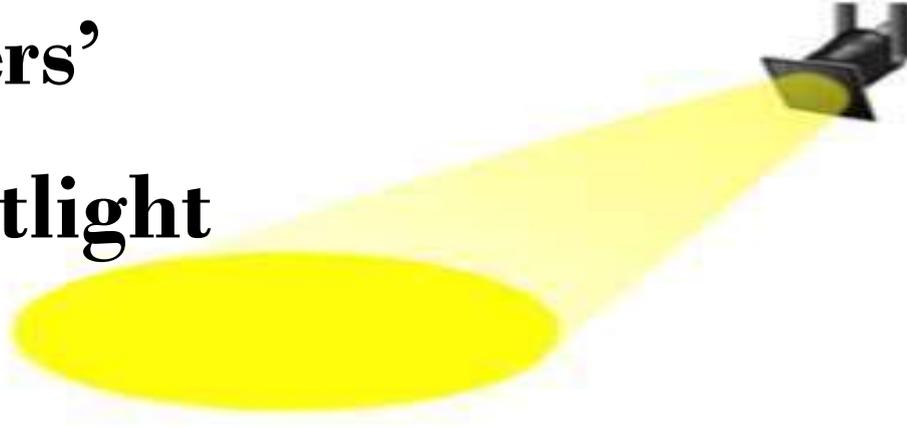


# Stagers' Spotlight



August 2022

## Chair's Message

I hope you are coping with the heat and looking forward to an enjoyable summer. You may know that in Stagers we traditionally do not have a Committee Meeting in August as often people are away on their holidays and we then come back in September ready for the AGM.

The AGM will be held Wednesday 14th September and you can find more details about how we will communicate around it later in this issue. However I would urge you to put it in your diary. Last year we had to rearrange our first attempt to hold the AGM as we unexpectedly did not have enough people attend to make quorum, which was a real shame for the people who had joined us on that first night. I am keen to do everything we can to avoid a repeat of that issue this year.



There are also a number of spaces on the committee and we are very keen to fill those. If you would be interested in joining us to help the society function we would love to hear from you. There are always lots of important

jobs to do but the more hands we have sharing in those tasks the easier (and more enjoyable) it is. The commitment is not overly strenuous, one night ten months of the year and a number of other voluntary tasks in between meetings to help keep everything running smoothly and we try to have some fun and a lot of laughs along the way.

If you would be interested in putting your name forward to join our merry band please email me: [chair@grayshottstagers.co.uk](mailto:chair@grayshottstagers.co.uk)

Also in this issue you will find information about our upcoming shows but I want to take the remaining space in my Chair's message to talk about my experience recently helping backstage on a recent production. Now admittedly this was for a different local society but it is not something I have done before and I have to say it increased the respect I have for all of the people who have helped me to be on stage and put on shows in the past.

It was so much fun to join an experienced team and have them help me to hit the marks as we scrambled to get scenery off and on stage, quickly and safely and in the right place. Which we mostly managed!

So why am I telling you about this? Well every society and Stagers is no exception, needs people to help with these vital jobs, so the next time messages come around asking for help I hope you will put yourself forward - I know I will do it more often now I have experienced it!

Go well      *Joe*

## Come On Jeeves.

We are delighted that our November Play is fully cast and that regular rehearsals will soon be starting. Do visit the website to see the illustrious team. It's good to welcome Piers Husband, who will be making his debut for the Stagers in this production.



Sara, our Director, has sent a quote for this month from the great P.G. Wodehouse:

“I always strive, when I can, to spread sweetness and light. There have been several complaints about it”.



## AGM

The Stagers' Annual General Meeting for another year is approaching. Calling Notices for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September will be sent out later in August.

Last year, if you recall, the meeting had to be re-scheduled as there were not enough members present. This year we will be specifically asking for RSVPs following the formal invitation to avoid that happening again.

## One-Act Play Evenings 17 and 18 February 2023

It is time to turn our thoughts to the annual one-act plays and supper evenings, which will be on Friday and Saturday, 17 and 18 February 2023. This is an opportunity for anyone to try their hand at directing and acting, especially those seeking new challenges or to hone their basic skills. One-act plays offer a range of opportunities and

can deal with some important social issues. This time, we will include a presentation marketing *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, which will be the musical for May 2023. The read-throughs and auditions for the February 2023 plays will be held in the Studio, Grayshott Village Hall, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 September 2023. Rehearsals will not usually begin before December 2022 or January 2023. The details of the individual plays for the evenings will be given at the read-throughs on 21 September once the directors have been confirmed, but include an exciting thriller, as a counter-balance to the other comedy.

The One-Act Plays Evenings are a very important part of the Stagers' annual programme, usually making a significant profit which supports the other shows. Members give of their time to prepare suppers for the audience, and everyone's help is needed in some way or another. It starts with the auditions, but coming along on that day does not commit to appearing, if that is not wanted. Without you, these vital play evenings cannot go ahead. We look forward to seeing you all on 21 September.

*Ellis Nicholls*



**14<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm AGM**

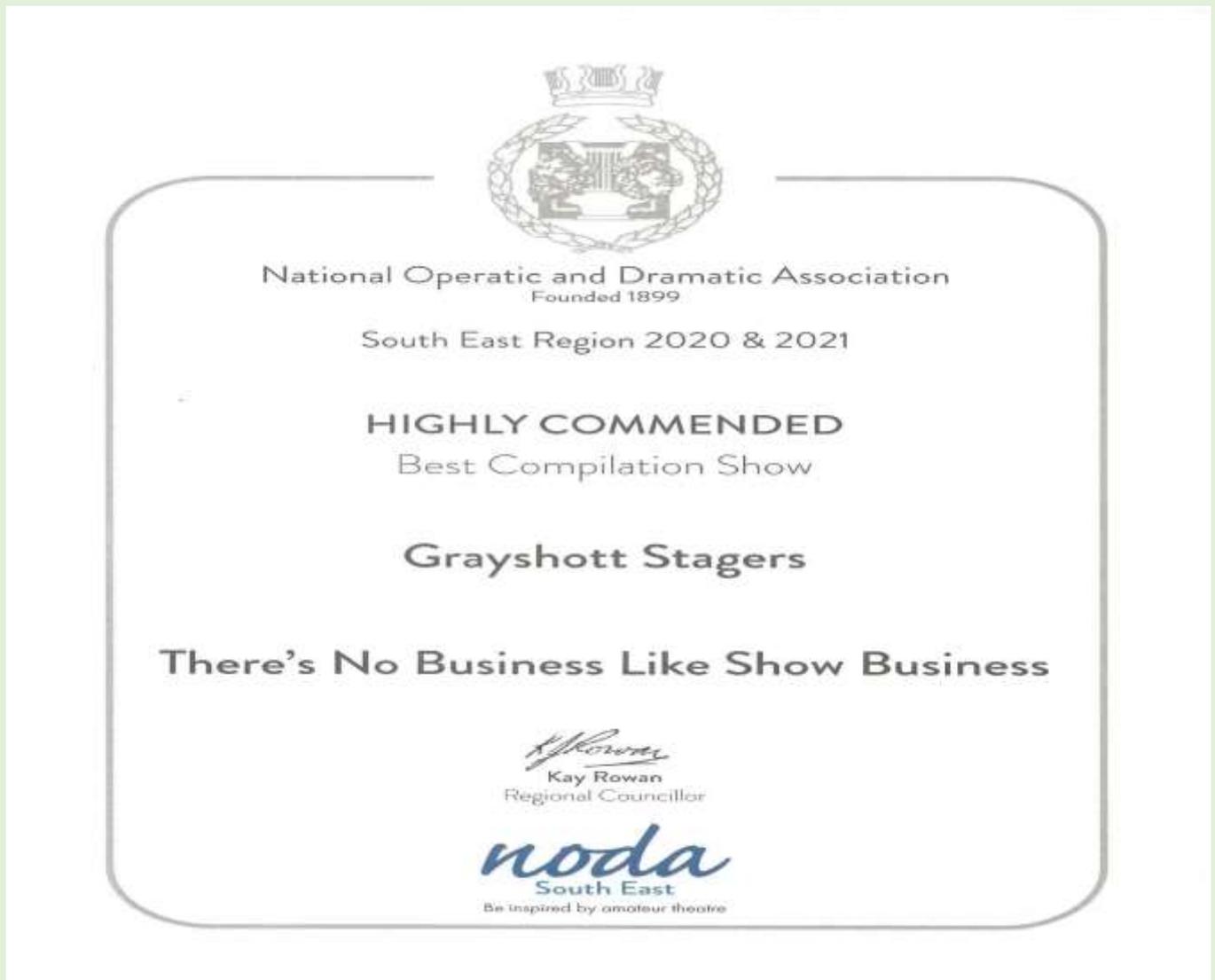
**21<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm** One Act read - throughs and auditions

**24-26<sup>th</sup> November 2022:** Come on, Jeeves Visit our website for more Information

**17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2023** One Act Supper evenings



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