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# Panda News



## Panda Players

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### Wardrobe tidy up

This will take place over the weekend of 27/28 October. Lots of costumes need to be put away ready for others to be taken out again in the New Year and for John to look at and decide with Helen what he would like for the show.

Please let Julia know ([julia.holroyd@gmail.com](mailto:julia.holroyd@gmail.com)) if you can help.



### Assistant Treasurer

David Martin has been treasurer now for 8 years and is planning on 'hanging up his books' in two years. This means that we are looking for someone who can be trained up or maybe would be prepared to be his assistant for the next couple of years with a view to eventually taking over the role. If this is something that might interest you please let

David know

([treasurer@pandaplayers.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@pandaplayers.co.uk)).

## New Committee

Welcome to the 2018/19 season of Panda Players. We have an exciting time ahead and I'm sure we are all looking forward to working with a new Director, Choreographer and Musical director for The Drowsy Chaperone.

For those of you who weren't at the AGM (and that includes me!!!) here is your new committee! We are so delighted that we just about have a full committee other than dear Julia doing two posts, one of which is the mammoth job of Secretary and the other of concert party secretary. What would we do without her, which is why she was awarded the President's Plate for a second year I succession! Well done Julia!

The new committee:

President - Helen Turner

Chairman - Trish Lewis

Secretary - Julia Holroyd

Treasurer - David Martin

Publicity - David Mundy

Production Manager - Adam Stephenson

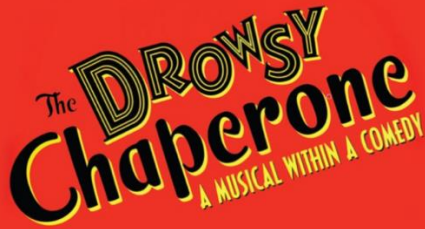
Membership Secretary - Marion Raeburn-James

Social & Fundraising and Vice Chairman - Amber Dye



Thanks to you all for standing and here's to a successful year.

Some members volunteered to assist Amber with social and fundraising, but there are other sub committees to get involved with and the relevant committee member will be in touch with you when jobs arise!!



## The Drowsy Chaperone

The pre-audition rehearsals are 25th, 29th October and 1st November in the Wesley Room at St John's Methodist Church, Amersham starting at 8pm. We hope to have auditions pieces and scripts/scores at the first of these so that you will all be ready for the auditions on 4th November (a deposit of £30, preferably by post-dated cheque, will be required to obtain a Lib/Vocal book). All the details are on our website.

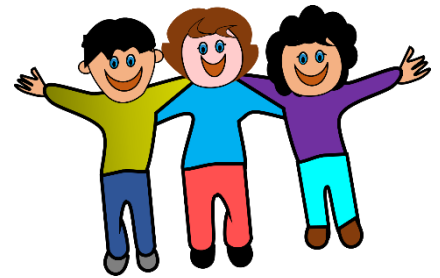
Our director John Asher is looking for a production assistant for the show so if any of you are interested please let me know ([trishlewis@pmiconsult.com](mailto:trishlewis@pmiconsult.com)).

The Dark Side is almost complete for the show, but Adam is looking for someone who would be prepared to be trained up for the SM job next year. As Adam is Production Manager this year, having a second pair of hands would be very useful to pass the baton on to so to speak. If any member thinks they might like to learn or knows of an older teenager who might be interested, please let Adam ([aes.chiltern@gmail.com](mailto:aes.chiltern@gmail.com)) know. Amazingly some folks don't want to be on the stage and prefer to be in the wings!

## News on Friends of the Society

Our MD from Oliver, Lou Marron, has had a very busy summer and most of you will know that Nancy Rey arrived on Saturday 4th August. How could she not call her that name!! Congratulations Lou and Maz on their gorgeous baby girl.

Mark Stephenson who has been part of the Dark Side on many shows, but particularly helping with props for Oliver, has had an eventful summer too, but not quite in the same way as Lou. He suffered a heart attack at work, but fortunately was right next door to Bart's Hospital and within 40 minutes was being fitted for a stent. Unfortunately, he then suffered another couple of attacks which necessitated two more stents, but I am very pleased to report that he is on the mend now and is contemplating returning to work. A positive experience in our NHS! Everyone wishes you all the best for a complete recovery, Mark!



## Special Honorary Member

The new committee has activated an idea that was put forward by the last committee which was awarding Special Honorary Memberships where appropriate. The first recipient of this is our retiring chairman James Moorcroft who was Chairman for three years. In recognition of his service in that time, he will have one year's membership free and, also, a free ticket for the main show. However, we hope he will give that ticket to someone else and be in the show!!! Congratulations Jim! Very well deserved!



## Elgiva 20th Anniversary Open Family Fun Day

**3rd November 10am to 2pm**

The Elgiva is having an open family fun day to celebrate their 20th anniversary on November 3rd between 10am and 2pm. Anyone is welcome. We are looking for volunteers to man our stall. We are thinking of dressing up in some of our costumes to advertise our wonderful costume store, generally showing Chesham that we are here and advertising The Drowsy Chaperone!! Please let me know if you can set aside a couple of hours ([trishlewis@pmiconsult.com](mailto:trishlewis@pmiconsult.com)).



That's it I think Folks, so see you all either at Concert Group or THE AUDITIONS!!!!!!

Trish