



H.A.T.S. SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010

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RECENT PRODUCTIONS

Pantomime 2010 'Queen of Hearts'

Another hit for HATS, which was especially successful in spite of the late start, illness suffered by many, and lost rehearsal time due to bad weather. All the cast and crew worked really hard, they succeeded in delighting their audiences and received a good review by NODA (see HATS website). Amy and Rob would like to thank everyone concerned for making it such a fun show!

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Rotary Club Musical Extravaganza 2010

Friday 12th March – 7.30pm and Saturday 13th March – 7.30pm

Tickets from - Simpkins Edwards Chartered Accountants, 12 The Square Holsworthy 01409 253620 or from Ian Parker 01409 254286, or any Rotary Club member.

All profits will be added to the donations from the last 7 years' shows which have been made to local organisations, to the tune of £15,500.

HATS, with their usual professionalism and panache, will be performing a selection of songs from the musical 'Oklahoma', directed by Terina Ellacott.

Play for Spring

'Out of Order' by Ray Cooney, ably directed by Heather Prouse, co-directed by Ken Tyrrell

This is a typical farce from the world leader in this genre, possibly the funniest yet! This is an ideal opportunity for the younger members to see the 'other side' of HATS, and maybe stimulate some of them to 'have a go' at a play – they are after all the next generation of adult actors, the life blood of the society.

Cast: Ken Tyrrell, Steph Devoy, Phil Hammans, Trevor House, Ron Lester, Martin Jordan, Eve Earles, Betty Woodhams, and, performing their debut with HATS - Richard Stacey and Di Sluggett.

The show runs: Thurs 27th – Sat 29th May and Thurs 3rd – Sat 5th June 2010

Booking starts 3rd May – see website or posters for details.

Play for Autumn

'Waters of the Moon', a comedy in three acts by N.C. Hunter. To be directed by Eve Earles.

Readings will be held in early June, rehearsals to start in July. Cast of six women and four men.

See website and posters for details or contact Eve (01409 220293)

Pantomimes 2011 and 2012

The committee invites offers from would-be producers. They would favour a choice of traditional pantomime, with up-to-date script. Contact Annette (01409 254757) or Mary (01409 253115) if you have a yen to produce a panto, or indeed any other type of show.

First reading for panto 2011 will probably be held after the AGM, 20th or 27th September 2010.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- **Members' Supper Dance** This was a really great evening, the hall looked beautiful, food was excellent, music was good – everyone was up and dancing, youngsters and oldsters alike. It was such a success that it is to be repeated next year. Good work, fundraising committee!
- **The Buffs in Holsworthy** are donating all proceeds from their Easter draw and Easter bonnet competition to HATS this year. You can help at the Easter Bonnet competition on Easter Monday 5th April at the Buffs meeting at 7.30 in the White Hart in Holsworthy. You might also like to sell draw tickets which you can get from Sue Painter, (01409 253840). They are a bargain at 25p each, £1.00 a book.
- **Holsworthy Fair Week.** As in previous years on Fair Wednesday, 7th July, HATS members will be serving delicious BBQ fare –please ring Heather (01409 253131) if you can help.
- **Johnny Cash Tribute Night** - Saturday 24th July
This Show is sponsored by HATS, to raise funds. Tickets will be £10. All members will be encouraged to sell tickets. Tickets will also be available in the booking office during the play 'Out of Order' and 7th July when HATS members man the barbecue during Fair week. More information will be available when tickets are available.
- **A Wine & Wisdom evening** has been arranged at the White Hart on Sat 9th October 2010. Details to follow.

MEMBERS' NEWS

- **HAT Website Makeover** The current version of the HATS website has been going for three years now and is probably due a visual makeover. If any of you more artistic design-orientated members have any thoughts on a new design please contact Ron Lester at 01409 231245 or info@holsworthytheatre.co.uk Don't worry, he will do the work, you just need to do the clever bit of suggesting designs - maybe just changes to the colour scheme, or possibly a more fundamental redesign of the visual layout. Even if you have examples of other websites you think could inspire a new design, please let him know, so he can review all suggestions.
- **The new display board** at the front of the theatre, donated by Jenny Parker, looks super. It will be in use when our show advertising boards are not up. Many thanks Jenny.
- **Members holding a current First Aiders Certificate.** Main committee has agreed that a list should be pinned on the notice board. St John's are on duty in the auditorium but not back stage.
- **Cigarette smoking** outside stage door during show performances. It was agreed in committee that, due to the mess caused outside and the smoke which filters into the dressing rooms, smokers would be politely advised to go around to the rear of the building.
- **Non members serving as stewards.** It was agreed in main committee that for insurance purposes, all non member helpers should be asked to become members. A letter will be sent out accordingly.
- **The Wonnacott Shield** is to be presented this year to Fred Stacey for his outstanding work for the Society. Very many congratulations Fred.
- **Deadline for next newsletter is: Monday 10th May 2010**