



Newsletter Spring 2021 number 2

Welcome to our second spring 2021 newsletter, keeping you in touch with what's happening at Stewartby Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and our friends in other societies.

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website. To sign up, go to www.saods.org.uk, scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your email address. We promise that we will

Coronavirus

We are going to try again! At a recent meeting the committee decided that, in accordance with the regulations of the government's Roadmap out of Lockdown, we will hold a rehearsal on Thursday 20th May at Stewartby Church Hall. Under Step 3 of the Roadmap, rehearsals will be subject to the same restrictions as would have been in force in January, the last time we tried to get going again. More details on page 3 and on our web site (follow the coronavirus link).

In the meantime please continue to look after yourselves. If you would like to send in something for the next newsletter please email your text(s) and /or image(s) to stewartbyoperatic@saods.org.uk.



From Monday, 29 March

From Monday, 29 March you will be able to:

- meet in groups of 6 people outside, including in a private garden
- meet in groups of 2 households.



Outdoor sports places will open up again, like tennis or basketball courts, and open air swimming pools.



You should still stay at home as much as you can.

You should work from home if you can. You won't be able to travel abroad.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

Quiz night

Thursday 8th April, via Zoom

The first one was a success so we're going to have another one! More details on page 2.

Quiznight

**Thursday 8th April,
via Zoom, 7.45pm**

It was lovely to see
so many of our
members coming
together again for

the first time for many months

and joining the fun of the quiz on 18th

February. On the night the winning team were The Hodges Trio
and the magnificent (virtual) trophy has been engraved (virtually)
accordingly.

There will be another Quiz Night on Thursday 8th April. Teams
can be made up of as many people as are in your household or
bubble. Unfortunately the Lockdown Regulations dictate that, at
that date, you will not be able to mix with others indoors. If you
wish to join with others to make a team you could create a WhatsApp or other messaging
software link to discuss the questions and to share answers. You will mark your own
answers and submit your scores privately.

Provide your own drinks and nibbles or banquet.

Society members will receive an invitation to join the quiz but feel free to share this with
friends and relations.

To get a taste of what might happen on the night there are a few of the questions from
February's Quiz Night on these pages. Answers on the last page.



It's our 70th anniversary this year



1951 saw the birth of Stewartby Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society
(initially called Stewartby School Operatic and Dramatic Society).

We would like to celebrate the 70th, the platinum, anniversary of the
Society but have decided to push back any physical event to early 2022.

We would still like to see snapshots from across the years, however. If
you have any photographs, particularly from the earlier years of the
society, which you would be happy to share, please send a selection to

stewartbyoperatic@saods.org.uk. The photographs can be of stage productions or of
backstage, of programmes or other memorabilia. With your permission some of the
photographs will be used in future newsletters and on the Society's web site.

Quiznight

From The February Round

In February 1709 British sailor Alexander Selkirk was
rescued after more than four years marooned on a
desert island. His plight inspired which story?

Which star sign would you be if you were born at the
end of February?



From The Arts Round

Name the book and its author from the opening lines.
My father's family name being Pirrip, and my Christian name Philip, my infant tongue could make of both names nothing longer or more explicit than Pip. So, I called myself Pip, and came to be called Pip.

Restarting rehearsals

Assuming that the government's Roadmap out of Lockdown goes to plan we will recommence rehearsals on Thursday 20th May, 2021. At this time we will be at Step 3 of the Roadmap and social distancing rules will still be in force restricting social gatherings to a maximum of six people or two households outdoors and no indoor gatherings. As such the rehearsals will be held as formal meetings with all precautions taken to limit the possible spread of the coronavirus. No social interaction will be permitted in the hall and no refreshments will be available.

Full details of risk assessments, procedures and precautions can be found on our web site www.saods.org.uk (and follow the coronavirus links).

Members will receive an email or letter setting out the details of how to join the rehearsals. If you have had Covid-19 symptoms recently, however, been in close contact with anyone who has or who might have Covid-19, been told you should self-isolate or are quarantining you must NOT attend rehearsals.



Annual General Meeting

Stewartby Operatic Society's AGM will take place on Thursday 13th May via Zoom. Formal papers will be sent out to members nearer the date as will details of how to join the meeting via Zoom. You are invited to bring your own cheese and wine and consume it in the comfort of your own home during, after and/or before the meeting!



From The Geography Round

There are 69 officially designated cities in the United Kingdom. Listed in alphabetical order, which is first?

Designated as such by law in April 1951, which was the first UK National Park?

Quiznight

From The Road Round
In the 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz" the yellow brick road leads from Munchkin Land, through the land of Oz, to where?

"On The Road To Mandalay" is a song based on a poem by Rudyard Kipling. In which modern day country is the city of Mandalay?

A jumble sale has been booked for Saturday 9th October at Houghton Conquest Village Hall, subject to coronavirus conditions. That gives you plenty of time to be putting stuff aside. Mark the date on your calendar - there's nothing much else on there!



If you are missing the theatre and music try these (click the images for more details)

GREAT NEWS!

We have teamed up with **NODA** to produce a national weekly radio show that is 100% devoted to the amateur theatre scene.

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Quiznight

ANSWERS

Alexander Selkirk's rescue inspired the story of Robinson Crusoe.
If you were born at the end of February you would be a Pisces.
The lines quoted are from Great Expectations by Charles Dickens.
Arranged in alphabetical order the first UK city is Aberdeen.
The first UK National Park was the Peak District.
In The Wizard of Oz the yellow brick road leads to the Emerald City.
Mandalay is a city in Myanmar, previously known as Burma.

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