

H.A.T.S. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2013

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UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Play for Autumn

'The Right Honourable Gentleman,' written by Michael Dyne. Directed by Ken Tyrrell.

A real-life scandal in Victorian England, in which a Parliament official's career was ruined by an accusation of adultery. Ken says: 'The Right Honourable Gentleman' is well into rehearsals and is going well. An ingenious set built by David Moorley and some superb costumes, acquired from all over Devon, are contributing to the play being something very different at H.A.T.S. Ken would like all members and their friends and families to come and watch it and he believes they won't be disappointed. Any members not able to come could still help the play and the club by selling as many tickets as they can. Hope to see you there. If you can, please display the enclosed flyer with this letter.

Performance dates: Thur 12th - Sat 14th Sept and Thur 19th - Sat 21st Sept.

Doors open 7.00p.m. Show starts 7.30p.m.

Tickets £8.00, concessions £6.00. Box office now open Monday - Friday, 10.00 - 3.00.

Pantomime 2014

Next year Eve Earles will be staging a production of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. Performance dates are 27th January - 8th February. The first reading / casting will take place after the AGM on Monday 30th September, and the second reading will be on Wednesday 2nd October. It is important to attend on these dates if you would like to take part in the panto, front or backstage. There are about 10 male parts and 8 female parts. Anybody is welcome to audition. There will be a singing audition as well. You can contact Eve on 01409 220293.

Eve summarises the plot as follows: This hilarious new version of the Arabian Nights tale is a traditional family pantomime full of slapstick, silly jokes and songs by ABBA (!!) with specially rewritten lyrics.

Set in Old Baghdad, the plot has Ali Baba, a poor woodcutter, whose son Abba stumbles across the cave of 'One Eyed Maid Earlier' and her motley crew of thieves in the Forest of Foreboding. Ali's brother Cassim finds out about Ali's secret and is discovered by the thieves in their cave. When Cassim escapes from the cave the thieves go in search of him to kill him and his family once and for all. It is left to Morgianna, Ali's servant girl, to save the day....

MEMBERS' NEWS

Annual General Meeting Monday 30th September 7.30p.m.

The AGM letter and the Society's statement of accounts for members accompany this newsletter. All nominations for committee officers and members should be made known to the Society Secretary, Annette Dennis (01409 254757), before the meeting. Membership fees can be paid at the AGM.

Membership fees Note that membership fees are due to be paid in September to Membership Secretary, Sue Painter (01409 253840). Her address is: The Post House, Under Lane, Holsworthy.

Annual fees: £10 for an adult; £5 for a junior (under 18 years). Enrolment fee: £5 for an adult; £2.50 for a junior (under 18 years). N.B. Fees must be paid by 31st December or membership will not be recognised.

Membership information Please remember to inform the Membership Secretary if your details have changed, using the enclosed Membership Update form. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- **Quiz night 25th October 2013** at the White Hart. Teams of 6. Arrive 7.00 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 Friday 21st February 2014**
If you have not already done so, take a look at the revamped kitchen/green room, courtesy of the Fundraising committee. You will be amazed at the transformation.

THEATRE BUSINESS

Theatre bookings

- **12 Sept - 14 Sept; 19 Sept - 21 Sept 'The Right Honourable Gentleman'** presented by HATS
Tickets are now on sale at the theatre booking office (01409 253826), Mon - Fri, 10.00-3.00
- **27 Sept - An Evening of the Wit and Songs of Noel Coward** presented by Peter Gill. Doors open 7.00pm, performance starts 7.30pm. Tickets £11.50 available **now** from HATS booking office (01409 253826), Mon - Fri 10.00am - 3.00pm **or** from Holsworthy Information Centre (01409 254185)
- **'Wizard of Oz'** by Holsworthy College, scheduled for June, was cancelled

First Aid course We are looking into training members as First Aiders. We have been donated a defibrillator by Rob Horton, a former member of HATS, to show his gratitude for the good times he enjoyed with the theatre. Please note that anyone directing a play, panto or any production must have done the first aid course, as he or she will be seen as the person in charge of first aid cover for the show. If you would you be interested in doing the course, tell Annette (Secretary) 01409 254757.

Stewards If you would like to steward, please tell Kerry Smith when you are available and she will do her best to fit you in. She says thanks to all for your continued support - without you, we could not put on these shows. Her number is 01409 254057

Volunteers needed! Stage crew - we need more backstage help, particularly for the plays, for the building of the set as well as for the performance itself. Come and see the next play and check out the standard - for an amateur theatre most people agree that the sets are amazing, but it does need hard work and plenty of hands on. So all you budding carpenters, painters, and wallpaperers come and join the team and have some fun!

Lighting, sound, special effects crew and wardrobe - again, the more members of the teams there are the better for everyone, so that we can maintain the standard of production our public has come to expect.

If you, or someone you know, have any background in lighting, sound, set-building or wardrobe, or perhaps you would like to learn some of these skills, just come along to the rehearsals for any performance, or call the theatre Secretary, Annette Dennis (01409 254757) for a chat. The more people we have the more enjoyable it is and the less work there is for everyone!

Queen's Theatre Backstage tour Wednesday 20 November 2013

Some people might be interested in taking up the North Devon Theatre offer of a backstage tour, in November, details below.

Join our team on a backstage tour and find out what really goes on behind the scenes, hear some interesting stories and facts and have a look around public and private areas of the theatre. Approximate running time: 1 hour. Starts: 10.30am at the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple
Entry fee of £5.00. Free for NDT Members & Supporters

Deadline for the next newsletter is Monday 11th November.

This newsletter is your means of sharing information about matters or events with all HATS members. Send dates and details to: denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk