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Dear societies

Firstly I'd like to say well done to everyone who has put on a production so far this year, there's been a good variety of shows and performances from societies so far this year and I hope you've all been able to see as many as possible

We have had some sad news. Many of you will know or be familiar with Alan Smith of LIDOS, who has also worked hard over the years for the Crypt/Carriageworkshop committee. Alan has been unwell for quite some time, and last week he passed away. Our condolences go to his wife Margaret and the rest of the Smith family and the members of LIDOS. For those who would like to pay their respects to Alan, the funeral is being held at St Andrews Methodist Church in Pudsey at 11.30am on Monday 3rd November. Alan's contribution to LIDOS and the Guild as a whole will be long remembered.

The dates for the Open Forums are as follows:

Tuesday 2 December,
Tuesday 17 February,
Tuesday 14 April,
Tuesday 24 June

Please feel free to come to the Open Forums, as these are your way of feeding back to the Guild Exec about anything that is a concern.

I've been asked by the Carriageworks Theatre to remind societies that we shouldn't be rehearsing or in corridors or the bar area. These cases are rare, isolated incidents but they have happened on occasion since the start of the new season. Please be mindful of this, and of other users of the venue.

Finally, if you saw Supertown, you'll know LIDOS had great success with their homegrown musical. LIDOS had great success with Supertown, and the creative pair behind it - James Sidgwick and Rob Sanders - want to take the show further. They are hoping to go to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the next couple of years, have our score/script professionally recorded and realised, and generally get 'Supertown' off the ground! If you would like to help them fund this, go to <http://www.gofundme.com/supertown> and donate as much as you can! It would be great to see the show take flight!

The minutes and notes from the AGM/Open Forum in September should also accompany this note. Please contact your society if they're not.

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Chair of the Leeds Civic Arts Guild