

NEWSLETTER September 2018

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YOUR NEWS:

Please keep us informed –

Tell us about your Society's productions, so that they can be included on the KDA website.

Add admin@kentdrama.org.uk to your publicity e-mail, and join KDA's Facebook group to publicise your society's activities.

2019 FULL LENGTH PLAY FESTIVAL

The **2019 Full Length Play Festival** will be held from 7 February to 25 May 2019, and will be adjudicated by Charles Evans.

Charles has adjudicated our festival several times, most recently in 2016, and is highly regarded for the quality of his adjudications and his helpful comments about productions. The Festivals page of KDA's website contains some "Tips and Hints" which Charles kindly gave us when adjudicating the 2007 Festival.

An Entry Form and the Rules are enclosed and can be downloaded from KDA's website www.kentdrama.org.uk. The Entry Fee and Ticket Levy remain at £35 and £1. Please note that there are some dates when Charles will not be able to adjudicate, so please give alternatives if possible – we should know the unavailable dates by the AGM.

Please return the Form, with the Entry Fee, as soon as possible. Adjudication dates will be allocated as each Entry Fee is received (or by ballot for any conflicting entries received before the AGM). The last date for entry is 30 November 2018.

The **Awards Evening** is provisionally arranged for 22 June 2019. More information on the arrangements will be given to participating societies in January.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are now due.

If you have not yet paid, please ask your Treasurer to send your Society's subscription to Tony Newman, KDA Treasurer, 8 Chatham Avenue, Bromley, Kent BR2 7QD.

The subscription is £35 for groups with over 60 members, £15 for those with under 30 members and £25 otherwise.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 14 October 2018 at 2pm
in the Tenterden Social Hub
at the end of Church Road, Tenterden TN30 6AT

DETAILS ARE GIVEN OVERLEAF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please encourage your society to attend the **Annual General Meeting** at the Tenterden Social Hub, at the end of Church Road, Tenterden TN30 6AT Sunday, 14 October 2018 at 2pm.

Amanda Sharpe-Conroy, this year's adjudicator, will be talking about how and why she became interested in Drama and wanted to become an adjudicator. There will also be an opportunity for general discussion, which has proved interesting in previous years as societies can share their experience and ideas.

Tea and cakes will be provided, as an extra incentive.

KDA's Committee

Michael Patrick is standing for Chair and Iris Scandrett as Vice Chair, and Tony Newman and Marie Quarman are willing to continue as Treasurer and Festival Organiser.

We need a Secretary and more Committee members – please nominate someone from your society, as not enough societies are represented on the Committee. It is not an onerous role, and new members help us all by sharing new ideas for developing the Association and its activities.

KDA's Accounts

The accounts for the year ended 31 July 2018 will be presented to the Annual General Meeting. They show that the 2018 Festival made a small loss, which was covered by the excess of subscription income over administration expenses. Thus, our reserves should be sufficient to enable us to continue for a few more years without increasing the festival fees, even in years with more expensive adjudicators.

DATA PROTECTION

We have prepared a Privacy Policy, which can be downloaded from KDA's website.

Many societies now use anonymous e-mail addresses such as secretary@society.org.uk - rather than personal addresses. Please let us know if you want to change the address to which we send correspondence.

This newsletter and the list of Festival productions as they enter can be downloaded from KDA's website www.kentdrama.org.uk, which also gives details of all member societies and their forthcoming productions.

KDA also has a Facebook page: [KentDramaAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/KentDramaAssociation). This can be a useful forum to publicise your productions and auditions, and also to advertise or look for resources such as costumes and unusual properties.