

Worcester Operatic & Dramatic Society

RETURN THIS FORM TO :

Mr Chris Holloway, WODS Membership Secretary, 50 Deane Drive, Whittington, Worcester, WR5 2SR
Tel : 07846 891 641 Email : membership@wods.co.uk

Subject to the approval of the Management Committee, I wish to join WODS as a :

Type of Membership	
Full Member	£44.00
Junior Member (up to age 19 yrs as at 1 st Jan)	£20.00
Patron	£17.00

I am Interested In ...			
Performing on Stage		Social	
Backstage Work		Make-up	
Fundraising		Wardrobe	

NOTES :

- To audition for a production you must be a paid up 'Junior Member' (depending on age), 'Patron' or 'Full Member'. If you have paid a Patron's subscription and your audition is successful and you join the production, you must amend your membership to 'Full Member' within 7 days of the audition results being announced.
- The Subscription of any new member joining the society after 30 September in any year will remain valid for the whole of the following year.
- Patrons are those who wish to support the Society, obtain priority booking rights & news, and can attend other Society events.
- Active members in whatever capacity, over the age of 80 yrs are advised to have their own personal insurance.
- Data Protection Information - WODS only keeps the personal information strictly for the purposes of your membership of the Society, including informing you about the Society's activities, productions and social events. Personal data will only be held whilst you are an active member, and then usually only for 12 months after such time as you choose not to renew your membership. In the case of Gift Aid, the Society is required retain these for a minimum of 6 years after the tax year in which they applied to comply with HMRC's instructions. After this period, your personal information will be removed from WODS' records permanently.

Your Details			
Title		Tel. No.	
Forename		Mob. No.	
Surname		Email Address	
Date of Birth (if under 18 yrs)			

Address 1			
Address 2			
Address 3			
Town / City		Postcode	

I enclose a Cheque (payable to WODS) / Cash for the appropriate membership subscription.

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and that I wish all my subscription to W.O.D.S to be treated as Gift Aid Donations until further notice. *(Please let us know if you no longer become a taxpayer).*

* Do not sign this declaration if you are not a UK taxpayer.

Signed : _____ Print Name : _____ Date : _____

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WODS

On 17th February 1892 at a meeting in the High Street, Worcester, the Worcester Operatic & Dramatic Society was founded. The first production, *HMS Pinafore*, was presented at the Public Hall in Worcester to capacity houses. The second production, *Patience*, was moved to the Theatre Royal in Angel Street. A surplus of £60 was donated to the Royal Infirmary. At the Annual General meeting at the Star Hotel in 1893, the membership subscription was fixed at one guinea (£1.05) per year, to include six free seats! Since these inaugural days, a considerable sum has been donated to many local charities. Recent decades have seen many changes in the work of the Society, moving on to more ambitious productions, including most of the modern full scale musicals. In 1954 we lost the Theatre Royal due to redevelopment, but happily moved to the Festival Theatre at Malvern for our autumn show. Conscious of being a Worcester Society, we consider ourselves fortunate in having the Swan Theatre in Worcester, now run by Worcester Live, where since 1966 we have staged a spring show and more recently our autumn show as well.

WHERE TO FIND US

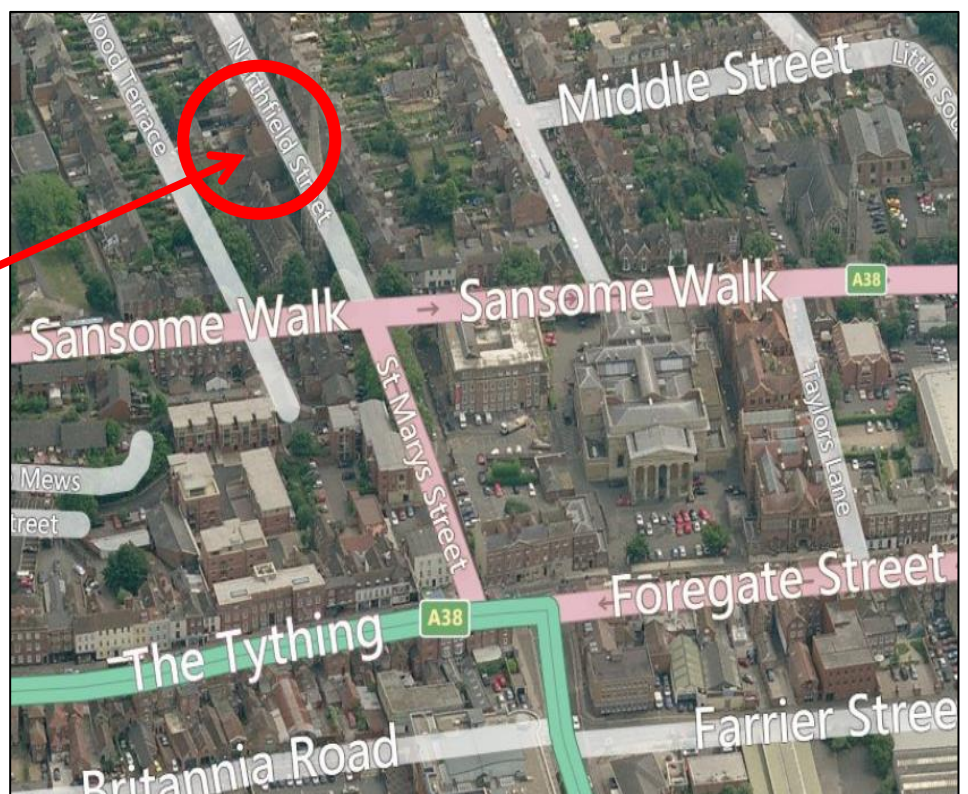
St. Mary's Hall,
Northfield Street,
Worcester, WR1 1NS

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

Full Members / Junior Members

- are able to join in any of the activities of the Society. You will be entitled to priority booking for show tickets, receive a regular newsletter / bulletin, be invited to a raft of social events and trips organised by the Society, and to audition to perform on stage.

Patrons - receive many of the same benefits in return for their support of the Society, including the priority ticket booking, newsletter / bulletins, and invitations to the Society's social events.



WODYS - Worcester Operatic & Dramatic Society Youth Section

WODYS was formed in 1982 as part of the Worcester Operatic and Dramatic Society, to provide a youth section to train young people in theatre skills and encourage them to progress to the adult section at the age of sixteen, although they may remain members of WODYS until they are eighteen, and still perform in their annual show. Such has been the success that WODYS now has a long waiting list every year, and auditions are held for new members in the autumn of each year. The minimum age for membership is eight years. WODYS stages one major musical production a year at the Swan Theatre, perform cabarets, and hold various musical theatre workshops for the youngsters. For those who are unsuccessful in joining WODYS, the opportunity to join the WODYS Academy (WODAC) exists, where further training in musical theatre is provided. WODYS meet most Saturday mornings throughout the year at the Society's rehearsal rooms, as well as Sunday mornings for principal rehearsals, and WODAC meets on Thursday evenings from 6pm - 7.30pm from January to July. For WODYS membership enquiries, please email wodysmembership@hotmail.co.uk.

Website

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