

# MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019



# CALAMITY

## Jane

OUR NEXT BIG SHOW IN 2020  
REHEARSALS STARTED ON FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



**Stantonbury Theatre 25 - 28 March 2020**

Information [wolvertongands.co.uk](http://wolvertongands.co.uk)  
or email [calamity@wolvertongands.co.uk](mailto:calamity@wolvertongands.co.uk)

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## **SO WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PROMOTE YOUR SHOW?**

1. Like and Share the messages on your Facebook
2. Put a message on Facebook as this helps spread the word even further
3. If you have the facilities to print page 2 (the poster), print it and place it where you normally meet lots of people
4. If you, your friends or family are looking for ideas for Christmas presents **buy some Calamity Jane tickets**

## **REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE**

To help you and those organising the rehearsals, we like to maintain practices which allow consideration to others:

1. **PLEASE DO NOT TALK ACROSS MIKE, GRAHAM OR ROS WHEN THEY ARE TAKING REHEARSALS.**

**IT IS DISCOURTEOUS AND IT DELAYS EVERYONE ELSE!**

2. If you are in the cast, attend every rehearsal
3. If you cannot manage a rehearsal, let us know by emailing : [attendance @wolvertongands.co.uk](mailto:attendance@wolvertongands.co.uk)
4. Read your newsletter. Over time it will give you everything you need to know.
5. If in doubt about rehearsal details, look it up on the WG&SS website calendar:

**A. GO TO OUR WEB SITE**                      [wolvertongands.co.uk](http://wolvertongands.co.uk)

**B. SIGN IN ON 'MEMBERS ONLY'**      **'gandspassword1'**

**C. CLICK ON 'CALENDAR'**              **and there you are!**

6. **Finally, be ready to start at 7.30 p.m.**

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Our membership year commences from 1st August each year.

If you haven't paid up yet or set up a payment scheme with the Society then Membership and payment forms will be available each week from our first rehearsal on 6th September.

**They are also on-line**, but if in doubt please ask as you will need to be a member to take part in Calamity Jane.

Your fees cover such items as: tea/coffee; biscuits; rehearsal facilities; and insurance .

## AUDITIONS FOR CALAMITY JANE

The Auditions will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Traditionally, we do this on one night. However, the exciting bit is that video auditions will be accepted by people who cannot make this date..

Further details regarding the audition songs and dialogue will be published shortly for those interested.

## THANK YOU, KAREN AND ANDY.



Karen Platt and Andy Jones hosted this year's end of season BBQ on 27th July. They have hosted many, many BBQs over the years and we are extremely grateful to them both.



## WHAT ARE YOUR FRIENDS DOING IN 2019?



9th—12th October 2019

Putteridge Bury G&S always put on a good show. This time it is **OLANTHE**

Come and support your friends :

Claire Moore as Phyllis

Richard Fraser is Lord Chancellor

Peter Davis is Willis

Annie Parker is in the chorus

Chris Worton in one of the peers

and Paula Fraser is Stage Manager

**Graham Breeze is starring as Gomez**

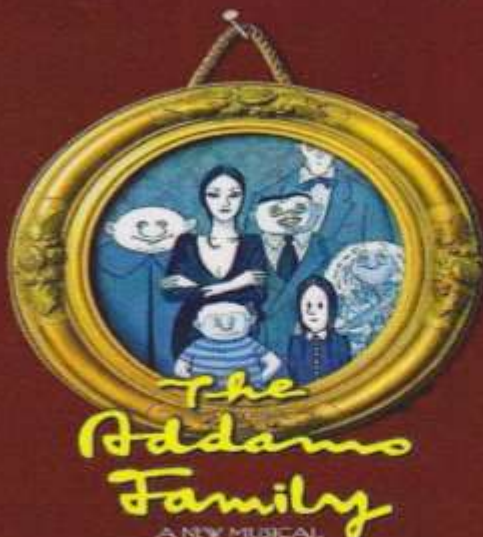
in 'The Addams Family' at Harpenden Public Halls

from 8th—12th October 2019

**Also, Louise Thonger is a dead Ancestor and Nigel Harvey Uncle Fester.**

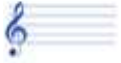
BOX OFFICE 01582 767525

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hmtc51](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hmtc51) or scan the code



**TICKETS from £15  
ON SALE NOW**





## WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING IN 2019?



**Bedford Marianettes**

Lionel Bart's

# **OLIVER!**

Orchestral arrangements by William David Brohn

**23RD- 26TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7:30PM, Plus 26TH OCTOBER AT 2PM**

Trinity Arts & Leisure, Bromham Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK40 2QD

**Tickets £15 (conc £12) available online**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/marianettes>

or If people order tickets through Paula, they won't have pay the admin charge!!!

**Paula Fraser is playing Widow Corney  
and Graham Breeze Mr. Bumble**



## **Christmas Concert with the Wolverton Light Orchestra**

**We have been invited to help  
celebrate the start of the festive season  
on Sunday 8th December.**

**The entertaining and wide-ranging  
programme will include some of the  
best-loved music from stage and screen, with plenty of Christmas  
favourites and audience carols for everyone to join in!**

**This ever-popular concert usually sells out early, so secure your tickets now**

**Tickets can be booked via the Venue website**

**<http://thevenuemk.com/index.php/what-s-on/all-events> .**

**or from Andy Amos by ringing 01296 715557**

**Tickets soon available**

**£12 or £10 for concessions.**

## OTHER NEWS

### GOOD NEWS ABOUT STANTONBURY THEATRE

At long last Stantonbury Theatre is replacing its seating. For our show in March 2020 your audience will have the pleasure of new seats and carpeting.

Tell your friends and family as this may sometimes have put people off from attending our shows in the past.

### SOCIETY POLO NECK SHIRTS

After much delay, the Society shirts (with our logo on the front and back) will be on display at our rehearsal on Friday 13th September.

This will give you an opportunity to try on a shirt and confirm the size before ordering.

We anticipate the shirts will cost members £15.



### Our banners

The society has 2 metre tall, free standing banners advertising our next show. You may have seen one at the first rehearsal.

If you work where there are lots of other people, or if you are involved in another show, then please display one of our banners (with some flyers).

The banners are very easy to set up and take up very little floor space.

**JUST IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ON THE DEADWOOD STAGE!**

## **CALAMITY JANE**

### **The storyline**



**Deadwood City's two most famous peace officers, Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickock, get involved in saving the neck of Henry Miller, the local saloon operator. It seems that "Millie" has been promoting a beautiful actress named Frances**

**Fryer, but Frances turns out to be a male, Francis.**

**Millie's attempt to cover up is soon unmasked by the angry miners, and only Calamity can cool the crowd with her trusty pistols.**

**To keep the peace, Calamity sets out for Chicago to bring back the miner's real heart-throb, Adelaide Adams. In Chicago Calamity mistakes Adelaide's maid, Katie Brown, for the actress and hauls her back to Deadwood.**

**Onstage Katie is greeted warmly, but breaks down and confesses that she is not the famous star. Calamity once more has to restore order and persuades the audience to give Katie a chance. They do, and she wins the heart of every male in town including Calamity's dashing love hope, Lt. Danny Gilmartin.**

**Calamity reluctantly overcomes her jealousy over losing Danny**

**and discovers her true love for Wild Bill. YIPPEEEEEEE!!!!**



## MESSAGE FROM ANNIE PARKER



**Registered Charity Number: 1166769**

### **Donate used ink cartridges & Mobile phones**

In partnership with Printer Cartridge Recycling Ltd, we have a scheme to turn your empty small inkjet cartridges, mobile phones and surplus unused cartridges into valuable funds to help our charity (please note we cannot take laser or large cartridges).

All the proceeds will go to us and we would be very grateful for any donations. The mobile phones can be in any condition so if you have any lying around or tucked in a drawer, why not free up some space and drop them off with us?

**Where to drop off** Please take to our registered address:

**26 Granger's Croft, Hodge Lea, Milton Keynes, MK12 6DA**

– if no one is in, you can drop your cartridges over the gate and they'll be collected.

If you know of any businesses who can support us with this please ask them to consider donating to us as well.

Did you know...

- More than 30 million inkjet cartridges are dumped each year in the UK (1800 tonnes)
- Each inkjet can take up to 1000 years to decompose
- On average, in the UK, mobile phone users upgrade their handsets every 18 months

### **General Data Protection Regulation**

**If you no longer wish to receive the Wolverton G & S Society Newsletter,  
please email [secretary@wolvertongands.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wolvertongands.co.uk)**

## **A REMINDER ABOUT OUR FACEBOOK**

**We have two pages on Facebook**



**facebook**

**The Closed Group page**

**[facebook.com/groups/wolvertongands](https://facebook.com/groups/wolvertongands)**

**This is solely for members, cast, orchestra, crew and close friends of WGSS.**



**facebook**

**The Public Page**

**[facebook.com/wolvertongands](https://facebook.com/wolvertongands)**

**The Public Page is where the majority of our Social Media posting is from .  
The posts also duplicate on Twitter and Instagram.**

## **BEHIND THE SCENES**

**Louise Thonger boosts our Facebook at timely intervals to  
help spread the word about us.**

**Ruth Martin (mainly), Cat Lee, Jo Bigg and Graham Mitchell  
are often creating interest in us and our Facebook by  
including additional articles, some funny, some just  
relevant to what we are doing.**

## **YOU CAN HELP**

**If you have any other ideas to help make our Facebook more  
interesting and to aid our promotions, then please contact  
Ruth Martin. You can find her on Facebook.**