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## EDITORIAL

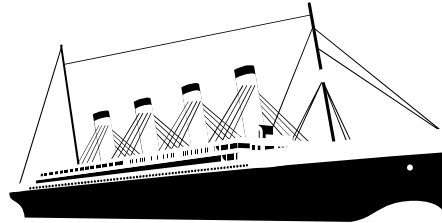
*Our lives are plagued with money - usually the lack of it!*

*We are all involved in a very expensive hobby.*

*The budget that the committee looked at for Titanic is workable - but the costs are in the region of £18,500. So the idea of Members' Monday is to find ways in which we can provide a financial cushion for the society to enable taking the risk on this momentous show. It is hoped that at our get together we will be confident enough to launch the show.*

*Also it is vital that we have enough in the bank account to give us the confidence to be ambitious in our choice of future productions. These are exciting times, but only if we can get the dosh right!*

*John Teather*



## TITANIC WAITING TO SET SAIL

We had hoped to push the button on Titanic at the committee meeting on Tuesday (9th June) this week. However, we were unable to get all the income and expenditure information ready in time, in particular we are waiting on the figures from the Regent Centre which is the major factor.

Our problem at the moment is cash-flow. We only started the year with £700 and without two members of the committee lending the society money, then we would

have been unable to meet our commitments.

Our gut feeling is that Kiss Me Kate broke even, following a boost in last minute ticket sales and better than expected front of house income.

We need urgently to get in the situation where we have around £5,000 sitting in the bank at the start of each year to deal with cash flow.

During the show, many people were coming up with great ideas to raise

funds. So that we can talk these through and get some initiatives working we are calling a general get-together of all members for **MEMBERS' MONDAY** which will be held at Sopley Village Hall on **Monday 29th June** at 7.30. Bring your own food and drink as it is a social occasion as well as a brainstorming session.

MMS is a democratic members' society where everyone's opinion is vital. Make sure you are there.....

## This Thing Called Love Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th October

The tickets For 'This Thing Called Love' are now on sale! You can buy them on-line via our web site [www.miltonmusical.org](http://www.miltonmusical.org) or direct from our box office on our new permanent number of **0845 8723444**, or by completing the details on the show flyer.

The tickets are £12.50 each and include either a fish and chip supper for the evening performances or afternoon tea for the matinee performances.

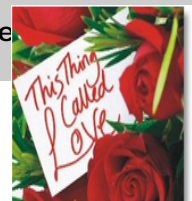
This Thing Called Love is a scripted revue, exploring all the aspects of love in song, poetry, prose and anecdotes.

It is very humorous but also very poignant, there will be something to appeal to everyone, old and young alike, after all, we have all experienced love in some form.

Please tell all your friends and family about the show and make sure they know how to buy their tickets. There are 512 seats for sale for this

show and we need to sell every one of them if we are to keep this society alive. Please can every member take responsibility of selling at least a table of 8 for the show. For every table of 8 that you book you will receive a free bottle of wine on your table, in the colour of your choice, either red, white or pink! Please state your preference when booking your tickets.

*Jo Mansfield*



# Annual Dinner Dance

*20th June 2009 at Shorefields  
Spaces still available only £25 per head.*

## Order of events:

- 7.30 Arrival in bar
- 8.00 Dinner commences
- 9.40 Awards and entertainment begin
- 11.00 Disco
- 12.00 Last orders
- 12.30 Close

*Urgently require deposits and menu choices  
Call Vicky on 07525389204*

## View from the Chair

Well...it's finally over. I can't believe, as I sit here, that only a week ago we were getting prepared for Dress Rehearsal, after what had to be the most disastrous tech rehearsal in the history of tech rehearsals. That's what I thought until Jo reminded me of one Panto tech where we didn't even get on stage and went to the pub instead!!

So, yes it really is over. Judging by the comments that I have seen flying around on Facebook, I get the impression that you all really enjoyed yourselves. That certainly came across on stage and the feedback that we have received has been fabulous.

Val and John were in the auditorium every perform-

ance and the comments they were hearing were very positive indeed. We actually picked up a new member whilst in the committee meeting last night!!!

So, well done everyone. Congratulations to Val, Shelley and Leanne for putting together a fabulous show and to you all for performing your hearts out. We have a lovely society and we now have to all work together again to make the next show a success.

I am not going to say too much about That Thing Called Love in this column. Jo has all that covered. One thing I will say is, guess what? **TICKETS**. I know that we have a smaller cast for this show,

dictated by the venue but ticket sales is a company responsibility and we will need all hands on deck to sell all 500+.

Moving on even further, I know how excited we all are about Titanic. Make no bones about it this is one fabulous show and will move us even further from our old reputation of only doing musicals that involve cowboys!

But big shows come with **BIG BUDGETS** and that is where we need your help in planning the fund raising events that will bring in the cash.

**MEMBERS' MONDAY 29th  
June at Sopley Hall  
7.30pm**



Mega brainstorming session

So please come along, with all your wonderful ideas – so many were floating around after the show that we need to capture them all.

Yes it's going to be hard work. Yes it's going to be fun. But if **EVERYBODY** does a little bit then it can and will happen.

Your trip aboard **TITANIC** starts here.

# Social Occasions

## A Note from your Social Secretary

Hi Folks, just a brief note re our social events so far this year. A huge thank you to all who support the events we have held thus far raising over £600 for our Society. We are still in need of donations and support for our forthcoming events. Due to the grave situation regarding amateur theatre and our own endeavours to raise much needed wonga, please, please, please continue

to attend all events. Phone round your friends, get your work colleagues involved-everyone is always welcome. We publish prices for our events, this is a minimum contribution, we try to maintain reasonable prices and feel that every event offers you value for money and great entertainment. (Feel free to give more). Just ask people who do attend. Each event takes a lot of organising-so if you want to join the "Social Team", to help organise, sup-

port the Social Secretary (and therefore your Society) - let me know.

We look forward to getting more ideas for socials and fund raising at the forthcoming members meeting-until then, here are a few more events to put in your diary.

*Vicky*

<p><b>Saturday 18th JULY at 7.30pm</b> <b>American Supper</b></p>	<p>32 Barton Court Road, New Milton Bring a dish, bring some wine, Bring some friends and have some fun! Long established hugely popular event.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 9th August at 1200 Noon</b>  <b>CROQUET</b></p>	<p>Games from 12 noon, food from 1.30pm. £5 per person, bring a bottle. Raffle RSVP Michele - Bring yourself, family and friends</p>
<p><b>Friday 21st August</b> <b>AIR SHOW SOCIAL</b> at Beach Hut 2329 Bournemouth </p>	<p>Treasure Hunt event finishing in time for the Friday Fireworks whilst indulging on bubbly and strawberries. Bring a picnic/bottle for Tea from 5pm, feast on the Air Show atmosphere and socialise with your friends from the friendliest Society in Bournemouth.  Treasure Hunt will start from 7pm, teams of up to 4 people. Fireworks from 10pm off the pier. Meet at Beach hut no: 2329, just west of Bournemouth Pier. Only £5 incl bubbly, strawberries and Treasure Hunt. Bring everyone you know to what will be fantastic fun!!!!!!</p>
<p><b>Saturday 5th September</b> <b>MURDER ON THE MED</b> </p>	<p>Due to popular demand, this fully organised murder mystery will be held at the beginning of September. Volunteers are now being sort to play the characters - call Vicky on 07525389204 if interested.  It is likely that we will use a local venue to stage this event and more details will be available in the next newsletter. There will be a fish n chip supper and bar service available, so you should rally up your team now!! I am taking bookings for tables on a first come first served basis.  Prices per ticket are £9 including supper.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 31st October</b> <b>Halloween After-Show</b></p>	<p>Fancy Dress - Post Love - Halloween Party at Boreham Road Southbourne  Supper and Social</p>
<p><b>Quiz Night November 21st</b> -put this date in your diary, details to follow</p>	<p>Would you be interested in a Christmas shopping trip to London by coach? See the lights? Let Vicky know if this is of interest to you to see if financially viable-text/email or call ASAP</p>

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

\* New since last  
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June	Saturday 20th	Dinner Dance
	Monday 29th @ 7.30	Members' Monday
July	Monday 13th	Committee Meeting
	Saturday 18th	American Supper
August	Sunday 9th	Croquet at Sopley
	Monday 10th	Committee Meeting
	Friday 21st	Air Show Social
September	Saturday 5th	Murder on the Med
	Wednesday 9th	<i>Titanic</i> Introduction
	Sunday 13th	Casting for <i>Titanic</i>
	Monday 14th	Committee Meeting
	Wednesday 16th	More <i>Titanic</i> Casting
	Saturday 19th	Barton Harvest Festival
October	Monday 12th	Committee Meeting
	Friday 23rd	<i>This Thing Called Love</i>
	Saturday 24th	<i>This Thing Called Love</i>
	Sunday 25th	<i>This Thing Called Love</i>
	Saturday 31st	Halloween After Show
November	Wednesday 3rd	<i>Titanic</i> Rehearsals start
	Monday 9th	Committee Meeting
	Saturday 21st	Quiz Night
	Monday 23rd	Annual General Meeting
December		
January		
February		
March		
April	13th - 17th	<i>Titanic</i>

Sway Drama Group present

## Sway To The Music

Starring - amongst others - Richard singing "Master of the House" (rather well) and Margaret Soares warbling "C'est Magnifique" (rather badly)

Thursday 25th June (£6) and Friday 26th and Saturday 27th (£7). All seating is around tables with nibbles provided and bar available.

**Tickets from Barry Rickman Photo Shop on 01590 683683.**

### NODA National Weekend

18 – 20 September 2009, Leicester Marriott Hotel, Leicester

The 2009 National Weekend is to be held in the vibrant, centrally located city of Leicester, and is your opportunity to meet with other NODA members who share your passion and enthusiasm for amateur theatre. This year will offer the usual series of eve-

ning entertainment, business meetings, and activities, including the opportunity to join a coach trip to Rutland Water and Melton Mowbray.

For further information, and to book your place, visit our online brochure on the NODA website

Alternatively please call Antonia Johnson on 01733 865 790