H.A.T.S. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2012

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UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

HATS off to the 50's – A Jubilee Celebration Thurs 27th Sept – Sat 29th Sept 2012 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) Matinee Sat 29th Sept 2.30pm

Tickets on sale from 10th September at HATS booking office (01409 253825) £8.00 and £6.00 A cast of 30 invites you to an evening of song, sketches and narration by way of reminiscence of all the good things from the 1950's. Be there, or be square!

Pantomime 2013 – Jack and the Beanstalk

Eve Earles is directing next year's panto. This is a new take on the old favourite, with something for everyone - music, slapstick comedy and popular characters such as Harry Potter, Bill & Ben, a cow and a goose as well as a French fairy. There are five female lead parts and five male lead parts with several smaller parts and plenty of opportunity for chorus participation. Casting will begin on Monday 1st October and Wednesday 3rd October, both at 7.30pm and also after the AGM on Tuesday 2nd October. Anyone interested in backstage work or performing should attend any of these meetings, or else contact Eve (01409 220293).

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- St Peter's Fair Week Ian Croxton reported that £303, before costs, was taken at the HATS barbecue evening.
- Wine and Wisdom To be held on 12th October 2012 at the White Hart in Holsworthy. Teams of 6, arrive 7.0 for 7.30 start, £3.50 a head which includes cheese platter at half time. To book a team, contact Heather Prouse (01409 253131) or Pat Smith (01409 253522). Donations of draw prizes for the raffle gratefully received.
- **Dinner dance** To be held in February 2013
- **Treasure Hunt** which was due to be held on Sunday 15th July 2012, unfortunately had to be cancelled. Hopefully it will be held in Spring 2013

MEMBERS' NEWS

- AGM to be held on Tuesday 2nd October 7.30pm. See AGM agenda attached.
- Reducing postal costs. With 4 newsletters a year and other information bulletins sent out between newsletters, it makes sense that we use email as much as possible. Accordingly the committee requests that all members, and also sponsors, who are not already receiving the letters by email, should send their email address to the newsletter editor, Denise Moorley, denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk to transfer from postal to email newsletters.

If you have no email address, and you do wish to carry on receiving the newsletter by post, you should inform the committee when you renew your membership, which is due now, or else let Denise know (01409 241033). Please ensure that we have your correct postal address, including post code and phone number.

Remember also that you can view the latest news on HATS website, and also on Facebook.

 Membership fees. These are due to be paid from September to the Membership Secretary, Sue Painter (01409 253840). These can be paid at the AGM on 2nd October. See attached AGM agenda for more information on paying fees.

Annual fees: £10 for a single person; £20 for a couple; £5 for a junior (under 18/student) Joining fee: £5 for adult; £2.50 for junior

It should be noted that membership fees must be paid before 31st December 2012, or membership will cease. It is not permitted to take part in any production if membership is not paid.

- **Aubrey Woollard,** following a spell of ill health, is presently living in a nursing home in Halwill. HATS members all wish him well.
- Local NODA Rep. Diane Gilchrist has retired and Ian Goodenough of Barnstaple has taken over our patch.

THEATRE BUSINESS

• Theatre bookings

Rotary Annual Event $22^{nd} - 23^{rd}$ March 2013 Richard Digance. Comedian and folk singer. March 2013

- Stewards. We need more members to volunteer their services as stewards for theatre events. We particularly need more stewards for the pantomime in January February 2013. If you would like to steward any event, please get in touch with Kerry. (Tel.:01409 253065)

 No training is now required, but new stewards need to be informed of the general procedure.
- Wardrobe department report some items have gone missing from the costume hire for the play 'Allo 'allo. If you know of the whereabouts of: a party badge and a holster please tell wardrobe mistress Mary Barfett. (01409 254914)
- **Dressing room refurbishment** is now complete. Many thanks go to the Fundraising committee, which has done a wonderful job, under the guidance of Phil Hammans.
- **Deadline** for the next newsletter is **Friday 23rd November.** This is your means of sharing information about any events with all HATS members. Send dates and details to: **denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk**