

**Greetings from the Regional Councillor**

A tremendous start to 2025 with numerous show visits and your team have seen at least 25 pantomimes since the start of the year. I am really privileged to attend so many top notch productions. The standard seems to rise every year.

The Regional Committee is building up to our showcase Celebration Day and AGM on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June to which I hope you will send representatives. In addition, we are planning the National AGM & Gala Evening when I will be honoured to become the National President of NODA – I hope many of you will be able to join me on that occasion and celebrate – more details soon.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**NODA SE CELEBRATION OF 2024****Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at The Electric Theatre, Guildford****BOOK THE DATE INTO YOUR DIARY – FREE TO ALL MEMBERS**

**We are very pleased that the National President Graham Liverton will be joining us for the day to celebrate all your achievements and awards for 2024.**

**The event is open to members of all societies and individual members.**

**EXHIBITORS** – Throughout the day, several traders will be promoting themselves and hopefully both inspiring you and picking up some business for themselves. Anyone else interested in exhibiting should contact [mark.allen@noda.org.uk](mailto:mark.allen@noda.org.uk)

**PERFORMANCES** – We are delighted to report that so far we have 3 societies ready and eager to perform for your entertainment contact; [kay.rowan@noda.org.uk](mailto:kay.rowan@noda.org.uk)

**THE AGM** – A short AGM with an address given by the President will start at 2pm.

**AWARDS** – presentation of Accolades of Excellence for each district, plus the announcement and presentation of both Regional Award Winners and Poster &

Programme Competition Winners. All finalists will be informed in advance so that they can send representatives to collect their awards.

**SPONSORSHIP** – should you wish to sponsor any part of the event please contact [kay.rowan@noda.org.uk](mailto:kay.rowan@noda.org.uk) or consider becoming a Regional Corporate Sponsor.

### ACCOLADES & AWARDS FOR 2024



Regional Awards – finalists in each category have been announced and the winner and highly commended will be announced on Celebration Day. All finalists will receive a certificate.



Details on the NODA website

[Accolades of Excellence, Regional Award Nominees & Poster & Programme Finalists](#)

### PROGRAMME & POSTER COMPETITION FOR 2024



Judging has taken place and in each category there is a winner and two highly commended, all of whom will receive a certificate. The winners will be announced on Celebration Day.

[Accolades of Excellence, Regional Award Nominees & Poster & Programme Finalists](#)

We are thrilled that virtually everyone has embraced the new branding and used it on both Programmes and posters since September 2024 – How about your Facebook page? Download our new logos for your programme and posters and ensure your programme compiles has copies. [NODA Logos](#)

**BADGES, MEDALS & CERTIFICATES**



\* **146** awards were applied for and supplied to recipients during 2024

- Keep the orders coming. [NODA Awards](#)

**SUMMER SCHOOL – 174 places already allocated only 54 places left**



**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025**

When: Saturday 26th July to Saturday 2nd August

Where: Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffordshire

Cost: £720 to include all teaching, evening activities plus bed and full board (alcohol not included!)

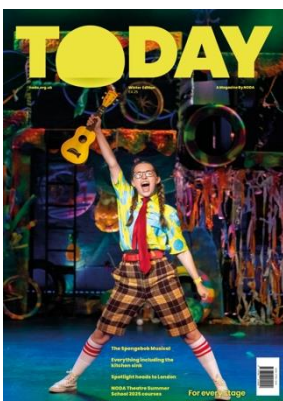
A Bursary has been allocated to Carole Handley – we hope she has a wonderful week. 13 other students have booked on a wide range of courses.

**[NODA Theatre Summer School 2025](#)**

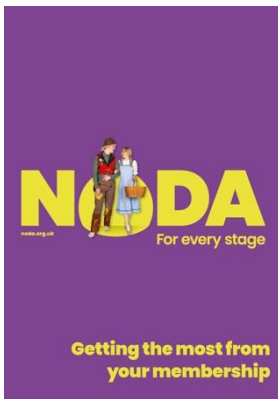
**for details of how to book**

**NODA TODAY** – Our Regional Editor Chris Horton is ready and waiting to receive your news/stories/anecdotes...

[chris.horton@noda.org.uk](mailto:chris.horton@noda.org.uk)



Articles and photos should be separate with the photos in JPEG form or similar. Preferably the word count should be in the region of 250–300 words.



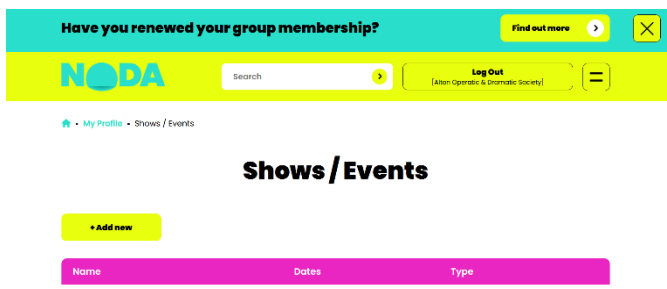
## SUPPORT FROM NODA

Do please let us know if there is any way that NODA could assist you in your endeavours. Facebook SE facilities, advertising, training, information, sources for props etc, personnel lists (MDs, Directors, technical...)

Has your society received this yet? If not please let us know.

All society members can access the NODA website to read show reports, Celebration Day photos and many other interesting things.

## ADVERTISE YOUR EVENTS – SHOWS/ONCERTS/AUDITIONS.....



Please ensure all your productions are advertised on the Shows/Events section of the NODA website. This is what you are looking for.

## Gentle Reminders

**Celebration Day** – it would help with arrangements if you could let your regional rep know if members of your society will be attending the Regional AGM and roughly how many. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Celebration Day together with representatives of those societies who have awards to receive.

**Society Contacts** – are your contacts correct on the NODA database – can we contact you easily?

Do you know who your **Regional Rep** is?

Does your **Programme and Poster** person know what should be included?

## **NODA AGM & GALA DINNER 2025**

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After 10 years as your Regional Councillor during which I have been privileged to represent the South East on Council, I have been honoured to be made Vice President with a view to becoming President on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

Following the formal AGM the SE committee, are organising a Gala Dinner at Voco Winchester Hotel & Spa (was The Holiday Inn). It would be wonderful if members could come and join us on that day even make up a whole table. An real opportunity to dress up.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to thank the many, many people who have helped and inspired me during my time as Councillor.

Further details of package deals will be available shortly.

**A special date for your diary – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Come and help us celebrate all things NODA**