



Celebration and Anticipation

As the last production of our very successful 60th Anniversary Season approaches I hope that you've enjoyed it as much as we have. From the first scrum down to the last throat slit, it's been a ball!

Our final production of the season, the popular DAG Musical, is Sondheim's Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

It won't be a surprise, to those of you who know him, that David Fletcher chose this Sondheim. Not only does it celebrate DAG's 60th Anniversary but also David's imminent 80th birthday. After 48 productions for the group, including 32 full length musicals and numerous sets, David is looking forward to revisiting this fabulous musical.

Sweeney Todd is a fictional character who first appeared as the villain of the penny dreadful serial *The String of Pearls* (1846–1847). The original tale became a feature of 19th-century melodrama and London legend. A barber from Fleet Street, Todd murders his customers with a straight razor and gives their corpses to Mrs. Lovett, his partner in crime, who bakes their flesh into meat pies. The tale has been retold many times since in various media.

This version stars the music and invention of Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler. The original Broadway cast had Angela Lansbury as Mrs Lovett and Len Cariou as Todd; in London it was Sheila Hancock and Dennis Quilley. It has continued to be performed ever since its first outing in 1979; with the third Broadway revival in 2023. Obviously worth another outing for us too, after our first production in 2000. (Flyer and booking details enclosed)

My Mother Said was an emotional one for our audiences but it also had moments of high drama interspersed with gentle comedy. It was wonderful to welcome the rest of the original cast and director to our Sunday Matinee and gratifying that they enjoyed the performance.

They were not alone; feedback on the production was brilliant with several people saying it was the best bit of drama that they'd seen for some time.

Two One Act Plays (Plus One) saw the production of two original pieces plus a one man play by Chekhov – On the Harmful Effects of Tobacco. An evening with a murder mystery, a downtrodden but well-meaning husband and a French farce was bound to be a success; and it was.

The exhibition of David Wood's paintings was very much enjoyed and quite a few people went home with their own piece of David Wood. The exhibition runs until the end of Neville's Island.

Our Youth Theatre Showcase will be presented on 19th and 20th May. Make sure you get your tickets. You can ring our helpline and we'll book them for you.

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Look out for OFFERS from The West Riding,
one of the Beerhouses pubs.

If you show your ticket (e-ticket is fine) you can get 20% off food and drinks before and after the production.



Summer Exhibition

Information about having your work exhibited in our Summer Exhibition are enclosed. Contact Zahoor Sakharkar if you have any queries.

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We're very happy to let you all know about our next season – 2023 to 2024 Details enclosed. Our season ticket Fees will be due at the end of June. We have had to increase the cost to £75 (still a saving of £69). This is our first increase since 2018. We are also introducing a Single

season Ticket, which entitles you to one ticket per main house production, for £45 (a saving of £27). More details and requests for payment will be posted out with our June Newsletter.



Book Club - 26th May

How are you getting on with reading Any Human Heart by William Boyd? I'm really enjoying it and look forward to having a chat about it over cake, coffee, tea or maybe a bevvy from the bar. If you would like to join in please contact Stacey Fleming - s.waterworth@hotmail.co.uk



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 22nd July

Our social team are planning a social event to celebrate the end of our 60th Anniversary Season. More details will follow but for now, get that date in your diary



**Our 2023 Pantomime is
Robin Hood**

PRODUCTION DATES:

18th, 20th and 22nd to 25th November 2023 (evenings)

18th, 19th, 25th and 26th November 2023 (matinees)

A fun filled pantomime for both young and old. Robin Hood and his Merry Men succeed in rescuing the Babes in the Wood from the clutches of the evil Sheriff of Nottingham
Auditions will held be on

**Tuesday 4th July at 7.30 for adults
and Saturday 8th July at 10.30 am for Youth members.**

Full details enclosed



Don't forget auditions for

Cash on Delivery

Tuesday 16th May – Contact Andrew Leverton - Tel: – Mob: 07758936525 Email - andy_leverton@hotmail.com

or visit our website

<https://dewsburyartsgroup.info/members/audition-pieces>

Dates for your diary

May 19th and 20th: Youth Theatre Showcase

May 16th Cash on Delivery Auditions

May 26th: Book Club

June 24th to July 1st: Sweeney Todd

July 4th Robin Hood Adult auditions

July 8th Robin Hood Youth Auditions

July 22nd Celebration in the Garden

July 12th AGM