



Summer 2021

PANDA NEWS



Summer is here and we're looking forward to exciting times ahead. Here's a little of what's been going on since our last Newsletter!

KIPPS The New Half a Sixpence Musical, March '22



Firstly, some very exciting news you may have seen on social media already, we're delighted to announce Panda Players will be performing **KIPPS—The New Half a Sixpence Musical** in **March 2022** at the Elgiva Theatre! Our very talented production team includes; Director - Barry Dell, who has previously directed shows for Panda Players and been a long standing member. Musical Director - Peter Allanson who joined us for our last production Shrek The Musical, and our very own Kerry Middleton as Choreographer. We're hoping many of you will join us for this fabulous uplifting musical! Keep a look out for updates on our [website](#).

SHOW LAUNCH EVENING!

Wednesday 18th August 2021

Join us to meet the production team, learn more about the show and hopefully sing a few songs!

(Further details to follow)

SHREK The Musical, March 2020

It seems like a very long time ago that we performed Shrek The Musical! It truly was a huge team effort and a lot of fun. It was a great success, delighting audiences of all ages, we filled a whopping **1496** tickets over the six performances.



NODA Flame Award



Following the success of Shrek, our fabulous Wardrobe & Makeup Teams were nominated and **WON** the **NODA Flame Award for Inspirational Contribution to the Pursuit of Excellence in Theatre'** We are thrilled they were recognized and rewarded for all their incredible hard work on the show. **Congratulations** Team Wardrobe & Makeup!

Matthew Minor's Award

The Theatre's doors closed, following our last Shrek performance, as we saw the start of the Pandemic. During this time one of our much loved members and cast of Shrek, Matthew Minors, sadly passed away. In honour of our dear friend who devoted so much of his time to others and the Theatre, we created the **Matthew Minor's Award** to be presented annually to an individual on the Production Team for outstanding contribution.



Congratulations to **Wendy Zakrzewski**, who was presented with the 2020 Award, for her tireless work as our Children's Safeguarding Officer during Shrek the Musical.

We miss you Matt, our thoughts are always with you.





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VOCAL COMPETITION 2021



Panda Players hosted their first Vocal Competition this year, it was a huge success with over 20 contestants taking part. Both Children and Adults participated with tough competition across 3 rounds.

Special thanks to **Amber Dye** for organising the whole event and to all our volunteer Judges for giving up their time to take part: **Carole King, Chris Weeks, Jonathan Carlton, Sarah Jameson, Claire Deards, AJ West and Charlotte Medlar.**

Many Congratulations to our Winners and Finalists!



**Child WINNER:
YVONNE OSBORNE**



**Adult WINNER:
MANDY GASSON**

Child Finalists:

Jessica Denham—Runner Up!
Emily Townley
Jessica Steward

Adult Finalists:

Emily Gilbert
Andy Spry
Anya Vaughan-Smith



PANDA PUMP!

Pandas have been having great fun working out every Thursday to show tunes choreographed by our fabulous Amber. She's put us all through our paces to keep fit during lockdown!
Thank You Amber 😊



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will take place on:

THURS 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021- 8pm
(venue tbc)

COVID SURVEY

We will shortly be sending out an important survey to everyone. We will be asking you, our Panda friends and members, how you are feeling about getting back to rehearsals later this year. This information will be vital to help us plan a way forward and we therefore ask you to complete and return it as soon as possible.



Thank you



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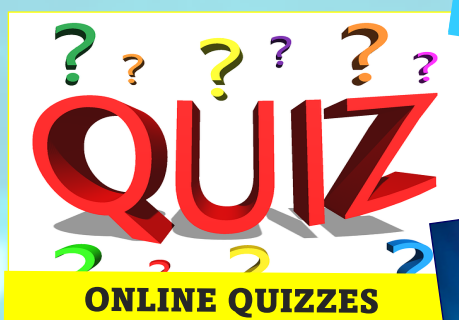
From shouting Bingo, scouser accents and treasure hunts to fitness classes and a vocal competition, Panda Players have been busy during Lockdown. Who knew so much could be done online We look forward to seeing you all again very soon!



SOCIAL ZOOM MEETINGS



ZOOM BINGO



ONLINE QUIZZES



WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD Brothers PLAY READ THROUGH



SPRING & AUTUMN WALKING TREASURE TRAILS



ZOOM CHRISTMAS PARTY



PANDA PUMP! EXERCISING TO FAVOURITE SHOW TUNES



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