

Stagers' Spotlight

September 2025

AGM and Social Evening



24th September 2025 7:30pm

Please come along to the AGM on 24th September in the Studio. Arrival from 7:15pm. It's a great chance to hear about everything that has happened in your Society for the last year and look forward to the year ahead. There will of course be drinks and a few nibbles provided and time to socialise with fellow Stagers.

'Allo 'Allo

The cast of 'Allo 'Allo are already off books for Act 1 and having lots of fun at rehearsals.

An earlier rehearsal start time of 7.00pm has given us the opportunity to cover extra scenes during rehearsal against plan and the production is well ahead of schedule. The only issue I have is that the cast keep corpsing during scenes, particular over Flick's G-String and Rene's massive sausage. That and I can't seem to buy enough Jammie Dodgers to keep them happy during the tea break!

Nearly 50% of all tickets have already been sold and Saturday sold out in less than 24 hours of the box office opening. Don't miss this classic from the golden age of comedy. Tickets are on sale at: <https://grayshotstagers.littleboxoffice.com>

Buff Cooper
Director



February 2025 One-Act Play Evenings

Don't Blame It On The Boots

Three of the four roles in 'Don't Blame it on the Boots' by Nick Warbuton, have been cast as follows:

Kate - Tamasin Ellis
Liz - Stephanie Wilson
Ophelia - Jo Weller

We're looking for someone to fill the role of Eric.

About the play:

"Don't Blame It On The Boots" is a comic ghost story. It's rooted in a theatre company rehearsing and performing Hamlet. Things are not going well. There are interpersonal tensions, clumsy flirting, and jealousy, until a pair of boots with a rich theatrical history literally step in.

What the role of Eric involves:

Eric is one of the two main protagonists, and the role involves interesting relationships - and sharply witty dialogue - with the women in the play. Cast as the ghost of Hamlet's father, he faces off against Liz his fiancée, Kate the director, the inexperienced Ophelia, and a pair of ill-fitting boots.

Fate's Thread

We are delighted to announce the cast for 'Fate's Thread' by Stephen Bean. Thank you to all who auditioned — your enthusiasm and talent are sure to make this a very exciting project.

So far, the roles are cast as follows:

Susan Davies - Jemma Jessup
Alice Fletcher - Kathy Le Fanu
Harriett Cole - Tamasin Ellis
Margaret Daniels - Brezetta Thonger
Jenny Bayes - Stephanie Wilson

We are not yet cast in the role of Jack Davies and are looking for someone to take this on.

About the play:

Fate's Thread is a ghost story, a murder mystery, and a light comedy all rolled into one. It's gripping, clever, and above all, great fun to bring to life on stage. The plot involves Susan's "accident", her struggle to find out what really happened, spectral conversations, hidden truths and a race against time.

What the role of Jack involves:

Jack is Susan's husband — brooding, bitter, somewhat trapped by circumstances. He's working class, originally a garage mechanic, living with the conflict of being estranged in various ways, and is central to the mystery surrounding Susan's fate.

Why Jack?

- It's a meaty male role with emotional depth and complexity.
- You'll be central to the mystery and tension of the piece.
- Great chance to work with a strong cast and have fun with theatrical style that mixes supernatural, comedy and suspense.

If you'd like to be considered for Eric or Jack, or know someone perfect for either part, please get in touch with Barry (barrylv1@gmail.com) or Richard (richardhosmer@btinternet.com) as soon as possible. We'd love to see these roles filled soon.

Thanks to everyone for the energy already shown — these are promising to be fantastic productions.

Barry Levy - Director 'Don't Blame it on the Boots'
Richard Hosmer - Director 'Fate's Thread'



Noda

NODA AGM and "Today" Magazine

This year, NODA will be holding their "National Gala and Celebration Day", including the Annual General Meeting, at the Voco Hotel in Winchester.

The event will mark the inauguration of Kay Rowan, former Regional Councillor for our SE Region, as National President. More information available at

<https://www.noda.org.uk/events/noda-agm-2025/booking>

You can read the latest issue of NODA'S "Today" magazine at

<https://www.noda.org.uk/magazine>

Barry Levy

What Our Friends Are Doing

Haslemere Thespians

www.haslemerethespians.co.uk

"Immaculate" by Oliver Lansley, 9-11 October, Haslemere Hall

Tickets from <https://www.haslemerehall.co.uk>

Churt Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)

www.cadsonline.co.uk

A Night Of 3 One-Act Plays, 9-11 October, Churt Village Hall

Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society (AODS)

www.aods.org

"Blackadder 2 - The Elizabethan Years", 26-29 November, Alton Assembly Rooms

Headley Theatre Club

www.johnowensmith.co.uk/htc

An Evening Of Comedy, including supper, 11 & 18 October, Headley Village Hall

Haslemere Players www.haslemereplayers.com

"Into The Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, 28

October - 1 November, Haslemere Hall

Tickets from www.haslemerehall.co.uk

Tilbourne Players www.tilbourneplayers.org.uk

"The Wind In The Willows", 26-29 November,

Tilford Institute

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Dates For Your Diary

24th September: **The Grayshott Stagers AGM**

19th to 22nd Nov: 'Allo 'Allo

26th November: Presentation of 'The Wizard of Oz'

6th December: Auditions for 'The Wizard of Oz'

13th and 14th Feb 2026: One-Act Play Evenings

21st to 23rd May 2026: The Wizard of Oz Musical



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based on the hit TV classic*