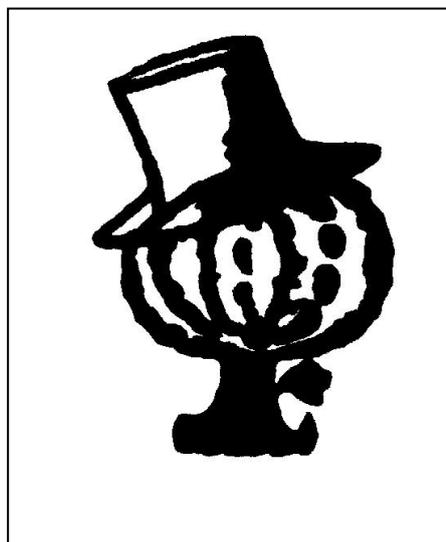




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## RECENT PRODUCTIONS



### **Pantomime 2016 'Dick Whittington and his Cat'**

Many, many audience members have said how much they enjoyed this year's panto; here is just one example: 'We came on Wednesday. Really wonderful show – brilliant performances, wonderful singing, amazing costumes and fantastic sets. There aren't enough superlatives to describe it!'

Director Phil Barfett says: 'I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the pantomime. At the beginning I did not think we would be able to put the show together but with all your help and hard work we made it!'

And co-director Eve Earles adds: 'You have all been amazing, backstage as well as on. I am so proud of every single one of you.'

When the NODA report is received it will be posted on the HATS website.

DVDs of the panto that were ordered are available from Phil and Mary Barfett (01409 254914)

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS



### **Black Comedy / The Real Inspector Hound**

**Thursday 19 - Saturday 21 May / Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 May 2016**

Tickets available from Box Office from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00 – 3.00

£8.00 and £6.00 concessions

#### **Schools special discount tickets:**

For performances on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> tickets will be available for school groups of 10 students at £5 per ticket with free entry for a teacher



### **Funny Money by Ray Cooney**

**Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 / Thursday 22 – Saturday 24 Sept 2016**

Ken Tyrrell will be directing the play and says: this play is written by the same author as 'Run for your Wife' and just as funny. The cast is made up of six men and two women; the ages are subject to who auditions for the play. (i.e. any age). Both female roles are large. Five of the male roles are of equal (large) size. The sixth male part is smaller but a smashing one to do. The reading and casting of the play will be on 7th June. First rehearsal on 21st June. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Kay Napier**, director, reflects on her upcoming production of **Black Comedy / The Real Inspector Hound**:

In professional circles, if one is talking about The Greatest Playwrights (at least of the twentieth century) it won't be long before the names of Peter Schaffer or Tom Stoppard crop up. In fact, in a book released last year, The Guardian's theatre critic Michael Billington mentioned both playwrights in 'The 101 Greatest Plays: From Antiquity to the Present' – Black Comedy itself featuring at number 88. Therefore it is an honour and a privilege to bring plays by such greats to the audiences in Holsworthy.

Such high profile playwrights have attracted a high profile opening cast. When The Real Inspector Hound premiered in 1968, its cast included Richard Briers and Ronnie Barker, while Black Comedy's 1965 premiere boasted a cast including Derek Jacobi, Albert Finney and Maggie Smith.

Although our cast aren't quite Ronnie Barker or Derek Jacobi, I have great confidence in them being able to put on a good, funny show that HATS will be proud of.

The rehearsals are now well under way, and we are all working hard. As with all the HATS farces that have preceded us, much of the humour lies not only in the words, but in the movements and stage directions; once we crack that, we have ourselves a show!

Black Comedy will be the first play shown, telling the story of Brindsley, a young man who has the world-renowned art dealer, George Bamberger visiting his run-down flat to view (and buy) his sculptures so he can make his millions. So this would be a bad night to be meeting his future father-in-law for the first time. Or for his ex to arrive back on the scene. Or for there to be a power cut...

The Real Inspector Hound will then be performed after the interval. Similar to Noises Off, the action focuses on a play within a play. Two critics, one seemingly habitually disloyal to his wife, the other bemoaning his status as backup critic, end up being drawn into the murder-mystery play more than they expected. A parody of Agatha Christie's The Mouse Trap, The Real Inspector Hound will be a hilarious way to round off the evening.

The cast are as follows:

#### **BLACK COMEDY**

Birdboot: Stuart Davey

Moon: Peter Whitehead

Cynthia: Terina Ellacott

Simon: Michael Wonnacott

Felicity: Ellie Skuse

Magnus: Josh Waters

Hound: Martin Jordan

Mrs Drudge: Denise Moorley

#### **THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND**

Brindsley: Stuart Napier

Carol: Bethany Lock

Colonel Melkett: Peter Whitehead

Miss Furnival: Lesley Wonnacott

Harold Gorringe: Stuart Davey

Clea: Sarah Leach

Schuppanzigh: Michael Wonnacott

Bamberger: Josh Waters

John Vallance Kelley

14<sup>th</sup> November 1918 - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Val Kelley

Val, husband of Mary Kelley (nee Crumblehulme) was Treasurer of the Theatre Club and HATS, a Founder Member of the Societies, Stage Manager for many years and a Trustee of the theatre.

Jim and Winifred Crumblehulme with their family, Mary and Bill, came to Holsworthy from Blackpool back in the 1950's. Mary and Bill produced many shows in the Memorial Hall before the theatre was acquired. In fact, had it not been for Jim Crumblehulme's dream of purchasing the old cinema, we would not be the proud owners of the theatre today. Val was instrumental in its purchase and the refurbishment.

He was always there for Mary as Stage Manager, always meticulous and on hand with help and advice where and when needed.

Val and Mary moved to Southampton some years ago to live with Christine and be closer to Jane their daughters and their families. Mary passed away 15 years ago.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Christine, Paul, Jane, Peter and families and of course Bill, Pam and family. Val – with a steady hand, a fun-loving twinkle in his eye and that wonderful dry sense of humour – a perfect 'Gentleman' who will be sadly missed.

- **Wonnacott Shield**

Rose and Chris Hitchings were awarded the Shield for their outstanding contribution to the Society. The shield was presented on the last night of the pantomime and Chris and Rose are reported to be highly delighted with their award.

- **NODA award for 'Noises Off'**

We are extremely pleased to announce that HATS has been awarded the NODA South West District 7 Achievement Award for its 2015 production of "Noises Off".

The same production was also nominated for the NODA South West Best Comedy Production Award and many of the cast attended the NODA awards gala dinner, but unfortunately we were not lucky enough to win it.

Huge congratulations go to the play's talented producer, Sarah O'Connor, as well as the entire cast, crew, set builders, props, front of house team and everyone else who helped make this production the success it was. Thanks to HATS as a whole for continuing to facilitate such fantastic productions.

- **Dinner and dance**

The introduction of a live band to the members' annual celebration was much appreciated by those who attended. Complimentary comments were also made about the food. Expressions of thanks were offered to those who organised this splendid event.

- **Panto goes to Deer Park nursing home**

Members of the panto kindly provided a review of the musical highlights of this year's pantomime, to the delight and gratitude of the residents.

## THEATRE BUSINESS



- **Proposals for shows**

Members are invited to put forward suggestions to the committee for any show they would like to produce. Proposals should be made at least 12 months ahead of the date of the proposed show. However, anyone who would like to produce the pantomime for 2017 should submit their proposal before the committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The proposal should consist of: details of show – name, author, type, synopsis, duration, number of characters, number of sets, set requirements, special props or effects required, cost of scripts and performance rights, why it would suit HATS and how you plan to direct it.

- **Suggestions by members.**

The committee members are always happy to take to the committee any ideas or suggestions about the Society that members would like to put forward. A suggestion box for members to use will be placed at the front of the stage whenever rehearsals are underway, alternatively, please contact a committee member.

- **Publicity team**

- The team met to discuss publicity for the spring plays. Secondary schools are to be targeted with a discounted ticket deal for Thursday performances, as decided in main committee.
- Report on plays to be sent to the press before the opening night.
- Survey to be carried out in Box Office to ascertain most effective form of publicity.
- Audience members to be invited to have email addresses added to database, to be sent information about future productions
- HATS promotional leaflet produced and distributed to recruit more members  
Please collect leaflets from Green Room if you can deliver some to your area or workplace. Already covered are: most of Holsworthy, Bradworthy, Sutcombe, Black Torrington, Clawton, Halwill. Thank you.
- Gift vouchers have been sold to a value of £145, last total.

- **Props required for spring plays**

- 1 chaise longue
- 1950/60 style toolbag large
- Card table
- Foghorn
- 1960s abstract paintings
- Two 1960's style tennis rackets - the wooden type

If you can help, please contact Sue Painter (01409 253840).

- Main committee have agreed to purchase a number of **booster seats** to improve the enjoyment of our productions for the younger members of the audiences.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Rotary Club Show – Annual Musical Extravaganza**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm**  
Booking now at 'Woollacotts' in Holsworthy Square.

**HATS** will be represented by **Leighann Johns**. Get your tickets soon

- **Mevagissey Male Voice Choir**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm**

Tickets available from Box Office from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00 – 3.00

- **Just In Dance Company – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Evening performance**
- **Tank Sherman Comedy and Music Show 30<sup>th</sup> July**



- **Deadline for the Summer newsletter is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Thanks** to the many members and sponsors who have registered to have their newsletters delivered by email, which saves quite a bit of cash for the Society.
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