



H.A.T.S Newsletter

Winter 2017

Notices

New Newsletter Editor

After nine years, Denise Moorley has decided to hang up her computer mouse and hand over Newsletter Editorship to Kay Napier.

Thank you Denise for all your hard work!

You will have noticed that the format of the newsletter is also different – This is at least while Kay gets her head around what her computer can actually do!

Please note that any items for future newsletters should be sent to Kay using the details on page 4.

Rotary Extravaganza

The Rotary Club would like HATS to participate again at their event which is provisionally booked for **23rd March 2018**. If you have any ideas, or wish to be involved, please contact Annette (01409) 254757

Ticket Prices

As announced in the last newsletter, ticket prices have increased.

Standard tickets are now £9
Concession tickets are now £7

Facebook

We are collecting images, programme covers and cast lists for past productions. We currently have all posters/programme covers post 2000 – feel free to drop by to see what we have done – the address is on page 4.

URGENTLY NEEDED: - Ideas!

All ideas welcome as to how to attract more members or new audiences – please contact a committee member or use the Suggestion Box which should be beside the stage.

No suggestion too big or small.



HATS Dinner and Dance

3rd March 2018

Holsworthy Memorial Hall

In region of **£18-£20**

Exact cost and menu
to be confirmed

ALADDIN – Advance Tickets

Advance tickets for paid-up members and sponsors will be on sale on Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th December.

These are rehearsal evenings, and tickets will be available from 7pm onwards.

A maximum of **four** tickets are available per member.

Wonnacott Shield

The shield is annually awarded to the member who is deemed to have made an

‘Outstanding Contribution to the Society.’

Each member is invited to put forward the name of someone who they think is deserving of this award. Please submit your name, their name and your reason for nominating to a committee member, or put your suggestion into the Suggestions box situated by the stage before 2nd January 2018.

The shield will be presented at the Dinner and Dance.

Co-Op Local Community Fund

HATS Theatre has been selected to be a recipient of the Co-Op Local Community fund. That means that every time that a Co-Op member uses their membership card at point of purchase to buy selected Co-op own-brand products and services, HATS can benefit from 1% of the sale value. We will also benefit from money from carrier bag sales.

It costs £1 to become a Co-Op member, but in addition to the 1% charity donation, you will receive vouchers for your own shopping.

To become a member, either call
0800 023 4708 free or visit
www.coop.co.uk/membership



Past Productions

The Hollow

by Agatha Christie

directed by Eve Earles

24th – 26th Aug & 31st Aug – 2nd Sept 2017

A message from Eve, the director:

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the support everyone gave me in putting on this play. It was hard work on my part with all the changes that occurred during the rehearsals and then on the run. We pulled through and I think the audiences proved how much they enjoyed it.

A special mention has to be made to Sarah Leach, who stepped in 2 weeks before we opened and learnt the lines in a week. I don't think I could do it!! and Stuart Davey well what can you say, he had 2 hours before he went on stage!! An Apple a day certainly didn't keep this doctor away!!! Thank you"

Proceeds from the first night amounting to £394 were awarded to the charity Carewise, who support young carers in North Devon.

Current Production

Aladdin

By Stephen Duckham

Directed/Produced by

Amy Clarke & Terina Ellacott

29th January – 10th February 2018



CAST

Abanazar	Phil Barfett
Slave of the Ring	Ellie Skuse
Sergeant Chop	Tracey Wosnitzka
PC Suey	Jodie Lawson
Aladdin	Leighann Johns
Wishee Washee	Lesley Wonnacott
Widow Twankey	Peter Whitehead
Emperor	Mike Wonnacott
Princess Jasmine	Bethany Lock
Notsoshy	Jo Taskis
Genie of the Lamp	Martin Jordan

Membership Reminder

Annual membership fees are now due. If you paid at the AGM or have since, please disregard this reminder.

Membership expires 31st Dec 2017.

Those not paid up by this date will be unable to perform on stage

Membership Fees 2017/8

Under 18/Student	£5
Over 18	£10

Upcoming Productions

Blackadder Goes Forth directed by Sarah O'Connor

This show is going to require quite a few men, so Men – clear your diaries and make yourself known to Sarah – this isn't one you're going to want to miss! Although we have no date as yet, casting for this will take place earlier than normally necessary due to the need to find uniforms for the cast.

Lest We Forget directed by Lesley & Mike Wonnacott

Although almost a year away, preparations by Mike and Les for this commemorative show are progressing well, and rehearsals will be announced in due course. There will be some scripted parts and line learning for which volunteers will be needed, and a few songs to sing. All members are welcome to be involved. This event is due to coincide with 100 years since the end of World War One.



Theatre Business

AGM

HATS' Annual General Meeting and General Meeting were held on Monday 18th September 2017. In the **Chairman's Report**, Peter Whitehead reflected on another financially solid year for HATS. However, despite maintaining a profit, the profits from our pantomime are gradually decreasing year on year, so we will have to work together to address this and ensure our future as a society.

Peter also spoke of the delay to the work into updating our stage and lighting, however we will endeavour to get the work done over the course of the next year.

In closing, Peter thanked all of the committee members for their work over the course of the past year.

Election of Committee

There has been little change to the elected roles, with all named officials being unanimously reinstated, including Peter Whitehead returning for another stint as Chairman. Trevor House was undisputedly elected President, replacing Pat Smith, and Sarah Leach and Sally Whitehead replaced committee members Heather Prouse and Denise Moorley who had expressed their wish to stand down. Our treasurer Celia Sanders has expressed a wish to show Terina Ellacott the ropes. We thank the outgoing president and committee members for their work, and congratulate and welcome those newly elected. Full committee listed overleaf.

General Meeting

The Chairman reflected on our successful **Fire Drill** conducted last October, and relayed that the Fire Service wished to repeat this at some stage in the future, something that the society feels would be valuable.

Online Booking is still under review by the committee, however **Credit Card payments** have proved successful with 17% of payments for *The Hollow* tickets purchased this way.

We also took a moment to reflect on the **passing of members** both past and present that we have lost over the past year. Among these are Betty Melhuish, who produced *Fiddler on the Roof* for the society in 1999, Jane Chapple who only joined us last year, and was Properties Mistress for *Funny Money* in 2016 (whilst her husband Roger trod the boards) and of course Bob Davies whose death was reported in our Summer newsletter. Our thoughts are with their friends and family.

Bude Theatre Club, as we know, ceased operation several years ago following dwindling member numbers. They have now divided their assets and, very kindly, donated to HATS the sum of £10,000, which all of our departments have been invited to request part of for projects or specific items needed. In appreciation of this generous donation, we will dedicate a Sponsor Seat to Bude Theatre Club.

HATS Dinner Dance

HATS' annual dinner dance tickets will soon be available. Price and menu to be confirmed, but entrance will include dinner and entertainment. Again, we have the live swing band, *'That Swing Thing'* and food provided by The White Hart. Everyone welcome – HATS members, sponsors, family and friends.

Co-Op Local Community Fund

As mentioned in Notices, we are able to receive money from the Co-Op Local Community fund. This could be as little as nothing if nobody registers to support HATS, to a substantial amount of money if there are enough Co-Op Members shopping and using their membership cards or key fobs. You also get 5% in money saving vouchers for yourself by being a member! So please consider joining as a Co-Op Member, and marking that you want your charitable 1% to go to us.

Existing Co-Op Members can change their charity to HATS by visiting membership.coop.co.uk and logging in with your details, and selecting to back HATS (incorrectly listed as Holsworthy Amateur Dramatic Society, but it's definitely us!)



HATS Committee 2017/18

President: Trevor House
Chairman: Peter Whitehead
Secretary: Annette Dennis
Membership Secretary: Eve Earles
Treasurer: Celia Sanders
Bookings & Business Manager: Amy Clarke
Facilities Manager: Phil Barfett

Other Committee Members:

Terina Ellacott, Charles Jeffery-Hudson
Sarah Leach, Sue Painter, Mary Osborne,
Sally Whitehead

Other Important Numbers



Backstage

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Tony PROUSE (01409) 261 641

Props

[See PAINTER, Sue]

Wardrobe

Mary BARFETT (01409) 254 914

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Kay NAPIER (01409) 221 321

Current Director (*Aladdin*)

[See CLARKE, Amy]

Next Director (*Blackadder Goes Forth*)

Sarah O'CONNOR (01409) 259 409



What's On?



29th January – 10th February 2018

Aladdin

Pantomime

Directed & Produced for HATS by
Amy Clarke & Terina Ellacott

BOOKING: From Saturday 6th January

23rd March 2018

Rotary Club Extravaganza

Autumn 2018

Blackadder Goes Forth

Directed for HATS by Sarah O'Connor
£75 per performance to be paid to Comic Relief

November 2018

Lest We Forget

Directed for HATS by Lesley & Mike Wonnacott



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The deadline for the Spring Newsletter is

20th February 2018

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