

NEWSLETTER January 2015

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YOUR NEWS:

Please keep us informed – do tell us about your Society's productions, so that they can be included on the KDA website.

Add admin@kentdrama.org.uk to your publicity e-mail, and join KDA's Facebook group to publicise your society's activities.

2015 FULL LENGTH PLAY FESTIVAL

There are an impressive 18 entries in the **2015 Full Length Play Festival**, which is being adjudicated by Arthur Rochester.

Copies of a list of all the entries are enclosed with this newsletter. Please disseminate this amongst your members, and encourage them to see as many of the productions as possible. Seeing another society's production, and hearing the adjudication, is an enjoyable evening and a good way to learn how to improve your own productions.

The **Awards Evening** will be held on 13 June 2015 at the Memorial Hall, Bearsted, Maidstone. Tickets will be £10 per person, to include a meal. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There is a limited on-site parking but plenty of local street parking. Full details, including the ticketing arrangements, will be sent to participating societies near the date. A group photo of winners and runners up will be taken at the end of the evening. Smart dress/suit would be appreciated.

POSTER COMPETITION

We shall be holding the Poster Competition again this year, so please don't forget to send an A4 poster of your production, with up to ten photographs for the display, to **Marie Quarman, 47A Mallings Drive, Bearsted, Maidstone ME14 4HD** by 10 June 2015. Our Adjudicator will judge the competition and announce the winner at the Awards Evening.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The KDA would like to present the **Lifetime Achievement Award** again this year. We would welcome nominations from societies. If you know of someone in your group who would qualify for this award could you please send the name with a brief list of reasons to **Claire Gosney** at claire.gosney@gmail.com by **Friday, 28th February**. Previous entries can be resubmitted.

GENERAL NEWS

In order that your society's members can have all the information we distribute, may we suggest that you include the KDA as an item on your Committee meeting agendas and broadcast in your newsletters.

Also, please do encourage your members to attend the Annual General Meeting in October, so that we can establish better contacts between societies and explore ways in which KDA can assist drama societies in Kent.

Better yet, if any of your members would like to represent your society or group on the KDA Committee, only four meetings each year plus our Annual General Meeting, do contact **Claire Gosney** at claire.gosney@gmail.com. We hope you will all want to meet us because we want to meet as many of you as possible.

Kent is a wide county, and distance prevents close contact between many societies. However, some societies have found it useful to establish working groups with other local societies, to their mutual benefit in sharing resources and experience and potentially increasing support for productions and social and fund-raising events. We would like to encourage this, and attending local societies' festival entries can be a way to achieve it.

This newsletter and the list of Festival productions can be downloaded from KDA's website www.kentdrama.org.uk, which also gives details of all member societies, and of their forthcoming productions.

KDA also has a Facebook page: [KentDramaAssociation](#)