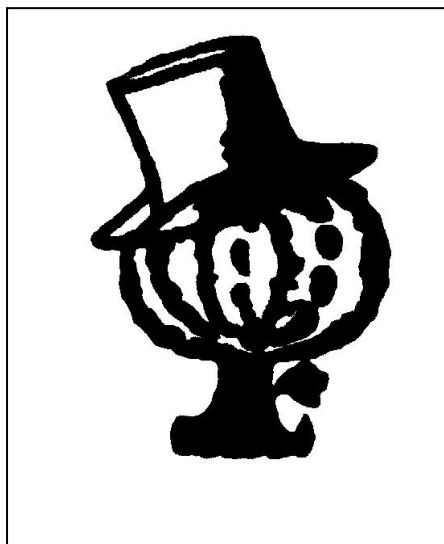


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**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER**



## RECENT PRODUCTIONS

### **'Noises Off!' by Michael Frayn**

Sarah O'Connor who directed the play reflects on the production: "Noises Off" was a great success all round, I am pleased to say. The putting together of the play was no mean feat and all of us went home exhausted after each rehearsal! That being said the final result was the organised chaos that needed to be achieved!

My thanks go to everyone who took part - David and his team building the set that we needed, the props team who were told there were not many props, sound effects and lighting as well as those on the stage. We are still waiting to hear from NODA and will publish the review on the website when it comes through."

(See photos).

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS



### **Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' 25 January – 6 February 2016**

**Evenings: Doors open 7.00pm; Performance starts 7.30pm**

**Saturday Matinees: Doors open 2.00pm; Performance starts 2.30pm**

**Booking office opens: 2 January 2016, 10.00 am – 3.00pm**

**Tickets: £8.00 and £6.00 (concessions)**

**All tickets at £6.00 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Advance booking for sponsors and paid-up members (maximum 4 tickets) on rehearsal evenings Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Tickets to be paid for at time of booking and collected by at least one week before the date of performance.

This is a traditional pantomime, written by Peter Long and Keith Rawnsley Directed by Phil Barfett and Eve Earles. Musical director Mike Wonnacott.

**Black Comedy (Peter Shaffer) and The Real Inspector Hound (Tom Stoppard)  
19-21 May and 26-28 May 2016**

Two one-act plays, directed by Kay Napier. Kay was a junior member of HATS from 2000-2002 before leaving to study for a degree in Drama. Her studies enabled her to be involved in productions from all sides of the stage and she is really looking forward to bringing to HATS her knowledge and experience.

There are large roles and small roles – something for everyone – so even more members can share in the fun!

There are 18 parts: 6 women, 10 men, a radio voice, and a dead body. Readings for parts will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February (come to either) and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February (casting). All at 7.30 pm in the Green Room at the theatre.

If you cannot get to any of the readings contact Kay to arrange a separate reading any time from now on: (01409 221321 or zena.napier@gmail.com)

 **MEMBERS' NEWS**

• **Membership**

New membership secretary, Eve Earles, would like to remind all members that membership fees are now due. Please see Eve at the theatre on panto rehearsal evenings – Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, or contact her to arrange payment (01409 220293).

**Annual membership fee:**

18 years or under /student: £5.00; Over 18 years: £10.00

**Enrolment fee:**

18 years or under /student: £2.50 Over 18 years: £5.00

• **Election of HATS committee members 2015-6 at AGM**

**Officers:**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chairman - Peter Whitehead           | Vice Chair – Sue Painter          |
| Treasurer – Celia Sanders            | Secretary – Annette Dennis        |
| Membership Secretary – Eve Earles    | Assist Member Sec. – Mary Osborne |
| Bookings/Events Manager – Amy Clarke | Facilities Manager – Phil Barfett |

**President:** Pat Smith

**Committee Members:** Trevor House, Charles Jeffrey-Hudson, Leigh-Ann Johns, Denise Moorley, Heather Prouse



- **The Wonnacott Shield**

At the AGM it was proposed that the shield be awarded for ‘Outstanding Contribution to the Society’ and this was accepted.

The committee would like to invite each member of the Society to put forward the name of a single member who they think deserves recognition. Names should be given, with the reason for nomination and the name of the member nominating, to any committee member, or posted to the website or put in the suggestions box in the theatre (see below). This should be done before

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, date of the next committee meeting, when the winner will be decided. The shield will be presented at the Dinner Dance on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Previous winners of the shield are: Phil and Mary Barfett, Sheila Ford, Charles Jeffrey-Hudson, Kay Napier, Jo North-Lewis, Tom Rolinson, Fred Stacey, Betty Woodhams.

- **Proposals for shows**

If any member has an idea for a play, a pantomime, or any other show they would like to direct, do please pass on your thoughts to a committee member for consideration at a committee meeting. A timetable for dates of submission for plays, pantos etc will be published in the newsletter in the near future.

- **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 in the auditorium whenever rehearsals are underway, or else just contact a committee member.

- **The Publicity team** has met to discuss publicity for the pantomime.

Proposals adopted include:

- A HATS stall at Holsworthy’s Late Night Shopping event, with hot chestnuts for sale and costumed characters
- HATS gift vouchers towards purchase of tickets for productions
- An email database to inform people of future productions
- A HATS float in Holsworthy carnival , and other carnivals
- Wider distribution of posters via all members of Society
- Proceeds of first night of selected productions to be offered to local charities (e.g. RNLI) in exchange for publicity of the production by the charity
- More intensive promotions of HATS generally. Result – an interview with Peter Whitehead, HATS chairman, on Radio Cornwall.

Listen to it via the HATS website.

## THEATRE BUSINESS



- Key items discussed at committee meetings since the AGM in September are:

A board displaying **names of sponsors** of the theatre will shortly be set up in the foyer.

Discussion is under way to establish if **solar panels** installed on the roof of the theatre could provide a source of income or cheap electricity for the theatre.

A course on the use of the **defibrillator** was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October attended by six members.

Kay Napier ran a **stagecraft workshop** on 12 October which was much appreciated by the large number of members who attended.

**Mevagissey Male Voice Choir** are looking to perform at the theatre and to share the profits of the show with HATS, in return for a booking service. A date is being discussed for 2016.

Deer Park would like HATS to present a form of **mini-panto** at the nursing home. This is being discussed for a date after the main panto run.

At time of writing at least **six new members** have joined the Society recently.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **9<sup>th</sup> December Late Night Shopping in Holsworthy– HATS publicity stall**  
**HATS members in costume – hot chestnuts for sale.**  
Please help if you can - contact Carole (01409 478153) or Denise (01409 241033) or via HATS Facebook page.
- **13th December. Get into the spirit of Christmas, come along and sing-along with the Town Band and HATS chorus. No admission charge, retiring collection for HATS. Rehearsal for any members wishing to sing with HATS chorus –**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 at the theatre.**



**Christmas Concert**  
**Holsworthy Town Band and HATS**  
**Perform together for Christmas**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7.30pm at the theatre, doors open 7.00pm**



- **Dinner and Dance 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Roast carvery and swing band at the Memorial Hall in Holsworthy. Tickets will be available when the theatre box office is open during the panto or contact committee members. All members and partners/family are welcome.

- **Rotary Club Variety Show Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

- **Play for Autumn 2016**

Ken Tyrrell will direct another comedy by Ray Cooney called 'Funny Money' in September 2016

- **Deadline for the Spring newsletter is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

- **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. Please send any changes of email / postal address to: [moorleydenise@gmail.com](mailto:moorleydenise@gmail.com)

**Torrige Male Voice Choir**

**Are looking for a Musical Director:**

**We are a very social choir, with a very wide and varied repertoire of songs, who sing for fun and love of music.**

**We do Concerts, Weddings & Lots of Fund Raising events**

**We are also very booked in December & already taking bookings for next year**

**Please see contact details below for more information**

**Chairman - Derek Gale 01288 354263**

**Concert Manager - Mervyn Langmead 01237 476453**

**General Enquiries- Roger or Shirley Ann Andrews 01409 241119**

‘NOISES OFF!’ PHOTO GALLERY





*"What a fantastic show. You were all, without exception, brilliant. The play was fast paced, extremely funny, and exceptionally well performed and produced. Fab set, as usual. What a treat. Hope you all manage to keep the energy going for next week! Well done and lovely to see you all again last night."*

**Jackie & Phil Hammans**

*"Totally, completely and utterly enjoyed the Show tonight - absolutely brilliant and hilariously funny. Such a lot of work and so many lines ... incredible - well done to all."*

**Liz Betteridge Cresswell**

*"We had a great laugh, it was such a tonic. Well done to pull it off - I saw Noises Off twice in London many years ago and knew it would be a hard act to follow but I was pleasantly surprised."*

**Anon**

*"My all-time favourite play, I wondered how you would do it and you did not disappoint. We had tears running down our faces."*

**Anon**