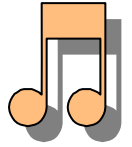


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PRESIDENT - MR VERNON JONES (FOUNDER MEMBER)

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Dear MMT Members and Friends,

Monmouth Music Theatre has now achieved charitable status following our recent application to the Charities Commission. This is official recognition of MMT's promotion of musical theatre within Monmouth and the opportunities provided for everyone to engage locally in music, drama and stagecraft in a friendly and inclusive atmosphere. Any money raised will be reinvested in staging productions locally.

Congratulations to David Jenkins who completed the majority of the work in securing this status for the society. He and his helpers were praised at the recent committee meeting for all their hard work.

It is with regret that Graham Bryant has resigned from his position as chairman of the society, but he promises to continue as an active member in future productions.

Doug Hall (Vice Chairman) accepted the position and was appointed chairman, in compliance with the society's constitution, until the AGM in May.

Thank you everyone.

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OLIVER!

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK BY LIONEL BART
PRODUCED FOR THE BROADWAY STAGE BY DAVID MERRICK AND DONALD ALBERY

FEATURING SAVOY YOUTH

DATES	★ THURSDAY 10	APRIL 2014
	★ FRIDAY 11	
	★ SATURDAY 12	AT 7:30PM
	⊕ SATURDAY MATINÉE	AT 2:30PM

PERFORMANCES AT

**HABERDASHERS' MONMOUTH
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

★ ★ TICKETS ★ ★

ADULT: £12 CHILDREN UNDER 16: £6
CONCESSIONARY [SAT. MATINÉE ONLY] £10

AVAILABLE FROM

★ www.monmouthmt.co.uk ★ **DS Music** ★
★ **Posies** ★ **Annette Groves** [01600 714129] ★

Rehearsals are well underway for our next production to be staged in April. The November auditions were eagerly attended with several new faces appearing, willing to take the plunge! It's great to see so much enthusiasm! Rachel Stevens will be joining the team as Nancy and Tony Hardy will be playing the part of Mr. Sowerberry. Welcome to the team both and congrats to all the present members successful in their auditions. After seeing Nick play Long Gob Saliva in Kilpeck's pantomime "Treasure's Island" last month, I'm looking forward to his portrayal of the evil Bill Sykes!

Adult Cast List

Role	Awarded to
Fagin	Reuben Jones
Bill Sykes	Nick Thompson
Nancy	Rachel Stevens
Widow Corney	Andrea Pole
Mr Bumble	Andrew Griffiths
Mr Sowerberry	Tony Hardy
Mrs Sowerberry	Liz Munday
Mr Brownlow	Doug Hall
Dr Grimwig	Vernon Jones
Bett	Louise Miller
Charlotte	Sarah Hayward
Noah Claypole	Michael Ellis
Mrs Bedwin	Lynn Hounsome

This year we also had junior auditions and we welcome some very talented youngsters to our midst, keen to join us for "Oliver!" Congratulations everyone on attaining your parts.

2 teams of Oliver, Dodger and Charley Bates will be played as follows –

Red Team	BlueTeam
Jay Hardy - Dodger	George Vines - Dodger
Josh Morgan - Oliver	Oliver Fookes - Oliver
Harry Sully – Charley	Jacob King - Charley

Plus **twelve** more children will make up Fagin's Gang,..... Welcome all!

Andrew's mobile number for contacting him if you cannot make a rehearsal is 07789344720 preferably by text.

Any new members joining for "Oliver!" please remember your subscription is now due!!!

January Rehearsal Schedule
CAST - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW PLEASE!

This is the plan for January at the moment.

There is a slight possibility Andrew might not be available on the 20th January. If that is the case the 20th will be a music rehearsal (Subject to Ian's approval) and then all the Monday rehearsal plans will move on a week.

Monday 13th January

6.30 to 7.30 Fagins gang with Fagin including Olivers Dodgers and Charleys

:Be Back Soon

:revise Finale

7.30 to 8.00 Olivers Dodgers Act 1 Scene 5

8.00 to 9.00 Mr Brownlow Dr Grimwig Mr Bumble Mrs Bedwin Nancy minus Oliver

Wednesday 15th January chorus with Nancy and Bill Sykes

Revise Consider Yourself without Olivers Dodgers and Charleys

Um Pah Pah

Set : My Name

Monday 20th January

6.30 to 7.30 Fagins gang with Fagin Olivers Dodgers and Charleys : Revise: Be Back Soon

Set : Pick a Pocket

7.30 to 8.00 Sowerberry Scene with Oliver

8.00 to 9.00 Act 2 Scene 1 and Scene 3 (Fagin Bill and Sykes minus Dodger or Oliver)

Wednesday 22nd January chorus with Nancy and Bill Sykes plus any principals available

Revise all chorus numbers set so far

Set Finale of whole show (Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself and Id do anything)

Monday 27th January

6.30 to 7.30 Fagins gang with Fagin Nancy Bet Olivers Dodgers and Charleys

Revise Be Back Soon and Pick a Pocket

Set : It s a Fine Life

7.30 to 8.15 Act 2 Scenes 1 2 and 3 with Olivers and Dodgers (Mr Brownlow Dr Grimwig Mr Bumble Fagin Nancy and Bill)

8.15 to 9.00 Mr Bumble Widow Corney Nancy and Mr Brownlow Act 1 Scene 2 Act 2 Scenes 4 and 5

Wednesday 29th January Chorus with Nancy and Bill

Revise all numbers so far

Set Who will Buy? (Without Oliver)

If anyone is not available on these dates please let Andrew know ASAP.

He doesn't need Olivers, Dodgers etc on 22nd or 29th January as he is trying to make sure they are only out on one night in January.

He is hoping to keep this going until Mid February at earliest.

PROPOSED APRIL DATES

Wed 2nd - Rehearsal

Thurs 3rd - Hired in costumes to be delivered to HMSG. Rehearsal at HMSG

Sat 5th - Scenery to be delivered and built. HMSG. Walk around town promoting the show.

Sun 6th - Sitzprobe in the afternoon. Rehearsal in the evening. - HMSG

Mon 7th - Rest Night or Rehearsal? Let's see how it's going!!

Tues 8th - Dress Rehearsal - HMSG (without makeup) Photographer - 7pm?

Wed 9th - Dress Rehearsal - HMSG (with makeup)

Thurs 10th - Performance @ 7.30 pm

Fri 11th - Performance @ 7.30 pm

Sat 12th - Matinee Performance @ 2.30 pm

Evening Performance @ 7.30 pm

After Show Party in Reception Lounge. All bring a plate of food and your own drink.

Sun 13th - Clearing up and out of HMSG - 9am All available hands on deck please.

New Members Needed For MMT Committee



Please contact a committee member
if you are interested in
joining our active team.

Thank you

PATRONS OF THE SOCIETY

If there are any friends interested in becoming Patrons of our Society, eager to reap the benefits of a free pre show drink, reserved seats and up to date society news, please contact Sheryl for details.
01600 750325

Current Patrons will be contacted in the very near future for their 2014 renewals.

Fundraising Fun!

Christmas Carols and Coffee Morning



Auction of Carols and a Seasonal Gathering

Thanks to all those who supported this event at The Priory Rooms in December

We made over £153 towards this year's show!

Fundraising Fun!

Christmas Skittles with Off Centre Theatre



Great fun was had by those who participated.

Thank you to Off Centre for joining us.
Lynda became the Killer Queen!!

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Let us know if you are interested please

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Helen Stidolph - hyme@trsifa.com

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 5th February 2014

6.30 pm

We welcome all contributions to our newsletter. Please send any items to:-

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OTHER FUTURE EVENTS



Fundraising Fun!

Don't Miss Our



QUIZ NIGHTS

Held at the

Nags Head
St James Square
Monmouth

Teams of up to 6 people

Next one this
Sunday 19th
January

Quizzes held
every 3rd Sunday
in the month

Be there!

Tickets on Sale
from
1st March 2014
for
"OLIVER!"

Keep this date free.....



Sunday 27th April 2014

CAR TREASURE HUNT & BBQ

Finishing at Gay's

Fundraising Fun!

Hereford G&S Society
Presents

Princess Ida

At The Courtyard
Hereford
19th - 22nd March 2014

Paul Jackson is in the chorus
Go and support him!

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Our condolences go to
Sandra, Chris and Alex Bargh
(former members)

Dave, Sandra's husband, will be
fondly remembered by everyone
who knew him
for his
friendly, kind and jovial nature.

Our thoughts are with the family at
this sad time.

Social & Fund Raising Committee



From time to time we arrange visits to see other productions in the area to support our neighbouring societies. If there is a production coming up soon that you think members would like to attend please advise the committee and hopefully a trip could be arranged.

SHOW FUNDRAISING

I hope you all used this method when buying your Christmas Present. Please don't forget to continue throughout the year!

It is essential we fundraise continually to finance our productions!

So please

- If you shop online try using www.easyfundraising.org.uk and earn money for MMT at the same time. Many major shopping outlets are featured eg M&S, Next, Toys R Us, Amazon and Argos.
- Also register for www.easysearch.org.uk every time you search on the internet, MMT will receive a donation.

These are easy fundraising methods so put both addresses into your "Favourites" and use them!

Thank you for supporting
Monmouth Music Theatre.