



SMALL TALK

Our 2018 Productions

After much deliberation we are excited to announce our plans for 2018... and those plans include not one, but two huge shows!

In June we are looking forward to staging the family favourite Oliver! at the Princess Theatre. This classic musical is likely to soon be off licence (rumours of a new film are sounding more like firm plans) so we are really pleased to bring it back to the Bay before the opportunity runs out!

And in October we are returning to the Little Theatre with the fantastic Andrew Lloyd Webber rock musical Jesus Christ Superstar. Securing the rights to perform this smash-hit show has not been easy, with lots of negotiations taking place, but we are delighted the rights holders have agreed to license the show to us!

More announcements will be made over the coming weeks, including details of new members' auditions, show audition, rehearsal and performance dates. Keep your eyes peeled on social media or your email inbox to make sure you're the first to hear the news as it breaks...

For those viewing this edition online - our 2018 productions announcement video can be viewed [HERE](#)



Introducing our new logo



Those eagle-eyed readers who perused the Our House programme in detail or have seen our social media pages, will have noticed the launch of our new logo. For those who missed it - here it is!

Following much discussion during a number of committee meetings it was agreed the time was right to revisit our logo. We wanted to update our logo to reflect the modern, professional productions we have been able to stage over recent years (and plan to continue doing long into the future!)

We hope you like the new logo and agree it brings our image 'bang up-to-date'!

Welcome to the Committee

Sunny
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Sunny joined TOADS in 2016 to play Billie in 'Our House'. She owns a shop with her mum in Bovey Tracey called 'Serendipity' where she sells fabric and patchwork supplies and regularly teaches sewing classes. Sunny trained at The Bristol Academy of Performing Arts and upon graduating in Musical theatre, toured the country with theatre companies such as M&M Theatrical Productions, Pendle Productions, Tickled Pink and Magic Moments. In 2010 she was handed the broom to become the Witch of Wookey Hole. Four years later she retired from scaring to concentrate on her business but joined TOADS to fill the acting void in her life. Having joined such a prestigious company she is overjoyed to have been welcomed into the committee and hopes to share her experience in both theatre and business.

Nicky
Whitby



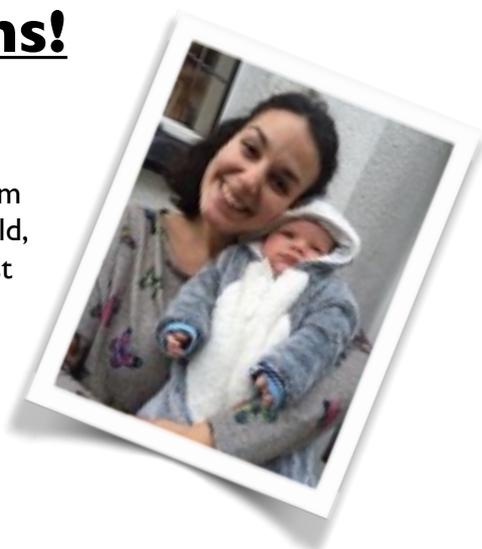
Nicky is no stranger to the stage having started at a very young age appearing in pantomime for Totnes Operatic and Dramatic Society. Nicky's first leading role was in The Sound of Music (Maria) for Pot Pourri Musical Society and since then she has gone on to appear in a variety of musicals, concerts and plays for Totnes Operatic and Dramatic Society, Paignton Operatic and Dramatic Society, T.O.P.S Musical Productions, TOADS SMC, Bijou Theatre Company and Dartington Playgoers to name but a few! Her favourite roles have been in Cabaret (Sally Bowles), Little Shop of Horrors (Audrey), Stepping Out (Maxine) and Accrington Pals (Sarah). Nicky has most recently appeared in TOADS SMC productions of Sister Act and Legally Blonde, and Newton Abbot Musical Comedy Society productions of Made In Dagenham and 9 to 5. As well as her stage appearances, Nicky is a vocalist in the band Little Big Band.

Congratulations!

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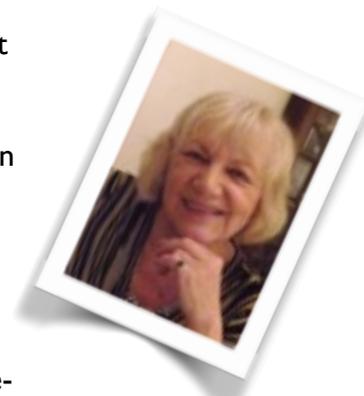


Congratulations go to Jo and Adam Clark on the birth of their first child, Harvey James, who was born on 1st October weighing 6lbs 13oz.



From our President.....

Great news about our choice of shows for 2018. This is always the most difficult decision of the year but I am thrilled that we have managed to confirm Oliver for June at The Princess and Jesus Christ Superstar for October at the Little Theatre. It is a real coup to get Oliver as very soon it will be taken off the amateur circuit as there is a film planned. There are many fabulous parts for the cast – great acting and singing needed – and also of course for the children including young Oliver and the Artful Dodger!



Sooo! Leading up to Oliver and the pre-show reception to which all Vice-Presidents are invited to attend with complimentary tickets and programmes, I also have other events to remind you about:

Coming soon is the ever popular Concert and Carols at Lincombe Manor on Saturday 2nd December. A welcome mulled wine and canapés await your arrival and will be followed by the concert in the Great Hall. Following the concert, tables will be set in the lounges so that we can enjoy coffee/tea and mince pies whilst we sing carols. There is a waiting list for anyone who is only now deciding to put their name forward and this is strictly on a first come first served basis.

After Christmas, on Saturday 13th January, and for only £20 per person, a Dinner/Dance is booked at the newly refurbished Grosvenor Hotel with a menu devised by John Burton-Race. Megan Taper, who is the front singer for The Usual Suspects, will be singing a variety of musical styles so you can enjoy your dancing from bop to slow! This is also an opportunity for our wonderful VPs to renew their membership for the coming year. BUT this is not an event only for the VPs! We are open to all comers (well – within reason) and look forward to a goodly number. The more the merrier. The numbers are already coming in and it is not too early to put your names down. Good food, dancing and fun. What more could we want???

The Headland Hotel monthly lunches will resume in February when our very own Carol King will be Speaker for the second time and in March Mick Bettsworth is also making a return visit. Both back by popular demand! Numbers are growing for these lunches and the last one was booked for 92 people. This is just about the limit for the restaurant as we try to ensure a good sight-line to the Speaker for the diners.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon and in the meantime would like to wish all of you who support Toads Stage Musical Company a very very happy festive season and a peaceful and fulfilling 2018.

Thank for your continued support!

Mary Qiriagi

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Christmas Coffee Morning



Our popular coffee mornings are back with a Christmas special. Come and enjoy a drink and a snack. Our festive treat will be turkey roll, with stuffing and cranberry sauce.

Join us on Saturday 16th December at St Martin's Church Hall, Barton Hill Road, Torquay 11:15 to 13:15.



What's on the pad?

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

December

Thursday 2nd - Concert & Carols Lincombe Manor. Tickets £17 Dress Code: Black Tie. Bookings and Payments now being received - Reserve via Mary

Saturday 16th - TOADS Christmas coffee morning - 11:15 to 1:15 - St Martin's, Barton Hill Rd, Torquay. See above for details.

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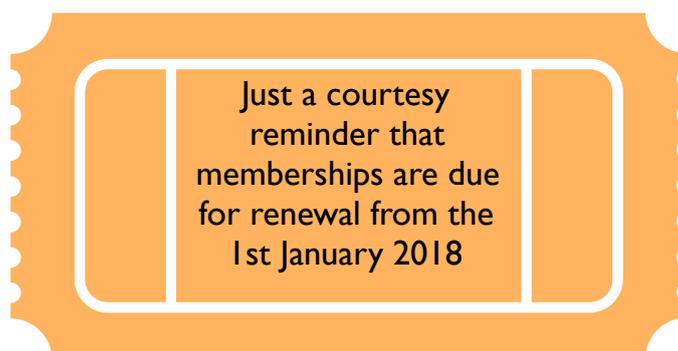
Saturday 13th - TOADS Dinner & Dance - The Grosvenor Hotel, Torquay - £20 - Dress Code: Jacket & Tie - reserve your space via Mary.

June

Oliver! - Princess Theatre, Torquay - more details to follow.

October

Jesus Christ Superstar - The Little Theatre, Torquay - more details to follow.



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