Outstanding performance of Henry Higgins by Robert Suttle, a huge part acted effortlessly. All in all, a good night out which certainly deserved a bigger audience.
By Maggie Andrew



One Act Festival 2006

Nanda's Annual One Act Open Festival took place, very successfully, at the Grange Hall Theatre, Radcliffe-on-Trent on 7th July 2006. Altogether three plays were entered, and adjudicated by Gordon Parsons, all three



gaining both plaudits and trophies. We would like to thank Gordon Parsons, Mike Stewart and all who took part, and congratulate the

winners and commiserate with the others, and with those forced to withdraw through ill health. Next Year we expect to hold the AETF first round at the end of March, and our Open Festival in June 2007, again at the Grange Hall Theatre. Watch out

for more details. (Pictured above are all the trophy winners with Mike Stewart and Gordon Parsons).

- Blaby Group Shield for Best use of stage**
Grimm News—Scene I by Avesbury Crickets
Leslie Orton Trophy for Adjudicator's Special Award
Richard Toleman as PC Bang the butler in Grimm News
John Barker Trophy for Adjudicators Award
Gita Bhatt from Avesbury Crickets
Gladys Brookes Award for Achievement for Best Newcomer
Jordan Banks from Avesbury Crickets
Muriel Radford Barnes Trophy for Best Actress
Maggie Andrew from Words of Love Mackintosh Productions
William Marrow Rosebowl for Best Actor
Neil Mackintosh from Words of Love Mackintosh Productions
Constance Radford Casket for Best Producer
James Clarke from Avesbury Crickets
Margaret Guildford Trophy for Best Overall Play
Mackintosh Productions for Words of Love

Playwriting Competition Calling All groups!

Know anyone I've missed out sending details to? If so, please let me know. Cut off date for entries is 31.12.06. The performance is the 07.07.07, which also happens to be the 60th anniversary of NANDA. A competition for both sketches and one act plays. Radcliffe on Trent Grange Hall is the venue. We would be grateful for all drama groups support by offering to produce either a sketch or a play. Last time 9 out of 10 authors attended the festival (only one was from Nottingham). There was fantastic feedback from the authors who enjoyed the event and appreciated all groups involvement in seeing their plays and sketches produced. I shall be contacting all groups shortly. Please give your support again, Maggie Andrew

Youth Festival Trophies & Awards

- Reg Dury Cup—Best Overall Play**
Rabbit by Robin Hood Youth Festival
Arcade Drama Cup—Runner up of the Festival
A Dogs Life by Argent Theatre, Newark
Fox Trophy—Actor of the Festival
Joe Foster as "Klondike" in Eclipse by Touch Wood Youth Theatre
Fox Trophy—Actress of the Festival
Laura Evans as "The Wild One" in Cagebirds by Robin Hood Youth Festival
Touchwood Trophy—Best Original or Improvised Work
East Leake Today—by East Leake Amateur Players Juniors
June Barker Cup—For Entertainment
Streuth by Robin Hood Theatre
Dan Shaw Award—(Adjudicators Discretion)
Jarrold Makin for East Leake Today by East Leake Amateur Players Juniors
Sheild—Best Actor (11 Yrs and under)
Hugh Boyd as Young Loll in Cider with Rosie by Lace Market Youth Theatre
Shield—Best Actress (11 Yrs and under)
Sophie French in East Leake Today by East Leake Amateur Players
Highly Commended Certificates
Richard Maddock and Hannah Newton for Ravenshead Youth Theatre Group
Mathew Badcock and Mark Jones for Touch Wood Youth Theatre
Kate Adley and Chris Belfield for Robin Hood Youth Theatre
Doug McPherson and Holly Cloke for Argent Theatre Newark
The Lace Market Youth Theatre and Emily Shipman of the Lace Market Youth Theatre



Joe Foster for Best Actor



Laura Evans for Best Actress



Runner Up Argent Theatre



Celebrity Luncheon—Sunday 29th October

Our special guests this year will be **Prunella Scales & Timothy West**. The event will be held on the above date from 12 noon till 2:15pm at the Comfort Hotel previously known as the George Hotel in George Street Nottingham. As you all know they are possibly the most respected husband and wife couple in theatre and television with over 100 years experience between them and they will talk about their varied lives in their respective careers which includes a variety of different



roles both on stage and in front of the camera. This is your chance to pay tribute to their contributions to theatre, ask questions and also get some first hand advice and experience from a much loved TV/Theatrical couple. This will be one of our biggest luncheons in recent Nanda years, information on how to reserve your place at the dinner table will be coming to your groups soon, watch this space and book early to avoid disappointment!

STOP PRESS Message from our Web Master: One of the things that encourages google and other search engines to put you up higher in the list is the number of sites that bear links to your own. If we all have links to each others sites this can certainly help. I have put all our membership group sites on our membership page, with non members and other useful addresses on the relationship page. If you have a site suitable for inclusion please let me know. Please include our link www.nanda.org.uk in your site. The UK is important as www.nanda.org is the North American Nurses Diagnostic Association.

Autumn Calendar

Sept 18-23	Art by Yasmina Reza	Lace Market Theatre, Lacemarket Theatre, 0115 9507201
Sept 28	Tales of Bloody Murder	Storytellers of Nottingham, Trip to Jerusalem 0115 9558054
Oct 2-7	A Chorus of Disapproval by Alan Ayckbourn	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham, 01636 706097
Oct 9-14	Relatively Speaking by Alan Ayckbourn	Lace Market Theatre, Lacemarket Theatre, 0115 9507201
Oct 11-14	Blythe Spirit by Noel Coward	Bonington Players, Bonington Theatre, Arnold, 0115 9208006
Oct 19-21	Deadly Nightcap by Francis Durbridge	Burton Joyce Players, Burton Joyce Village Hall, 0115 9312399
Oct 25-27	Haywire by Eric Chappell	Edwinstowe Theatre Grp, The Dukeries, Ollerton 01623 490793
Oct 26	Halloween	Storytellers of Nottingham, Trip to Jerusalem 0115 9558054
Oct 26-28	Comfort & Joy by Mike Harding	Blaby Drama Group, Blaby Scl Clb, Leicester Rd, Blaby, 0116 2771157
Oct 26-28	Loves a Luxury by Guy Paxton & Edward V Hoile	Edwalton Church Drama Grp, Edwalton Village Hall, 0115 9145535
Oct 29	Nanda Luncheon with Prunella Scales & Timothy West	Comfort Hotel, George Street, Nottingham
Nov 6-11	Humble Boy by Charlotte Jones	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham, 01636 706097
Nov 7-11	Mirandolina by Carlo Goldoni	Radcliffe on Trent Drama Grp, Grange Hall, R-O-T, 0115 9332568
Nov 8	Tales of Narrow Marsh	Bonington Players, Bonington Theatre, Arnold, 0115 9208006
Nov 9-11	Not now Darling by John Chapman & Ray Cooney	Kegworth Players, Kegworth Village Hall, 01509 672886
Nov 10-11	Proscen Phobia	Wollaton Drama Group, St Leonards Church Hall, 0115 9280189
Nov 15-18	Roses of Eyam by Don Taylor	Prospect Players, Bonington Theatre, Arnold, 0115 8590875
Nov 16-18	Role Play by Alan Ayckbourn	Greasley Players, St Mary's Church Hall, Greasley
Nov 16-18	I'll Get My Man by Philip King	Arcade Players, St Johns Church Hall, Long Eaton, 0115 9397059
Nov 21-25	Who Dies Wins by Seymour Matthews	East Bridgford Village Hall, 01949 20682
Nov 22-25	Iron by Rona Munro	Lace Market Theatre, Lacemarket Theatre, 0115 9507201
Nov 23-25	Tom's Midnight Garden by David Wood	Keyworth Drmtic Soc., Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent, 0115 9748666
Nov 29-2 Dec	The Grand Old Duke of York by Norman Robbins	Dales Music & Drama Grp, Dales Church Hall, 0115 9401618
Nov 30	Biggest Liar	Storytellers of Nottingham, Trip to Jerusalem 0115 9558054
Nov 30—2 Dec	Haunted by Eric Chappell	Orchard Theatre Co., The Studio Theatre, Chatsworth, 0115 8547998
Dec 2	Barn Dance	Edwalton Church Drama Grp, Edwalton Village Hall, 0115 9145535
Dec 4	A Narrow Marsh Carol	Storytellers of Nottingham, Trip to Jerusalem 0115 9558054
Dec 7-9	Aladdin by John Crocker	East Leake Amateur Players, East Leake Village Hall, 01509 852364
Dec 10-16	Whenever by Alan Ayckbourn	Lace Market Theatre, Lacemarket Theatre, 0115 9507201
Dec 13-16	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl	Robin Hood Theatre , Averham, 01636 706097