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Committee Contacts

We hope that you are all busy planning your theatrical programme for 2011. We have enjoyed another successful Festival which drew to a close with a spectacular Awards Evening hosted by TODS at Benenden. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees.

Please join us for the KDA AGM where you will have the opportunity to meet your 2011 festival adjudicator, Charles Evans. Charles will be sharing his pre festival thoughts.

With December 31st being the absolute final closing date for the 2011 Full Length Play Festival it is not too early to start submitting your entries. For more information contact Marie Quarman on 01622 736 287.

LIGHT LUNCH

AND MEET YOUR ADJUDICATOR

AGM

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2010

11AM HERNE BAY LITTLE THEATRE
HERNE BAY

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KDA Lifetime Achievement Award 2010 • Peter Hunt

Peter joined the Lindley Players in 1967 shortly after arriving in Whitstable as a young GP. At that time the players was a small drama group performing in the local church hall. Since then it has grown into a company of 400 members owning and administering their own theatre, The Playhouse Whitstable. During most of those 43 years, Peter has been on the management committee and, at various times has held the offices of chairman, treasurer, head of drama and is currently the vice-chairman.

In 1980 the company's long held wish to create their own theatre became possible when the United Reform Church on Whitstable High Street was put up for sale. It was quickly realised that this building would make a superb conversion into a theatre, and Peter headed the fund raising campaign to purchase the building. After the money was successfully raised, Peter was part of a small group of enthusiastic volunteers who worked intensively for two years to convert the building into a theatre.

The Playhouse opened in 1982 with a performance, directed by Peter, of A Voyage Round My Father in the presence of the author John Mortimer.

The play went on to win Best Play in the Kent Full Length Play Festival.

Peter's directing skills were realised in 1974 with his first production of The National Health and since then has gone on to produce some outstanding pieces of theatre for the company, Nicholas Nickleby Parts 1 and 2 was a fantastic achievement which, without Peter's drive, enthusiasm and gift for bringing out the best in everyone may not have been the success it was. Now retired Peter spends most of his days at the Playhouse ensuring that everything is running smoothly and is involved in the day to day running of the theatre, from manning the box-office, the bar, participates in the organisation of social events and publicity. He has always been highly involved in the youth workshop and has also run regular workshops for our older members. He is not adverse either to donning the rubber gloves when there is any cleaning to be done.

His passion for the playhouse never falters and he is always looking at ways to improve the facilities, encouraging members to get involved in all aspects. Peter has always been a great supporter of the Kent Drama Association and has been successful with his own entries being placed six times and winning best director four times.

To be awarded the Life Time Achievement Award is well and truly deserved.

Howard Lee
Lindley Players Chairman



HIGH PRAISE INDEED

In the NODA South East Region *Accolades of Excellence 2009-2010*, TODS were awarded District 3 Accolade for the production of "The Beauty Queen of Leenane".

It was presented by the NODA President at the South East Regional Conference held at The Mandalay Hotel, Guildford on Saturday 10th July where the guest speaker was Arthur Rochester!

THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Kent Drama Association will be held at Herne Bay Little Theatre, Herne Bay, Kent, on Sunday, 17th October 2010 at 11am with the following agenda:

- The accounts for the year ended 31st July 2010
- The Chairman's Report
- Election of Officers and other members of the Committee
- 2011 Festival
- Any other business and open discussion
- Date of the next AGM

It is important that all societies send a representative to attend this meeting.

This year we are looking to elect a new Chairperson as Jack Homewood has decided to step down.

As Chairman you would be required to attend four meetings a year and speak at the Festival Awards evening.

The form below can be used to nominate a new Chairperson or committee member, and should be returned to the Secretary by 7th October.

Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome to discuss it with the Secretary or another Officer.

**NEW CHAIRPERSON
TO BE ELECTED
PLEASE COME
FORWARD**

MEET YOUR ADJUDICATOR

Join us after the AGM for a light lunch and your chance to meet your 2011 Festival Adjudicator, Charles Evans. Charles will offer tips and advice on what to do and not do when considering a play for a festival. He will also be open to questions should you have any. This is a brand new opportunity for you to meet your adjudicator and this time with Charles could be inspirational.

Please join us for this meeting as it is important we have good attendance for our AGM. The AGM itself will only last half an hour and is a good platform for you to air your views about the KDA and the Festival.

We look forward to seeing you there.



KENT DRAMA ASSOCIATION – NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

Name	Society
Signature	Nomination for (circle one):
Proposed by	Chairperson • Secretary • Treasurer
Signature	Vice Chairman • Other Committee Member

PLEASE SEND THIS NOMINATION SLIP TO DANNY WATERS, 38 NEW ROAD, CHATHAM, KENT, ME4 4QR

TO BOOK YOUR PREFERRED ADJUDICATION NIGHT...

It is always very difficult to ensure that societies always get the adjudication night they want as we are all vying for that elusive Saturday night! We have always worked on a 'first come first, served basis'.

This year will be no different but we do encourage societies to submit their entry forms with their payment of £25 to Marie Quarman at the AGM. This will give societies a much better chance of getting the date they want.

**FESTIVAL ENTRY
CLOSING DATE
31ST DECEMBER
2010**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**ADJUDICATION DATES
NOT AVAILABLE FOR 2011**

**7TH MARCH - 14TH MARCH
28TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALLOCATED ADJUDICATION NIGHTS CANNOT BE GIVEN WITHOUT RECEIPT OF ENTRY FEE CHEQUES FOR £25