



PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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BUSY, BUSY, BUSY ONCE AGAIN!

We have had a busy time since our last newsletter, in January. Our Big Hands team have been busy going back on the road again in the weeks before Easter.. Our Little Hands team are busy rehearsing in preparation for the outdoor performances they have booked over the summer. Our third team, the PSHE Schools Project, are busy and about to start taking their Lying and Drug presentations into local schools. It is really exciting to have all three times busy again.

FAREWELL

Big hands have had to say a sad 'farewell' to Gay and Gordon as they step down from serving the Big Hands team as a puppeteer / Stage crew member for many, many years.

They have shown such tremendous support and commitment to Praizin' Hands and they are going to be greatly missed.



A very BIG thank you to them both for everything they have done for Praizin' Hands. We are very pleased to say that they are not disappearing completely as they will still be involved in other ways!

The Big Hands team had an enjoyable morning together in the Easter holidays, with cake and biscuits to say farewell!

A BIG THANK YOU!

Praizin' Hands would like to say 'thank you' to St. Andrew's Church Dibden PCC for their generous donation of £988.05 as part of their 2022 annual giving to support other charitable causes. This donation will help enormously to support the work of the charity and our outreach into the community.

PRAYER FOCUS

Give thanks to God that all 3 teams are now back to performing in public.

Please pray for new members to join Praizin' Hands, in particularly our Little Hands team and stage crew team. Pray that the publicity will be effective, and that suitable people will be found.

Please pray for all our local schools and thank God for the good relationships that have been built with Praizin' Hands Puppet Group over the years.

Please pray for each puppet presentation the PSHE Schools Project team have coming up. (Details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter)

Please pray for our Little Hands team and for the Totton Fun Day on Saturday 11th June.

PUPPET GROUP AGM

A date for your diary. Our Puppet Group AGM, which is open to all, will be held on **Thursday 14 July at 7:00pm** at St Francis Church, Langley.

If you are planning to attend please can you let us know, please email nigel@praizinhands.org.uk.

All the puppet group membership will be sent an invitation, with an agenda and annual report nearer to this date.

BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

Our Big Hands team were delighted to welcome Fee, a new puppeteer, in January. Fee has fitted in very well with the team and it is a joy to have her as part of the team.



Unfortunately, we had to cancel 2 weeks of Easter presentations as we were 3 team members down due to COVID. This was very disappointing especially as our Easter presentations for the last couple of years have been disrupted because of COVID.

However, we were delighted to have a full team again for our very last week of Easter presentations and it was wonderful to be 'back on the road'.

We ended Easter 2022 at Lymington Baptist Church which was a lovely finish. Lymington Baptist Church do a lot of outreach work for their community, and it was a privilege to work alongside them in this ministry.

There is now an opportunity for Big Hands to have a rest over the summer before starting to rehearse again in September ready for Christmas 2022.



PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

The PSHE Schools project team have the following presentations coming up and have been working hard on rehearsing for these. They are a great team, and we are very grateful for all their hard work especially as they are having to do the stage crew jobs as well as the puppetry! A big thank you to them all.

Wednesday 27th April – Marchwood CE Infant School – Lying

Thursday 28th April – Manor CE Infant School – Lying

Wednesday 4th May – Cadland Primary School – Lying

Thursday 5th May – Calmore Infant School – Lying

Friday 6th May – Wildground Infant School – Lying

Friday 13th May – Waterside Primary School – Lying

Monday 13th June – Year 6 Cadland Primary School – Drugs

Friday 17th June – Year 6 Wildground Junior School - Drugs



ADOPT A PUPPET

Thank you to the Women's Guild at Cornerstone, Hythe URC who has adopted 'GILDA' for a further year.

If you would like to know more about the scheme please email info@praizinhands.org.uk and we will send you details.

LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE



Our Little Hands team (youth team) have been working hard on putting a programme together for their summer bookings. They have had a couple of difficult years due to COVID preventing them performing to the public, so things are looking more positive now.

Most of the team have only been able to perform to their parents so far. Their first event will be at the Totton Fun Day on Saturday 11th June where they will be doing several performances. Why not come along? Keep an eye on our Facebook page for performance times.

Apart from their rehearsals, games, and Devotional times they have enjoyed an Easter craft and Easter egg hunt as well as a couple of crazy golf evenings at Ferny Crofts Scout Campsite. The first time was crazy golf in the dark and the second time was when the clocks had gone forward so it was a lot lighter and easier!



URGENT—HELP REQUIRED!!!

We are urgently looking for stage crew members, male or female to help with each of our three teams. You would help unload/load the van, help to put up the puppet stage, help operate our simple sound system and simple lighting equipment, and put props in place in the stage. Full training will be given.

You can help as much or as little as you are able to as we plan to have a pool of people so we can operate a rota system, meaning you can choose which days you help. We need people to help in the day times (term time) and at weekends.

You will need a DBS certificate which Praizin' Hands will organise.

We also need a separate group of people who would be happy to help erect our 6 metre square marquee for outdoor performances.

If you or anyone you know is interested please email Beverly@praizinhands.org.uk