

NEWSETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

FROM MICHAEL SLATER

We owe a great debt of gratitude to **Sebastian** who, over the last two months stepped in when our Hon. Secretary was unwell. He helped to keep the ship afloat in many ways different ways, especially with the Newsletters. Our sincere thanks to Sebastian. Regrettably he is unable to stay on as our Development Officer due to other commitments. He has, however, left us with a host of ideas and advice on moving forward. We owe him a great deal. He is still a member so hope to see him from time to time.

TOM WEBBER

A warm welcome to **Tom Webber** who has recently joined CaAPA.

MEMORIAL BOOK (NOVEMBER 2019)

1987 Eamonn Andrews – Chairman and Vice President

1991 Ida Forbes-Robertson

1996 Dame Joan Hammond DBE Vice President

1999 Ian Bannen – Vice President

2004 Derrie Hanley – Hon. Treasurer

2010 Pauline Sitwell

2018 Jeanne Mockford

FORTHCOMING EVENT - NOVEMBER

A reminder that Playlets is on at the CAA on Tuesday, 12 November.

This year's playlets are about **HOMELESSNESS**. This event will commence at 7.30 p.m. at the CAA. There will be a collection for **THE PASSAGE** which was the inspiration of the late **Cardinal Basil Hume** who, having seen for himself how many people were affected by being homeless, encouraged the Nuns to open their doors to the homeless **AND** they did exactly that and have done so ever since.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Jane Garioni is in the lead role of Karen in the film called "Scarred" which is directed by Steve Couch who is an Emmy Award Nominee. Filming commences in Chichester on 4 November through to the 10 November for 10 hours a day! Good luck, Jane, and we hope it all goes well.

ANNUAL DINNER - DECEMBER

The guest of honour this year is **Finty Williams**, who is the daughter of **Dame Judy Dench** and our late Vice President, **Michael Williams**. She

hopes to be able to bring her partner, the actor **Joseph Timms**, but he may be unavailable due to work.

Attached is a form for the Annual Dinner. Please complete this and return it to me with your cheque for £26 (or more if you are bringing a guest) **NO LATER THAN 30 NOVEMBER**. Any applications received after this date cannot be accepted. Many thanks and look forward to seeing you then.

CORPUS CHRISTI

The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Corpus Christi Church on Thursday, 7 November, and will be celebrated by Fr Rupert McHardy from the London Oratory, at 6.30 p.m. and followed by Adoration and Benediction. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the recently canonised St John Henry Newman. If you are in the area during the week there is a Mass at 1-05 p.m. to which you would be welcome.

RETREAT AT FARM STREET

About 10 members gathered together in the lovely Jesuit Church in Farm Street on 15 October. We were fortunate to be led by one of our Assistant Chaplains, Fr Dominic Robinson S.J. We started the evening with Mass in the Chapel of St Ignatius. It was a very intimate Mass in a small Chapel. It was very prayerful and our members contributed to the readings and bidding prayers. Our newest member, Tom Webber, offered to serve. This was followed by a reflection by Fr Dominic, this being October and the month of Our Lady. Again, being in a very intimate space made it very special. Fr Dominic then brought the Blessed Sacrament from the main Altar to a very simple Benediction and private prayers. We then spent some time seeing the glories at the church and after that went to the Punch Bowl next door.

RETREAT – REACTION OF MEMBERS

They all thought it was very worthwhile and that, in a short time, they had got to know each other a great deal better and would like more retreats in the future. This was interesting because the late Cardinal Cormac said that he thought that small communities sometimes work better.

TOBY STEPHENS AND JONATHAN COOTE

There is still time to catch **Toby Stephens (Vice President)** in “**Day in the Death of Jo Egg**” at **Studio 1 Trafalgar Studios until 30 November**. **Jonathan Coote** is in the **Permanent Way** by David Hare at the Waterloo Vault until 17 November.