

# H.A.T.S. CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2011

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## PANTOMIME 'SNOW WHITE'

**MON 23 JANUARY – SAT 4 FEBRUARY 2012**

**DOORS OPEN 7.00PM. SHOW STARTS 7.30PM**

**Tickets available at £8.00 and £6.00 (concessions)**

**Mon 23-Tues 24 Jan only-all tickets £6.00**

**Advance booking for sponsors and fully paid-up members– maximum 4 tickets**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30 – 9.00pm at the theatre**

This is the classic fairy story relating the experiences of the beautiful princess and her seven small friends who fall foul of the wicked stepmother. However you won't be surprised to learn that there are lots of extra treats in store, not least some amazing special effects.

Tickets go on sale to the public Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 10am - 3pm at the booking office. No telephone bookings that day. (Box Office closed for Bank Holiday Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan). Thereafter purchase your tickets: Mon – Sat, 10 am – 3 pm at the Box Office, or phone 01409 253826. Book early if you want Fridays or Saturdays. All tickets booked must be collected and paid for, at least a week before the date of the performance.

Heather and Mary, who are producing the panto, say if there are any more members who would like to help behind the scenes in any capacity whatsoever, just get in touch with either of them – Heather Prouse (01409 253131) or Mary Osborne (01409 253115) or just turn up at the theatre any Tuesday at 7.00pm.

So that Kerry can put together a team of stewards for the panto run, please contact her with the dates you are able to offer. Her home number is (01409 253065), or email: kerrybailey100@aol.com or via Facebook on the HATS page.

You can help distribute posters for the pantomime – just collect a poster from the theatre during rehearsals (Monday and Wednesday evenings), or from the box office from 3<sup>rd</sup> January, take it to your local shop / pub / lamppost etc and arrange to have it displayed. Simple!

## RECENT PRODUCTIONS

Play for Autumn 2011 'Deadly Nightcap' by Francis Durbridge was another triumph for Ken Tyrrell. Holsworthy people turned out in huge numbers and they were well rewarded. Encore, please Ken!

## FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

**Holsworthy Band Christmas carol concert: Sunday 4th December 2011** Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 start.

Entrance is free (donations accepted). Mulled wine and mince pies will be served to celebrate the season. No need to book, just come along for a singalong!

HATS members are asked to sing with the HATS chorus, everyone is welcome, young or old. Call Pat (01409 253522) or Kerry (01409 253065) for more information, or just turn up on the night.

Remember that the Town Band offers all proceeds from this concert to HATS, so let's make a big effort to make this evening really special.

**Play for Spring 'Allo 'allo : 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

A message from Sarah O'Connor, the producer

'Time is getting close to when we bring alive those well-loved characters from Café Rene in the Nazi-occupied French town of Novion.

Plans are already starting to come together and we are now on the look-out for uniforms (German, Italian, Police Officer etc) for the various characters, so if you have any knowledge of where some might be begged, borrowed or stolen from, we will get our 'Michelle of the Resistance' (aka Mary) to organise her girls on a reconnaissance trip to procure them.

I know some of you are thinking you might come out of those shady corners of the "I don't act anymore" club - and I am hoping to see many of you – there will be the read-through and auditions straight after the pantomime's conclusion. (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the theatre. Come along to one or both evenings.) Apart from Rene, all the parts are nice sizes and great fun! There is also a need for a few extra non-speaking parts and a pianist to play on stage. Remember - there are parts for actors of all ages!

Please get in touch with me at any time if you wish to become involved in roles off the stage too – there are plenty of things to be done even before we get rehearsing.

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## 2012 Diamond Jubilee: 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Pat and Annette are proposing a celebratory show for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Anyone who has ideas or suitable 1950's style costumes please contact Pat (01409 253522) or Annette (01409 254757)



### THEATRE BUSINESS

**The AGM** resulted in the election of a new President - Celia Sanders. Chairman - Mary Osborne. Vice Chairman - Ian Croxton. Secretary - Annette Dennis. Business Manager - Alan Bewes.\* Treasurer - Celia Sanders. Assistant Treasurer - Aubrey Woollard. Membership Secretary - Sue Painter. Assistant Membership Secretary - Pat Smith. Committee: Phil Barfett, Phil Hammans, Eve Earls, Kerry Smith, Hannah Cook & ex officio Trevor House. A representative for each of wardrobe, lighting/sound and stage manager will also be invited to attend committee meetings.

\*Alan Bewes has since resigned from the committee. This is a sad day for HATS as Alan has done a tremendous amount of work for the society, and has been a very loyal and hardworking member. His job as Business Manager will be a difficult post for anyone to take on.

Until a new business manager is appointed Eve Earls is taking bookings with the help of the committee.

#### **A plea from the Wardrobe department**

On returning borrowed costumes or donated items please could members speak to Mary Barfett (01049 254914) or hang them up in top 'men's' dressing room with a message. Hopefully this will avoid confusion, such as one instance, recently, when a carrier bag containing costumes, with no note attached, very nearly ended up in the rubbish bin!

Many thanks.

#### **Stewards**

Please remember to let Kerry know if you are able and willing to steward for any shows or other events at the theatre throughout the year. Her contact details are given above.

#### **Extension to the theatre building**

The new boiler is installed and the heating is on. Work on the toilets is in progress - all should be finished fairly soon.

#### **Deadline for Spring newsletter is Friday 9th March 2012.**

Please pass on your email address via the website so that we can send out your newsletter without paper and postage costs to the theatre. Thanks to all those who have already done so.

#### **Theatre Bookings:**

**Rotary Variety Show:** Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2012 Annual popular variety show

Doors open: 7.00pm. 7.30pm start. Booking starts 20 Feb 2012.

Tickets: £8 from 'Coodes', 4 Bodmin Street, Holsworthy (01409 2534250), or Ian Parker (01409 254286)

**Chilsworthy Chapel Play:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Annual popular variety show. Doors open: 7.00pm. 7.30pm start

**The Knicker Lady:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Variety show. Doors open: 7.00pm. 7.30pm start

A unique hilarious One Woman Show that romps through the chronology of underwear in an unforgettable way that's just too good to miss! As seen on TV.

**HATS Spring play 'Allo 'allo :**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May - Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May and Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May - Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012

A play from the long-running hilarious TV sitcom based around a cafe in occupied France during the second World War. Tickets: £8 (£6 conc). Booking starts 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Doors open: 7.00pm. 7.30pm start

**HATS Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Show:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012

HATS celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a variety show based on the events and songs of the 1950's. Tickets: £8 (£6 conc) Booking starts 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Doors open: 7.00pm. 7.30pm start



### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Hats Dinner Dance** is 25th February 2012 in the Memorial Hall. Tickets (to include dinner and disco by Emma) cost £16, will be available from the theatre whenever it is open during the pantomime or from a member of the Fund Raising Committee (Heather 01409 253131) or Pat (01409 253522). All members and their partners / family are most welcome. Every young member attending must be in charge of at least one adult! Bring your parents along to meet us and have some fun!



### MEMBERS' NEWS

Jenny Parker is making a good recovery after a triple by-pass operation, and Brian Withall is also recovering well after a spell in hospital. Good to see you both back in action!



**Best wishes of the season to one and all!**