

MONMOUTH MUSIC THEATRE

(Formerly Monmouth Operatic Society 1988 - 2005)



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Dear members and friends,

PRESIDENT

Our President Colwyn Sillman
passed away peacefully at home on New Year's Day.
Colwyn and Diane have been an integral part of our Society for many years,
firstly Monmouth Operatic Society and latterly Monmouth Music Theatre.
Our thoughts are with Diane and the family at this very sad time.

Colwyn pictured with our Chairman Steve



Colwyn passed away at home on 1st Jan 2021 aged 81 years. Much loved husband, father, father in law grandfather great grandfather and friend. He was the former head of music at HMSG, Director of Music Wien International School, Director of Music British School of Paris and founder of LMSF and ICROSS

A respected musician and teacher, he will be greatly missed by all.

Our Condolences

also go to the families of Geoff Webb, Eve Marie Bond, Peter Howard and Chris Rogers, all have had connections with MMT in the past and we too mourn their loss.

Geoff was a founder member of the society. He was instrumental in creating wonderful artwork for our posters and advertising, making props and generally giving free of his time to promote the society. Originally he appeared on stage, participating in many productions and was the keeper of our much loved mascot - the ferret! Latterly he busied himself back stage with his set artistry and at Front of House welcoming all our loyal followers. A great friend to many, he will be sorely missed by everyone.

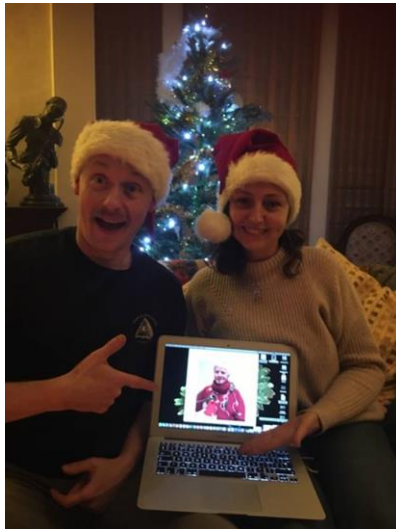
Eve Marie will always be remembered for her happy disposition and wonderful support as prompt on many occasions. Peter was our treasurer for many years and appeared on stage many times supporting our tenor section. Chris often supported as a musician within our orchestra playing double bass.

Future Member ☺

Congratulations to Lizzy and Gareth who had a baby girl on 9th March.
Welcome to the world Molly!



The Winning Christmas Jumper!



The Judges



Chairman – Steve Brettle

Dom's friend Kelly who is the Head of Art at John Kyrle in Ross on Wye and her partner chose Steve! They liked the innovative design. "He has used up-cycled Christmas decorations on the back drop of a red canvas jumper.....thinking out of the box! What a creative mind!" She tried not to laugh.... but their decision is final!!

You can see Steve in his jumper above! Well done Steve ☺

The Contenders!



Kate Russell won the Christmas hamper in the Draw.



Thanks to our committee for the donation of prizes!

MMT AGM

Date of our “Virtual” AGM – Thursday 3rd June

Please Note:

We are looking for members to consider joining the committee – Please contact Steve or Lynda for more information if interested in serving on your committee. Election of new President and Officers will take place on the above date.

Monmouth Music Theatre 2021 AGM

NOTICE EMAILED TO MEMBERS ON 11TH MAY 2021

The forthcoming Annual General Meeting of MMT will be held on Thursday 3rd June 2021. Due to current Covid restrictions the meeting will be held via Zoom as per 2020.

Attached is the Agenda, the financial accounts for 2020, minutes of the AGM for 2020, a proxy vote for the 2 resolutions and a nomination form for Officers and members of the committee. Also attached are the Chairman and Treasurer's reports mentioned within the minutes. The proposal has been made that Diane Sillman should be elected as President of the Society.

Please submit any questions for the AGM to myself (janebryant1234@gmail.com) by Tuesday 1st June 2021.

Jane Bryant
Secretary

If you have not received the above email with attachments, and you are a paid up member, please contact Lynda or Jane.

Letters From Our Chairman

Hello MMT Members

I hope this email finds you well and looking forward to even more restrictions being lifted very soon!

Your Committee met on 29 March and one of the topics discussed was our next show. As it has been such a difficult year, we felt that Carousel was no longer the right show to stage and should be shelved for the foreseeable future. It was a difficult decision to make, but we hope you'll understand and support our decision. The Committee has already started to consider other more upbeat and popular productions for 2022 and would welcome any suggestions you might like to make for a future family show. We understand the strain that the virus has put on us all but hope that together we can work towards a future MMT production.

We are hoping that as restrictions lift, and larger groups of people can start meeting, that we will be able to get together to have a social event of some sort. In the meantime, the rehearsal material for Carousel will have to be returned to the license holders. There are still a few vocal scores missing. Can you please check your MMT bags and if you have one return it to Lynda ASAP (13 Cornford Close, Osbaston, NP25 3NT)

Best wishes
Steve
Chairman

Chairman's Special Note

Hello all,

We would like to hear from any members who wish to join our vibrant Committee and take an active role in the decision making and organisational processes in running our Society. If this would interest you, please email me directly stephenbrett@gmail.com to discuss further.

As you will know, we had to make a difficult decision to shelve *Carousel* as our next show. However, the Committee researched, chatted, discussed and finally came up with a winnerThe Sound of Music for May 2022! You will all know it, particularly the uplifting music we all hum along to – such a feel-good show. We felt this was a great show to encourage our audience back to the theatre too. We are currently applying for the licence and more details will follow at a later date.

Best Wishes
Steve
Chairman

Possible Future Show
MAY 25th to 28th 2022
“Sound of Music”



MMT SUMMER PICNIC

Date to be announced shortly!!!!



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**Please send any information, photos, memories of past MMT productions
to Louise at loobylou_miller@hotmail.com**

**Louise is posting nostalgic memories on our Facebook page.
Thanks Louise 😊**



We welcome any relevant contributions to our newsletter.



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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