



Dates for the Diary

- **MEENA'S CURRY NIGHT**
Wednesday 16th February 2011, 7.30pm
- **HAOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, The Wellington Rooms
Thursday 17th February 2011, 7pm
- **CRAZY FOR YOU**, The Halifax Victoria Theatre
6th-9th April 2011, 7.15pm each evening with a 2.15pm Saturday matinee
ADVANCED TICKET ORDERS: See any member of the cast!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May I first wish you a happy new year and I hope that the festive season was kind to you all!

I also must apologise for not getting out a Christmas newsletter—my 'other' job had me flat out in December and just wasn't able to find quality time with my lap top. However, I was duly reprimanded by being transferred to the naughty list with the obligatory piece of coal in my Christmas stocking...

That said, I hope I have over compensated with this edition which has lots of juicy gems to keep you warm and toasty as the winter weather starts to bite.

Rehearsals are well under way for the next HAOS production: **Crazy for You**—no rest for the wicked then!

There are also lots of other dates for your sparkling new 2011 diaries, as many of the Ammies are involved in other productions and activities in and around the area too! Turn to the back pages for more.

So get the kettle on, get yourself comfy on the sofa and give yourself a little 'me' time. Go on, you know you want to...

DAVE

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A lot has been happening since we last spoke, particularly in December, and you can see how the Ammie Christmas calendar was bursting at the seams over the page!

WINTER SNOW TRIVIA

What is the difference between sleet, hail, and freezing rain? Hail is a chunk or stone of ice dropped from a thunderstorm. Sleet is frozen rain. Freezing rain is liquid rain that freezes to a surface such as the road or a tree.

True or False - it must be 32°F or colder for it to snow. False - it has been known to snow with temperatures in the mid 40's. Temperatures are below 32°F up in the clouds where the snow is forming.

On the average, one inch of rain is equivalent to how many inches of snow? 10 inches of snow melts down to about an inch of liquid rain.

Can it snow from clear skies? Yes - ice crystals sometimes fall from clear skies when temperatures are in the single digits or colder.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2010

Blood sweat and tears went into an extensive rehearsal period for this years annual **HAOS Christmas Concert!**? Ahem!!

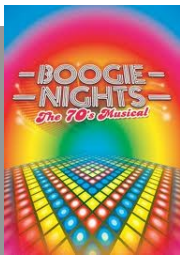


Three acts oozing with talented individuals saw us being welcomed to Avenue Q, getting GLEE'd out and someone ending up with a rather large bar bill...not to mention the exceptional guitar and recorder playing!

Huge festive thanks need to go to everyone who contributed their time and unlimited talent to make sure that every aspect of the concert was a success. In particular, congratulations to Becki Smith for her endless inventiveness and enthusiasm.

A fantastic festive evening's entertainment was had by all and some would say that it was the best ever! The evening raised the best part of £1,000 for HAOS funds—a sum that even Scrooge would be proud of!

BOOGIE NIGHTS



October may seem like a dim and distant memory but this is when the talented bunch, known as HATY, took to the stage with their production of **Boogie Nights**.

The show was a huge success and enjoyed by the all cast, crew and audience members alike.

The HATY team would like to thank the HAOS members who came to see the production. It was great that so many turned up and encouraging as many had not seen a HATY production before.

Hopefully, more members will make it to the next show, as your support is greatly appreciated and much needed.

FLORIST FUNDRAISER

December saw a fundraising concert held at the Wellington Rooms for the Halifax Light Opera Juniors forthcoming production of **Little Shop of Horrors**.

Featuring many of the cast who are appearing in the show, many of them Ammies, the evening raised nearly £200 to help towards the cost of staging the show.

TEMPLE SPA FUNDRAISER FOR ARCHIE'S BIKE

The Wellington Rooms hosted a sumptuous evening of pure indulgence with delights from Temple Spa to help raise funds for Archie's bike.

Archie Barton had both legs, several fingers and the tip of his nose amputated after being struck down with Meningococcal Septicaemia, aged just 18 months.

His family needed to raise nearly £2,000 for a custom-made tricycle to help Archie mobilise with his prosthetic limbs. Thanks to the generosity of those who supported the Temple Spa evening and other fundraising events by the Ammies, as well as countless fundraising by other friends and family, Archie is now tearing around at home on his tricycle like any other happy little 4 year old.



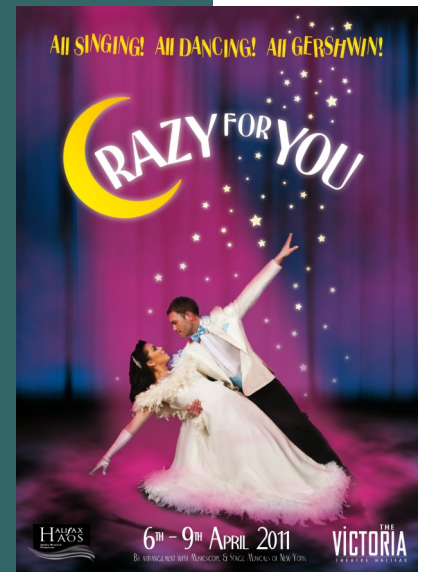
CRAZY FOR YOU

Hands out, hand together, hands on chest...!

We now have a FABULOUS flyer to promote what is shaping up to be a fantastic show!

The creative team have created a stunning and eye-catching poster with our beautiful leading lady (and leading man!) to make sure that people have absolutely no reason not to buy tickets by the bucket load.

Make sure you get your copies from the rehearsal rooms and get them out and about so that we can sell as many tickets as possible—let's go KR-A-ZY and have a sell out every night!

**CANT MAKE A REHEARSAL?****Andrew Whitworth**

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Mike Gilroy

Musical Director

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Liz Davies

Choreographer

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LET US KNOW!**REHEARSAL UPDATE**

Company singing rehearsals continue on a Thursday evening and Mike is making the entire cast sound mighty fine with the delightful Gershwin score.

Liz is driving the dancers through their paces on a Monday evening and ensuring that triple time-steps are not doubles and that everyone has got rhythm—could she ask for anything more?!

Script rehearsals are well under way and your principals are working hard at blocking, learning lines and transforming their dulcet Yorkshire tones to the Nevadan Deadrock twang—with some needing more work than others... (noo yawk siddee!).

Full company rehearsals will be starting soon so make sure that you keep an eye on both the website and the notice board for the full rehearsal schedule. Any last minute changes needed will be updated on there so make sure you keep checking it regularly!

WARDROBE MISTRESS OPEN TO BRIBES...

As you know, we have a new face heading up the wardrobe team for **Crazy For You**, the lovely Laraine Cowgill.

Laraine is a dab hand at the role having previously done it for the society for about 10 years, so she brings with her a wealth of experience. She will be supported by a bevy of beautiful ladies as they measure, nip and tuck all of the costumes for the show.

As they will be responsible for making you look good on stage...be nice to them!

WANTED! YOUR MONEY OR YOUR AD!

We are currently looking for advertisers and sponsors for the **Crazy For You** programme.

If you know someone who has advertised before or anyone who would be interested in being involved for the first time, hurry along and speak to Geoff who can give you the lowdown and all the info that you will need!



HAOS—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The HAOS Annual General Meeting will take place at the Wellington Rooms on Thursday 17th February at 7.00pm prompt and details should have already reached you by email or through the post.



This is your chance to have your say on how your society is run and your views, news and comments are important to enable the society to move onward and upward in all ways, creatively and commercially.

Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the committee? Are you a 'do-er' and want to actively be involved in the behind-the-scenes running of your society? All officers and members of the committee are nominated and elected annually. Any member can nominate someone but **all nominations must be received by Monday 7th February**. Email Laraine if you or someone you know would be interested.

The meeting will start at 7pm prompt and will only last for an hour. Anyone wishing to attend however must be a fully paid up member—so if you haven't paid you'll have no say in your society, so get your subs to Jane before the 17th!

Ask not what your society can do for you but what you can do for your society!

MEMBERS LIST

Are you getting the full colour newsletter immediately sent to you?
Are you helping us become the most eco-friendly society?
Are you keeping postage and printing costs to a minimum for HAOS?

We are continually updating our Members list and are looking to contact you more through email. It's a more eco-friendly way of staying in touch with you - as well as being fast and economically beneficial!

If you have recently given your details to the society then thank you! But if you haven't or if they've changed, we would love your email address along with your full name, postal address and contact numbers.

Email laraine.cowgill@hotmail.co.uk and she will make sure you're duly updated!



Don't forget!!!

Weekly subs are also payable to Jane Marescaux.

At just £2 a week you can pay them weekly, in chunks or even all in one go!

Speak to Jane for more details.

YOUR MONEY OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Annual subscriptions are now due—yup, it's THAT time of year again!

Annual subscription: £25.00

Annual subscription (senior citizens/full time students): £10.00

Annual social membership only subscription: £10.00



Jane Marescaux will happily take your money at any rehearsal or you can send it directly to her at:
62 Daisy Road, Brighouse, HD6 3SX.

100 CLUB

Fancy £50?! Get signed up to the 100 club now then!

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to support your society, as well as having a chance to get your hands on some hard cash! At the moment, it is helping to raise about £200 month for society funds which is almost an extra £2,500 a year (that's a lot of tea and biscuits!).

It goes without saying, if we could get a full subscription (we only have a little over half of the numbers taken at the moment), the funds to the society would increase and the prize fund would also get bigger!

Grab Nuala at rehearsal and she'll be able to give you all the info you need!!



100 CLUB September winners

1st prize - £50
Kev Davies

2nd prize - £25
Norma Bateman

3rd prize - £10
Ellen & Gordon Smith

October winners

1st prize - £50
Fliss Dargan-Bell

2nd prize - £25
Yvonne White

3rd prize - £10
Laraine & Geoff Cowgill

November winners

1st prize - £50
Flora Smithies

2nd prize - £25
Nuala & Barry Smith

3rd prize - £10
Geoff & Diane Berry

December winners

1st prize - £50
Paul Addy

2nd prize - £25
Heather Kershaw

3rd prize - £10
Allen Broadbent

*The January draw will take place
at the end of this month.*



MEENA'S CURRY NIGHT

What could be better than a curry?

A Meena's starter and main course for a mere £10!

Our society sponsor is offering this fantastic deal for one night only, 16th February, as a fundraiser for the society. Not only will you get a fantastic meal but great company and a raffle with scintillating prizes!

Places are limited, so get your order and money to Mick Porter PDQ!

SADDLE-SORE OR SPONSORSHIP?

From 20th-22nd May, our very own choreographer, Liz Davies, will cycle with 5 friends the 290 miles from London to Paris to raise funds for the **National Autistic Society** (Liz and Kev's son Joe is autistic). Cycling as team **Miss Understood**, they aim to raise over £10,000 for this worthy charitable cause.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability. The three main areas of difficulty which all people with autism share are: difficulty with social communication; difficulty with social interaction; difficulty with social imagination.

It can be hard to create awareness of autism, as people with the condition do not 'look' disabled: parents of children with autism often say that other people simply think their child is naughty; while autistic adults find that they are misunderstood.

All people with autism can benefit from a timely diagnosis and access to appropriate services and support. The **National Autistic Society**, as the leading UK charity, provides support, information, pioneering services as well as campaigning for a better world for people and their families living with autism.

Just go to virginmoneygiving.com/team/missunderstood to donate securely on-line. Or if you prefer a cheque payable to NAS or cash donations are also be gratefully accepted.

Liz and Kev send a HUGE thank you to all at HAOS who have already donated.



LITTLE JACK HORNER**The Halifax YMCA, Crossley Street, 29th January - 5th February 2011**

Taking you on a whirl wind adventure, the YMCA Pantomime Society brings **Little Jack Horner** to life!

Giving you all the excitement, laughs and thrills that a fun-filled panto should, join the cast as you boo the baddies and cheer the goodies!

With fantastic music provided by a super 5-piece band and an AMAZING lead piano/keyboard, this is a panto you don't want to be sat in the corner for!

Tickets are available on: 01422 353 626 or 0772 245 7839

**ANYTHING GOES****St Georges Hall, Bradford, 25th - 29th January 2011**

With music and lyrics by Cole Porter, the story follows the madcap antics aboard an ocean liner bound from New York to London. Billy Crocker is a stowaway in love with heiress Hope Harcourt, who is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Nightclub singer Reno Sweeney and Public Enemy #13 Moonface Martin aid Billy in his quest to win Hope.



Starring a devilishly handsome gangster, the show sets sail at the end of January 2011.

Featuring some of Cole Porter's finest tunes, this timeless musical, which is about to make a return to Broadway, is sure to brighten the duller of winter evenings.

Tickets are available from the box office on: 01274 432 000

JACK & THE BEANSTALK**The Southgate Theatre, Honley, 11th - 19th February 2011**

With matinees on both Saturdays, climbing a beanstalk would be a walk in the park compared to how hard this cast is going to have to work!

So if you're partial to a bit of panto, giant slaying and beanstalk climbing, get yourself a ticket now!

Ticket are available from the box office on: 01422 835 912

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS****The Halifax Playhouse, 22nd - 26th February 2011**

Little Shop of Horrors is a rock musical, by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood.



Starring more Ammies than you can shake a venus fly trap at and with our own Becki & Adam Smith at the creative helm - how many more reasons do you need to see the show?!

Tickets are available from the box office on: 01422 835 912

'JESUS!... What was in that wine?!'



THE HAOS CAPTION COMPETITION

Get your creative caption-thinking caps on and win great prizes!

John Hurst wins the NEXT voucher for last edition's competition!

Fancy your chances this time?

Email your entry to me for the picture on the right and you may be the winner!

HAOSnewsletter@gmail.com



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SPRING BALL 2011

Fancy getting dressed up to the 9's, sipping Pimm's and playing croquet on the lawn?

Then the **HAOS Spring Ball** may have its first outing later this year!

Nothing has yet been confirmed and it is still early days but Paul Addy is busy looking at the possibility and canvassing opinion.

Let him know your thoughts.

GUESS WHO'S GETTING MARRIED IN THE MORNING?!

Martin Clarke & Heather Jamieson will be tying the knot on Saturday 5th February 2011.



HAOS wishes the happy couple many years of health, wealth, happiness and wedded bliss.

NEXT EDITION

And so you've finally reached the back page...or are you one of those people who always reads the back page first? In which case, you've a marathon reading session still ahead of you!

You'll have to wait now till April for the Spring edition for your next newsletter fix but as you're probably going to be busy with rehearsals until then I am sure the time will fly by!

There will be a new feature starting in the next edition in preparation for the 2012 show....(thanks, Pete!).

But in the meantime, don't forget to send me anything you want including: events, news, birthdays, announcements...it's your newsletter so just let me know!

Email me at: **HAOSnewsletter@gmail.com**



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Putting on a school or amateur production?**

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

(deadline dates for anything you want to include!)

Spring edition (April)
(31st March)

Early Summer edition (June)
(31st May)