



# HIADS Newsletter

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## Dates for your Diary

American Songbook Elaine Delmar	10th February 7:30pm
Film- Victoria and Abdul	16th February
Being of Sound Mind HIADS	Reading 23rd Feb
<b>AGM</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> February
Being of Sound Mind HIADS	Casting - 5th March
Film -	9th March
George III HIADS	19th - 24th March
Timeless - Vintage Party	31st March
DiElle - Music Thru' the Ages	7th April
Monarchy - Ultimate Queen Tribute	13th April
Viva - Neil Diamond	14th April
Social Event	21 <sup>st</sup> April
Being of Sound Mind HIADS	19th -26th May
Glorious - White Cobra	15th June

## Wanted ! Wardrobe Elves

The theatre wardrobe is getting seriously overwhelmed with unwanted clothing. This makes it difficult to find stuff that we really need.

We are all getting older and with failing knees and backs are in dire need of some fit elves to help keep the numbers in check and have a cull of unwanted items.

This is not a new problem and is constantly growing. We would greatly appreciate some regular help as with new requests coming in all the time, we just don't have the time or physical stamina to deal with it any more. A team of elves would be even better but we do realise that you have other commitments..

If you feel you can help and would like more information, contact Fiona Bartlett at [fionabartlett@googlemail.com](mailto:fionabartlett@googlemail.com)

## ADVERT - Madness of George III

We are still looking for the Duke of York (younger and yes the one who marched his men to the top of the hill). PLEASE contact Vicky for details at [vickyfox06@ntlworld.com](mailto:vickyfox06@ntlworld.com)

We also need a lighting operator for the show and the previous week.

Come Along to HIADS AGM 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7:30pm  
@Station Theatre



## Volunteer at Station Theatre

Come join us as a new Volunteer for FoH or on the ticket desk in the mornings, They are very friendly and always need help - we're not just 'actors' at HIADS! Give us a ring on 023 9246 6363.

**HIADS - CELEBRATED 70 years** since the first meeting on 23rd October 1947. Now as we move forward into our 71st year it's, prepare for the Madness of King George III by Alan Bennett.

**Film 16<sup>th</sup> February Victoria and Abdul** The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's (Academy Award winner **Judi Dench**) remarkable rule. When Abdul Karim (**Ali Fazal**), a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself

# HIADS

## HIADS welcomes new members

Margaret Cubberly Margaret Clark

Jack Smith Judy McFarling

### BEING OF SOUND MIND - Andrew Hull

Characters 3 female/4 male.

Reading 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Casting 5<sup>th</sup> March

Set in a country manor house the family have gathered for the reading of Edward Goodchild's will.

Synopsis: Edward Goodchild has died and the will is read. Stephen and Penny are hoping for cash. Rebecca wants the truth about her sister's (Edward Goodchild's wife) death. Martin is surprised to be there. Why does the will stipulate that they have to survive the night in the house to get the money (what is the matter with the house, who are going to survive the night - who will stay and who will leave, who/how many will get the money?)

Age Ranges : Stephen - late 20's, Penny- early 30's, Martin- early 30's, James Solicitor - 30's, Susan Housemaid - 20's, Rebecca - 60's, Marshall - Butler Over 65.

More Details on HIADS [Audition Page link](#)

### The Madness of George III

Set in 1788 - 1789

Alan Bennett's award-winning play 'The Madness of George III'. This funny, and at times, poignant look at the king's first descent into madness in 1788 has cast of twenty men to play the court, the doctors and the politicians.

Little Theatre Guild

Toby Hazan is taking over our representation on this group

We must thank John and Katie Tappy for their contribution over many years, we are really grateful to them and the fact that we continue to benefit from their experience with LTG.

### STATION MASTER'S NOTES

What an amazing month we've had following Cinderella, and a big well done to Dave M for writing and directing another great HIADS panto. As usual CCADS showed us their professional, award winning, standard of music with The Sound of Musicals. The real treat this month was Portchester Youth Theatre's Spooked. 50 youngsters, brilliantly choreographed brought us an amazing full-length production of Casper the Musical. This was an unbelievably talented cast coached by professional performers, one being from the original West End cast. To really make the youngsters day, on Saturday evening most of the original London cast were in the audience, cheering them on. Our last visitor in February is the amazing jazz vocalist Elaine Delmar, performing with her own band. This is the first international star we've hosted for many years, and it promises to be great.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR OWN HIADS SHOWS - Madness of George III and Being of Sound Mind**

Look out for HIYA play 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June

### HIADS ART ARCADE

It is good that we have so many talented artist to enrich the experience of a visit to the theatre, each a different style and subjects. We are very grateful to artists who have already provided some great displays. It will be good if we can extend the list and include more local artists willing to take part. If you are interested in taking part, either on your own or contributing to a shared display please contact. Lesley Vincent. 023 92358010. lesley.a.vincent@icloud.com.

### Theatre Stuff

**BOX OFFICE** - Remember Martin Stevens picked up the reins of Box Office Manager. New volunteers for the box office are always welcome.

### Help Distribute Theatre Flyers

A number of members deliver Station Theatre flyers and HIADS show posters to local shops, pubs and hotels etc. If you know of any such establishments that have not been covered, please ask them if they will take our flyers and posters, and if they say yes please put your name down to deliver them when Wendy Tobin organizes the distributions.

Anything information or you want to say? Then please let us know at [newsletter@hiads.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@hiads.org.uk)

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