



# SMALL TALK



For those of you who haven't yet heard, we are excited to announce our 2017 production will be *Our House – the Madness Musical*. This Olivier award-winning show has never been to the Princess Theatre so we are privileged to be presenting its premiere! It is a vibrant and energetic show that brings the brilliant hits of Madness to life through a London love story. Musical numbers include the hits 'Our House', 'Baggy Trousers', 'My Girl', 'Driving in My Car', 'It must be Love'... and many more! The all-important performance dates are Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Synopsis** - It's Joe Casey's sixteenth birthday and he's treating his girlfriend Sarah to an evening in a brand new luxury apartment – the only problem is they have to break in. When the police turn up, Joe has to decide – run away or face the music – a choice that will set the course of his life and his love forever.

We are thrilled to confirm our first-class production team will be: -

**Director - David Youll**

**Choreographer - Elaine Johnson**

**Musical Director - John Amery**

This is a BIG and challenging show with lots of opportunities for both principals and chorus. There are large production numbers and room for all ages! If you haven't done so already, we'd recommended you take a look on YouTube – search 'Our House Musical' and you can watch the entire West End show!

**Look out for the Our House special newsletter which will contain all the important dates.**

## Quiz 'n Chips night - Our House 'reveal'

A great night was had by all at our social event on the 5th November. A 'show' quiz night designed to give clues to our 2017 production or not.....some great rounds and some obvious challenging between teams! Thank you to everyone who came and, of course, congratulations to the winning team!

Also a BIG thank you to our social team, who organised such a brilliant evening - they really did us proud yet again!



Lots of 'head scratching'  
during the picture round!



## Volun-'deers' needed!

Living Coasts have requested us to help get their visitors in the festive spirit during their festive weekend. They would like us to do a short carol singing set at 12.30 and 2pm on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December. Volunteers will receive tickets to both Paignton Zoo and Living Coasts as a thank you. Any volunteers, please contact Jo Clark on [Joanna.plant@gmail.com](mailto:Joanna.plant@gmail.com) or message her on Facebook by the end of the month.

## Christmas Lunch

We are having a Christmas lunch at 1pm on Sunday 4th December at Ocean Drive in Torquay. The cost is JUST £14.95 each for a **four-course** meal. Please get in touch with Jane Summerfield on Facebook or email to book your place [janesummerfield1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janesummerfield1@hotmail.co.uk)



## From our President.....

The first two words on all Toadies' lips are "OUR HOUSE", but there are also some other important words – for example Christmas Concert/ Carols and VP Night!!

Thank you all for promptly booking the Lincombe Hall Concert & Carols on 3rd December. I knew it would be a popular event and I wasn't wrong!

We have an amazingly talented selection of people ready and willing to entertain you! In charge of the music is our Musical Director, John Amery and singing for you are: Jenny Abbot, Richard Bearne, Jo Button, Theresa & David Pappin & Dan Thorogood. Ready to enchant us with words and wit are Ruth Bettesworth and Brenda Loosemore and last but certainly not least, Nick Bye will be doing what Nick does best – entertaining us with his presentation skills. You will be greeted from 7.15pm onwards with mulled wine (the bar will also be open) and the concert will start at 7.45pm. Following the concert coffee, tea and mince pies will be served in one of the lounges and we will all prepare ourselves for a group rendition of some of our favourite carols, accompanied by John on the grand piano! All this amidst the splendour of a graceful manor house decked out for Christmas...Dress is black tie which is very much in keeping with the surroundings!



The cost of this evening is £17, which is payable now please. If you have not already reserved your place please ring me on 0759 444 2751 or email me on [maryqiriaqi@outlook.com](mailto:maryqiriaqi@outlook.com) **A FEW SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE.**

The VP Night on 21st January is also filling up fast. The Preston Conservative Club will once more be the venue for our dinner after which there will be live music for dancing. Last year we enjoyed (!) a "cabaret" which caused much mirth and this year we plan to include a little something to amuse you too...All will be revealed on the night. The cost per person is £20 and again you can start sending in your payment please. You will know that the VP yearly subscription of £30 falls due on 1st January 2017 and this is the opportunity for you to renew your membership and bring along friends who might like to join this wonderful group of people that are TOADS Vice-Presidents.

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have either enjoyed or missed the November lunch at the Headland Hotel when the internationally renowned author, Lesley Pearse, was speaker. You can, however, book now for the December lunch on Wednesday 7th December, 12pm for 12.30. Two course lunch and coffee with speaker for £15. Regaling us with more amusing tales will be Ian Cooper who was so popular earlier this year that he is joining us again.

*Thank for your continued support! Mary Qiriaqi*

Mary can be contacted on 01803 431584/07594 442751 or [maryqiriaqi@outlook.com](mailto:maryqiriaqi@outlook.com)

## **Fun and Fashion Evening - Friday 23 September**

We had a a fabulous evening last month at the the Sally Allen Fashion Event, and raised £400 for TOADS in the process.

Huge thanks must go to Sally Allen for hosting the evening, and also for her most generous donation.

Wine and nibbles were kindly provided by Jean Liddiard, so a big thank you to Jean, too!

A final thank you goes to everyone who helped on the evening and to those who came along to support the event.



**Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more fundraising and social events - don't miss out!**

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### **What's on the pad?**

our calendar of social events and the forthcoming production dates for your diary!

#### **November**

Saturday 19th - TOADS coffee morning - 11:15 to 1:15 - St Martins, Barton Hill Rd, Torquay.

#### **December**

Saturday 3rd - Concert & Carols evening (see this newsletter) - from 7:15 - Lincombe Hall, Torquay - £17 - Reserve your space via Mary

Sunday 4th - Christmas Meal (see this newsletter) - 13:00 Ocean Drive, Torquay - £14.95 - Please get in touch with Jane Summerfield on Facebook or email to book your place [janesummerfield1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janesummerfield1@hotmail.co.uk)

Wednesday 7th - Monthly Luncheon with Speaker, Ian Cooper - 12:00 for 12:30 - Headland Hotel, Torquay - £15 - Reserve your space via Mary.

Saturday 10th - TOADS coffee morning - 11:15 to 1:15 - St Martins, Barton Hill Rd, Torquay.

#### **2017**

##### **June**

Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th June - our huge 2017 production - Our House - nightly at 7:30, plus Saturday matinee at 2:30.

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Don't forget to get in contact with us for any articles or items you would like to see in future editions - [smalltalk@toads.org.uk](mailto:smalltalk@toads.org.uk)

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