

# MONMOUTH MUSIC THEATRE

(Formerly Monmouth Operatic Society 1988 - 2005)



National Operatic & Dramatic Association  
Registered Charity No. 254640



No: 34

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Sheryl Westoby

## Summer/Autumn 2019

### Newsletter

PRESIDENT - MR VERNON JONES (FOUNDER MEMBER)

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Dear Members and Friends

### NODA AWARDS

## MMT: Winner of the NODA

## Best Production

## last year

## for

## “Sister Act”

Dee McIlroy, our local NODA rep, attended the awards in June at the Three Counties Hotel in Hereford and accepted our nomination certificates and award on our behalf.



Jane Rodgers, Stage Director of “Sister Act”  
accepting the award from Dee McIlroy

Other nominations were:-

Best Supporting Individual Performance MT – Adrian Whitehead for  
Eddie Souther in Sister Act

Best Musical Theatre Production – HMS Pinafore and Sister Act

Best Stage Management & Technical - Sister Act

“Mayhem”, Andrew Griffiths’ youth group, was the winner of the Best Youth  
Production and of 2 Best Youth Performers.

Well done to everyone involved in these shows. They are great team efforts.

## Our Latest Production – “Iolanthe”

Well done on another well executed show everyone!

Massive thanks go to Lynda Foster, our show secretary, who despite her health problems orchestrated another successful production for us behind the scenes! All the work and effort which she puts into our society often goes unnoticed, but I can assure you that without her the society would grind to a halt. She is continually beavering away to make sure everything runs smoothly for us all.



Thank you Lynda – You Are Our Shining Star!

Kate Russell cleverly directed the G&S lesser known story of “Iolanthe” and brought the parliamentary scenes to life with numerous references to present day life in the Houses of Parliament! Audiences revelled in the comedy, enjoying some strong acting/vocal performances and they were instantly whisked away by the melodious delight of the orchestral sounds. A musical story of love, fairies and the House of Lords it certainly was.

Thanks go to Ian Russell, Helen Stidolph and all members of the orchestra, to Steve Brettle and his loyal back stage crew, to Andrea Pole on lighting, Lizzie Griffiths for prompting, Christchurch Music Society for sound, to Babs Lowton on makeup, Janet Brettle and the reliable front of house crew, Worcester G&S and Phoenix Theatre for costumes and last but by no means least, John Foster and Geoff Webb for making the wonderful props. In fact huge thanks to everyone, however small a part they played, into getting this show into the public eye! Our new recruits were fantastic and integrated well in the society - we hope they continue to journey with us on the “Carousel” of life!

You may remember that Ella’s mum very kindly took photos at one of the dress rehearsals.  
You will find the pics on this website.

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## Treasured Memories!





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*Next Spring 2020 Production*

*Rodgers & Hammerstein's*

# “CAROUSEL”

This production will take place on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2020  
at The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth.

**Ian Russell** is our Musical Director for the show along with **Helen Stidolph** as piano accompanist and we welcome **Andrew Griffiths** as he returns as stage director for this production. He will be assisted by his sister, **Lizzie Griffiths**.

**Lizzie Nicholson** will be helping with the choreography.

Rehearsals started Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Methodist hall  
7.30 pm each week. Everyone welcome to attend.  
Welcome to our new recruits. I hear the rehearsals are buzzing!

**Auditions will be held Wednesday 6th November at The Methodist Hall.**  
Please contact Lynda for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
SINCE MAY 2019 AND WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PRODUCTION!**

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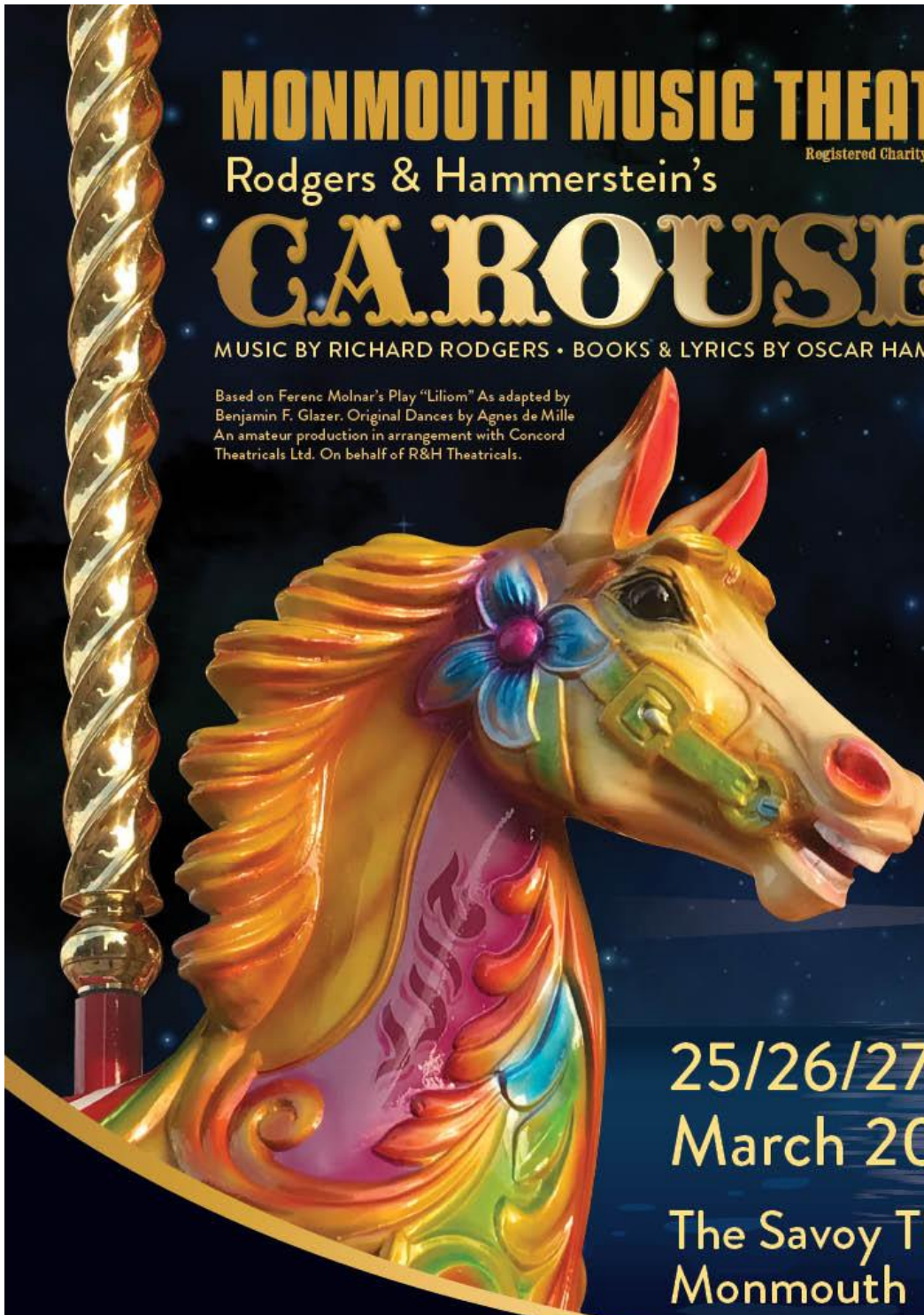
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Rodgers & Hammerstein's

# CAROUSEL

MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS • BOOKS & LYRICS BY OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Based on Ferenc Molnar's Play "Liliom" As adapted by Benjamin F. Glazer. Original Dances by Agnes de Mille  
An amateur production in arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. On behalf of R&H Theatricals.



25/26/27/28  
March 2020

The Savoy Theatre,  
Monmouth

Adults £15 Children £8  
Concessions £12 (Wednesday only)  
Tickets from The Savoy Box Office  
01600 772467 [www.monmouth-savoy.co.uk](http://www.monmouth-savoy.co.uk)  
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**YOUR MMT Committee**  
**2019/2020**

**Chairman**      Stephen Hunter

**Vice Chairman**   Steve Brettle

**Secretary**      Jane Bryant

**Treasurer**      Chris Godwin

**Show Secretary**      Lynda Foster

**Membership Secretary**   Sheryl Westoby

**Publicity Officer**      Gay Rogers

**Other Committee Members**

Diane Webb

Johnny Goddard

Lizzy Nicholson

Katie Ellis

Dominique Walker

**Current Musical Director** - Ian Russell

**Current Stage Director** - Andrew Griffiths

**Accompanist** - Helen Stidolph

**Membership Fees**

It was decided at the May AGM that membership fees would remain the same:-

Adults £90 for the whole year or £50 per show

Students £50 per year or £25 per show

Associate membership - £25

Please see Sheryl or Chris re payment of your membership fee or pay direct by bank transfer to  
Barclays Bank - 204545

Account Number - 10220531

Please remember to annotate your name as the reference please, so we know you have paid!

**All Things Technical.....**

*Barbara Spence of OCT very kindly recorded Iolanthe. Please let Lynda Foster know if you would like a copy of the DVD or a USB stick.*

*A donation of either £5 for a DVD or £10 for a USB stick would be appreciated. Both of the two performances (dress rehearsal and Friday night) will be on separate DVDs for the one price (2 for 1). The quality of the images of dress rehearsal has come out better than the Friday performance as the lighting was quite low and it goes out of focus on occasions.*

*As previously, the sticks will be formatted as exFAT because of the size of the files. Most recent computers should be able to read this but some smart TVs may not be able to read exFAT - it may be possible to connect a laptop to the TV to show it. The quality of the picture on the USB is better than a DVD.*

**Next Fund Raising Coffee Morning**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

at

The Priory, Monmouth

Bring a friend and support!

**Thank you to those who collected the Waitrose green tokens for MMT.  
We received £197 - so well worth doing!**

The **Midsummer Curry and Quiz** night held in June proved to be a popular fundraiser for the society. The special guest quizmaster was David Davies MP. We are delighted that he fitted us into his busy schedule and are very grateful for his contribution to the evening. Gay Rogers set the questions and gathered several teams for the entertaining battle of wits! Thanks to her and everyone who provided food for the event. A massive £400 was raised towards funding productions.

## Please Read and Action!

*Do you want to help to raise funds for the Society? 🤔*

*Do you want to help to raise funds for the Society which doesn't involve giving up your time? 😊*

*Do you want to help raise funds for the Society simply by doing nothing? Well, except your usual internet shopping..... 🤔😊*

Sign up to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> - takes less than 2 minutes –  
install the easyfundraising donation reminder - takes less than 30 seconds – and  
feel good about raising money by not doing anything!!!! 🙏

Oh, if only rehearsals and shows were this easy! 😊😊😊

Register for [www.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.easysearch.org.uk)

Every time you search on the internet, MMT will receive a donation

Please put these addresses into your “Favourites” and use them!

**Remember: Fundraising  
Finances our Productions!  
THANKYOU**

We welcome any relevant contributions to our newsletter. Please send any items you wish to be included to:-

Sheryl @ [shez.westoby@btinternet.com](mailto:shez.westoby@btinternet.com)

Have you any fundraising ideas?

Please inform the committee - we must continue raising funds to enable us to put on these great shows!



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*Congratulations  
To  
Johnny Goddard  
& Katie Westoby  
On their  
Engagement*



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# THE GHOST TRAIN

BY ARNOLD RIDLEY

**Thurs 21st - Sat 23rd Nov**

**at The Savoy Theatre Monmouth**

**at 7.30pm - Tickets £12**

**Ticket Office: 01600 772467**

**[www.monmouth-savoy.co.uk](http://www.monmouth-savoy.co.uk)**