



RECENT AND CURRENT SHOWS

'Shut your eyes and think of England'

As ever, this year's play directed by Ken Tyrrell, was an hilarious and resounding success, playing to near packed houses for its run of six nights in May.

'Steel Magnolias'

We are to be spoiled this year with a second play, 'Steel Magnolias,' by Robert Harlings. It is being directed by Eve Earles, and the all-female cast has been selected as follows:

Truvy - Terina Ellacott; Anelle - Sarah Leach; Clairee - Sue Painter;

Shelby - Amy Clarke; M'Lynn - Angela Edgecombe; Ouiser - Betty Woodhams.

Performance Dates: Thurs - Sat 18th-20th September and Thurs - Sat 25th-27th September.

This production replaces the originally planned musical, 'Kiss me Kate,' which had to be abandoned due to a shortage of male singers.

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning 30th June. For further information contact Eve on 01409 220293.

HELP!

For the set of 'Steel Magnolias', two pedestal hairdryers and two reclining hairdressing sinks are required. If anyone can help with any of these items, please contact Eve, at the number above, or David Moorley on 01409 241033 or davidmoorley@hotmail.co.uk.

OTHER EVENTS

Comedy Store - 29 October

The theatre is delighted to be hosting another season of first class comedy acts for our entertainment.

The first show is scheduled for 29 October 2008. Doors open 7.30 pm, and tickets will be on sale at the Old Market Inn at £11. Following show to be held on 26th November.

Amanda Brook Dance - 4th and 5th July

The dance troupe is to stage a show at the theatre on Friday 4th July at 6.30 pm, and again on Saturday 5th July at 12.30 and 6.30 pm.

St. Peter's Fair - 'Fair Wednesday' 9th July

To boost our funds the fundraising committee will be manning a refreshment stall, serving delicious burgers and sausages, from 6.30 pm, in Holsworthy Square.

So, dear members and sponsors, on Fair Wednesday, don't stay at home and be miserable, come to the Square and be fed up!!

Also, Phil Hammans says he will welcome any offer of a free beer!

St Peter's Fair - 'Fair Thursday' 10th July

Members of HATS will lead the Furry Dance at 7.30 pm, from the Park gates. We need at least 8 dancers. Dancers will meet earlier at Annette's house, so contact Annette on 01409 254757 for more information. Come along and have some fun!!

Walks on Dartmoor with Phil Hammans

Phil is once again kindly offering to lead 2 circular walks this summer, each about 2 hours long, on the Moor. They are for anyone who is keen to enjoy this magnificent part of our local heritage under the qualified leadership of a professional ranger.

Cost - £5.00 per head. All welcome, including children, dogs (on a lead). Make a day of it and bring a picnic, or have lunch with other walkers, in a moorland pub.

Sunday 10th August - starting at 10.00 am from Grid ref.: SX548 910 Prewley waterworks, signposted 'The Granite Way,' just off the A386, about half a mile from petrol station. Go over cattle grid and you will find Phil at the top of the drive.

Sunday 24th August - starting at 10.00 am from Grid ref: SX518 834 Willsworthy. Take A386 and keep going past Dartmoor Inn and then 2km further on to car park. Phil's rucksack will be your marker.

HATS website www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk

Don't forget to check out the website for regular updates of events and productions.

THEATRE BUSINESS

Fundraising Committee report (meeting 10 June 2008)

As well as the fundraising events listed above, the Committee discussed other suggested projects to bring in some cash, such as a sponsored swim, or the hire of the theatre for spiritualist meetings. If anyone has any thoughts on these ideas, or would like to attend a committee meeting, please contact Heather (01409 253131 or heatherprouse@yahoo.co.uk).

Main Committee report (meeting 3 June 2008)

The following key points were discussed:

- 2-storey extension to theatre to include new backstage toilets and further storage. Planning permission is still to be obtained for this.
- A new canopy is to be erected at the front of foyer to replicate the original, in consultation with Fred Stacey. The canopy will incorporate an advertising board publicising forthcoming productions.
- The foyer is to be tidied up with a fresh coat of paint.
- The next pantomime, in January / February 2009, is likely to be Peter Pan, directed by Malcolm Withall and Ray Howe.
- The musical, Kiss me Kate, planned for May 2008, cancelled; not successful in attracting male singers.
- NODA (SW, district 7) award of Excellence given for HATS production of Sleeping Beauty, the pantomime performed at beginning of 2008, and directed by Amy Clarke and Rob Painter. Congratulations all round!
- Provisional date of HATS next AGM is 22 September 2008 .

Other Business

NODA South West area conference at Bicton College, 29 -31 August 2008

- AGM and presentation of awards, including the award to HATS for 'Sleeping Beauty'
 - Quiz
 - Singalong
 - Line dancing
 - Workshops (listed below)
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| <i>Singing, acting and dancing</i> | <i>Lighting, basic and advanced</i> |
| <i>Preparation for auditions</i> | <i>Gilbert and Sullivan</i> |
| <i>Basic and fantasy makeup</i> | <i>Acting classes</i> |
| <i>Stage combat (armed and unarmed)</i> | <i>Preparation for auditions</i> |

All members are welcome to attend. Contact Annette (01409 254757) for full details. Bookings to be made and paid for by 31 July. Example of cost - £25 for full day of workshops on Saturday.

Training of Stewards

If any members would like to offer their services as stewards remember that everyone must now undergo a short training session. For details of upcoming training dates contact Anna Marshall (01409 253584 or tonymar@btopenworld.com) or Alan Bewes (01409 253825)

Sponsor a seat in the theatre

A new plan is to be displayed in the foyer showing the names of those who have kindly sponsored seats.

About 100 seats are still available for sponsorship, at £100 each.

Sponsors have their names inscribed on the back of the seat of their choice, receive copies of the HATS newsletter, and have priority booking of a limited number of seats for HATS productions.

HATS newsletters by e-mail

Save your theatre money! Join the growing number of members and sponsors who have their newsletters sent by e-mail! It's so easy! Just send your name (or family name if you are a couple or a family) via your preferred e-mail account to the following e-mail address: Members@holsworthytheatre.co.uk

Also, so that we can maintain our records accurately, we will be asking you to supply an update of your name, address, phone number and e-mail address when you renew your membership subscription this Autumn. A form will be sent out with your AGM invitation letter. Please return it as promptly as you can. Many thanks.

Wonnacott Trophy

This award was presented early this year to Charles Jeffery-Hudson, who was commended as the most improved member of the Theatre at that time.



That's all for now folks!

See you soon at one of the events!