



## ***CaAPA Newsletter September 2019***

As Molly is taking a well-deserved break, this Newsletter is being sent by Sebastian Nicholas and Michael Slater. Whilst Molly is having a break, could you please email items for the Newsletter and any problems, etc. to [slatermichael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:slatermichael@hotmail.co.uk).

We are truly grateful to Sebastian for sending out emails, etc. and for the work that he is undertaking as Development Manager.

### **Annual Dinner**

Sadly, the 2018 event was not well supported and, consequently, was down from the previous year. Each year Allen Hall has increased the cost, not by a lot, but it has gone up annually. As a result, we always make a loss – last year it was £130. As CAA are now being upgraded and undergoing a huge amount of work, including the installation of a well-needed lift, Michael has proposed that we book that venue for this year's Annual Dinner. He has spoken with their Catering Manager who has quoted a cost of £26 per person for a 3-course meal. There will be waiters at no added cost. The hall can accommodate 50 people and the bar will be extended as well, so lots more room there too.

### **Homelessness Plays Evening**

The following is further information from Robin Marchal regarding the event on 12 November.

The venue is the CAA at 20 Bedford Street, London, WC2E 9HP; start time is 7:30pm. The theme of the evening's pieces will be Homelessness.

Some playlets have already been received and we look forward to receiving more.

Please also note some changes from the June Newsletter: the closing date for submission has been extended to 30 September and the length of individual plays has been extended to 15 minutes. Please submit playlets and poems to both Penny Culliford and Kenneth Michaels at [penny.culliford@gmail.com](mailto:penny.culliford@gmail.com) and [michaels.kenneth@gmail.com](mailto:michaels.kenneth@gmail.com) after which a balanced programme will be selected from the submissions.

There will be a speaker from The Passage, Westminster, who has been invited to give a short address, and a collection at evening's end to assist in the resource centre's work. Last year's event based on the theme of refugees was well supported by Members and Friends, which greatly assisted in raising funds for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are interested in being cast, please submit contact details / role range, etc. to Ken and Penny who with the individual writers will cast the pieces.

**A further note from Penny Culliford** re: an appeal to our performing members: “We don’t currently hold an accessible database of performing members. This made it very hit and miss, as we could only really contact those we knew of, and I’m sure many people missed out. I would like to begin to build one up, so would like any performing members who would like to be considered for casting for the above or any future showcase to contact me. If they could let me know basic casting information – name, playing age & type, contact email (or phone number if no email available) along with any link to Spotlight, AWL or CaAPA pages or any other website or page that might be useful – and agree to a member of the CaAPA committee or sub-committees to contacting them for casting purposes, that would be great. Email address: [penny.culliford@gmail.com](mailto:penny.culliford@gmail.com)”.

## **News of Members**

From Michael Slater:

During the summer break I was able to see **Ken Michaels** in “Funny Turns” at the Jermyn Street Theatre. He was playing one of the leads as a failed Music Hall comic in a theatrical boarding house. Nothing failed as to his performance, he was really splendid, though I have always told Ken I would love to see him playing Archie in “The Entertainer.” After having seen this it confirmed my judgment.

**Toby Stephens**, one of our Vice Presidents is appearing at Trafalgar Studios in "Joe Egg" from 21 September to 30 November. We were hoping to arrange a group visit, however, for this production they have no group bookings and the box office advises you to book now as the tickets are going fast! The ATG number is 0844 871 7615 and seats priced at £25.00 are available for some performances. Toby gave a stunning performance in the recent TV series "Summer Rockets".

From **Jonathan Coote**:

I’m about to start rehearsals for a play called “The Permanent Way”. Here’s some blurb from the Press Release: The award-winning play by David Hare will be given a new lease of life with the thought-provoking, site-specific production set to be staged at London’s popular subterranean venue, The Vaults, located under Waterloo Station. The alternative theatre production of The Permanent Way marks the show’s first major revival since the production at the National Theatre back in 2003.

It runs from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. It’s about the privatisation of the railways and the rail disasters at Potters Bar, Hatfield and Southall so the venue is incredibly appropriate. There’s a cast of nine playing roughly 44 characters ranging through passengers, civil servants, British Transport policemen, etc. I’m playing at least 5 of them and am very much looking forward to it.

A very warm welcome to our new member, **Tom Webber**, who is a television producer. We hope we will be able to meet up with him soon at one of our functions.

**Mgr. Vladimir Felzmann** (Fr. “Vlad”) celebrated the 10:30 Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 31 August in Latin, exactly 50 years after his ordination, which was also in Latin! Bene Factum and all our love and profuse thanks for the invaluable work he does to help us.

## **Corpus Christi**

During the coming year, we hope that members will take advantage of our Actors' Church in Maiden Lane. It is a real gem in the heart of the West End and has much to offer for our spiritual needs. Our members always receive a warm welcome from our National Chaplain, Fr. Alan Robinson, so please make yourself known to him.

The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament celebrates a Mass every month at Corpus Christi, 1 Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB. Each month there is a different guest preacher who offers a reflection on a certain aspect of the Blessed Sacrament. On Thursday, 5 September, Fr. Alexander Master, Private Secretary to His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, will be the preacher. The Mass will be at 6:30pm followed by Adoration and Benediction, so please come and prepare for the months ahead by setting a few hours aside in a very lovely church in the heart of the West End. At the end of Mass, there is a period of Adoration, followed by Benediction, after which will follow a social event at a nearby pub or restaurant.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### ***27 September***

Peter's Way of the Cross performed by The Westminster Lourdes Choir / narrated by CaAPA Members: Ken Michaels, Gabrielle Lister & Michael Slater; 7:30pm; St. Mary's Chapel; St. Mary's University; Waldegrave Road, London TW1 4SX  
*(Admission is free for the performance; donations may be made to the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes)*

Transport: Southwestern Rail to Strawberry Hill, no. 33 bus outside station to Fullwell, a short ride to St Marys. At University Reception, turn right and you will see Chapel.

CaAPA has been involved with this event for the past two years, recently at St John Fisher in Shepperton and in 2018 in the "Great Hall" at the Old Bailey – thanks to Jane Garioni and her husband, His Honour Judge Nicholas Hilliard, The Recorder of London. This deserves a very special mention because it was quite simply a wonderful, never to be forgotten evening. CaAPA members contributed to the narration and the Lourdes Choir was superb.

### ***15 October***

Evening Retreat; 7pm; Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception; Farm Street, Mayfair  
This will be led by Fr. Dominic Robinson SJ, one of our Chaplains.

### ***29 October***

Annual General Meeting; 7pm; CAA; Bedford Street, WC2E 9HP  
This will be followed by a social in the bar.

### ***12 November***

Plays with homelessness theme to benefit The Passage; CAA; 7:30pm

### ***10 December***

Annual Dinner; CAA; 7:45pm

## Memorial Book

1993	Alan Foss: Honorary Secretary
1996	Denis Dowling: Vice President
1998	Patricia Hayes OBE: Chairperson
1999	Victoria Sladen: Vice President
2003	Jo Jackson
2012	Joan Lovelace

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*