



# Newsletter Spring 2021



## number 3

**Welcome** to our third spring 2021

newsletter, keeping you in touch with what's happening at Stewartby Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and our friends in other societies. This is an electronic newsletter which

can be delivered automatically to your email inbox or downloaded from the website. To sign up, go to

[www.saods.org.uk](http://www.saods.org.uk), scroll to the bottom of the page and

enter your email address. We promise that we will not use your email address for any purpose other than the delivery of the newsletter.

### Coronavirus

Dare it be said that the journey through the Roadmap Out Of Lockdown seems to be going to plan. As a result we are going to stick to our plan as well. There will be a rehearsal of Stewartby Operatic Society on Thursday 20th May at Stewartby Church Hall from 8pm to 9pm. We will be operating under various restrictions as per Step 3 of the Roadmap. More details can be found on page 2 and members will receive an email or letter within the next week or so.

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

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](mailto:stewartbyoperatic@saods.org.uk).



### Thursday 8th April, via Zoom

The second Quiz Night was won by The Quartet (also known as The Hodges Trio plus one) after a tie-break question with The Broons. Recently Retired were a close third. Test yourselves with some of the questions on the following pages.

## Our first rehearsal

It is more than a year since we last rehearsed. It is understandable that some people may not wish to return at this time whilst the dangers of Covid 19 are still very much apparent and very much in people's minds. If you are one of those members you must not feel under any pressure to attend rehearsals. We will do everything we can to make rehearsals as safe as possible but you should only attend if you are happy to do so.

In accordance with the guidelines in step 3 of the Roadmap Out Of Lockdown all attendees will be required to sanitise their hands on entering the hall, to wear a face covering (unless exempt) while moving around the hall and to maintain social distancing. Throughout the rehearsal, windows in the hall will be open to allow air to circulate. There will not be a break, the kitchen will be closed and only the disabled toilet will be in use.

At present we don't know if we will be able to, or want to, put on a performance later this year: we need to consider the difficulties of rehearsing and performing and also if we would be able to attract and accommodate an audience under coronavirus restrictions.

More details can be found on the Society's web site at [www.saods.org.uk](http://www.saods.org.uk) (follow the coronavirus link) and full details will be sent to members on or soon after Friday 14th May.

# Quiznight

From The April Round

On 19th April, 1956, Prince Rainier of Monaco married which American screen actress?

In April 1957, a BBC Panorama programme prompted world-wide interest when it showed the harvest of which Italian speciality?

## ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

## Step 3



30+



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors
- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.

We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.

Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.

Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.

Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.

## Staying safe

We won't be able to get rid of COVID-19 altogether.

We will have to carry on:

- washing our hands often
- being careful not to touch our face
- giving people extra space
- letting fresh air in
- getting tested
- getting the vaccine when we can.



# Quiznight

## From The Television Round

Which British tv series featured the life-saving adventures of the Tracy family?

In which tv series was Rev. Timothy Farthing the vicar and Maurice Yeatman the verger of St Aldhelm's Church?

## Stewartby Operatic Society in the news

The past year and a bit has been very quiet for the Society but the committee has continued to meet and, amongst other things, Carol Wallman has been busy in her role as publicity officer. Some of you may have seen Carol's article in The Wootton News and it also appeared in the Cranfield Express.

Items such as this are important for the future of the Society: the more widely our name is known the more likely it is that we will be able to attract audiences and

new members. If you have any ideas for added publicity please get in touch with Carol Wallman or Wendy Field (joint Publicity Officers).

With regard to the Society's 70th anniversary, as mentioned in Carol's article, the committee have decided that a worldwide pandemic is not a good way to mark the occasion but, until the future is a little clearer, there are no firm plans in place at the moment. We are taking advantage of the subscription year straddling 2021 and 2022 to declare that we can still celebrate our 70th anniversary in 2022. To help the celebrations, if you have any photos, articles, memories, memorabilia or anything else from the Society's past that you would be willing to share please email [stewartbyoperatic@saods.org.uk](mailto:stewartbyoperatic@saods.org.uk).

# Quiznight

## From The Library Round

Two of this author's characters have been immortalised in film and television adaptations.  
*answer is an anagram of "a heath is tragic"*

Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy appeared in many of this author's books.

*answer is an anagram of "tiny blonde"*

## The Wootton PARISH NEWS

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## Stewartby Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society

### *Waiting in the Wings*

2021 marks the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of SAODS.

Of course planned celebrations and performances are currently on hold. Nevertheless the company is champing at the bit, waiting for the all clear. As it stands, theatres can open from 17th May, so hopefully the company will be able to get together and start rehearsing around that time. During lockdown, we have remained in touch through regular Newsletters and a quiz, in order to keep in contact and to raise our spirits.

Here are some photos from past shows to whet your appetite. **Watch this space! We will be back!**  
Carol Wallman



## Peter Tipping

The Society was saddened to learn of the recent death, peacefully at home, of Peter Tipping. Peter (pictured on stage at Stewartby in the chorus of The Gondoliers in November, 2012) last performed with the Society in 2013 and his wife, Barbara, was rehearsal pianist for several years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. The Society has made a donation in Peter's memory to Cancer Research UK.



### From The Garden Round

Who has been the main presenter of BBC TV's "Gardeners' World" since 2011?

Graeme Garden, comedy writer, actor and presenter, qualified in which subject from Emmanuel College, Cambridge and King's College London?

### FREE LATERAL FLOW COVID TESTS

Did you know you can order free weekly lateral rapid COVID tests from the government website?  
<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

You can only use the service if:

- \*you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- \*you live in England
- \*you're 18 or older
- \*you have not been told to self-isolate
- \*you cannot get tests from your work, school, college or university



Prince Rainier of Monaco married the actress Grace Kelly.  
Panorama showed the spaghetti harvest (it was an April Fool joke).  
The Tracy family were featured in Thunderbirds.  
St Aldhelm's church was a centre of activity in Dad's Army.  
Poirot and Miss Marple were the creations of Agatha Christie.  
The Famous Five adventures were written by Enid Blyton.  
The main presenter of BBC TV's Gardeners' World is Monty Don.  
Amongst his many talents Graeme Garden qualified in medicine.

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