

H.A.T.S. CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2013

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PANTOMIME 'ALI BABA & THE FORTY THIEVES'

Monday 27th January – Saturday 8th February 2014

Doors open 7.00pm. Show starts 7.30pm

Tickets available at £8.00 and £6.00 (concessions)

DISCOUNTED TICKETS (£6.00) for EVERYONE on

Mon 28th - Tues 29th Jan & Mon 3rd - Tues 4th Feb

Public sale of tickets daily from Sat 28th Dec 10.00am – 3.00pm. (Box office closed 31st Dec and 1st Jan).

All tickets must be paid for at time of booking and collected at least a week before the date of the performance.

Advance booking for sponsors and paid-up members (maximum 4 tickets) Mon 16th and Wed 18th December 7.30 – 9.00pm, at the theatre. Tickets to be paid for at time of booking.

This hilarious new version of the Arabian Nights tale, written by Simon Rayner Davis and published by Spotlight Publications, is a traditional family pantomime full of slapstick, silly jokes and songs by ABBA with specially rewritten lyrics. Produced by Eve Earles with Michael Wonnacott as Musical Director. This is the list of cast members:

Ali Baba (A woodcutter)	Ron Lester
Rum Baba (His wife, the Dame)	Ian Croxton
Abba Baba (His son, Principal Boy)	Kim Whiting
Morgiana (Servant to Ali Baba, Principal Girl)	Hannah Cook
Cassim Baba (Ali Baba's brother)	Phil Barfett
Ugli Baba (His wife)	Sarah O'Connor
Tetley (An apprentice)	Crispin King
Typhoo (Another apprentice)	Kay Napier
Maid Earlier (One-eyed leader of the thieves)	Lesley Wonnacott
Dickie Beau (Thief)	Trevor House
Jack the Kipper (Thief)	Tyla Cisneros
Polly Esther (Thief)	Rebecca Rose
Reggie Mental (Thief)	Charles Jeffery-Hudson
Rough Ruth (A draper)	Carol Wright
Duane Pipe (A pet salesman)	Martin Jordan
Mustapha Tinkle (A tailor)	Peter Whitehead
Semolina (A well-off lady)	Terri Graham
Tapioca (Another well-off lady)	Heather Knights
Samantha (Naughty child)	Olivia Byers
Josephine (Naughty Child)	Jessie Martyn
George (Naughty child)	James Alford
Harriet (Naughty child)	Abi Stone
Citizens & Traders of Old Baghdad (various)	Chorus

Rehearsals are underway, but there is still time to join the chorus! Come along to a rehearsal (Monday evenings) and/or call Eve (01409 220293).



RECENT PRODUCTIONS



'The Right Honourable Gentleman', the Autumn play, directed by Ken Tyrrell, was very well received by audiences and the NODA reviewer alike. To quote the latter, "*Based on the real-life happenings surrounding Sir Charles Dilke and what would be dubbed 'The Crawford Scandal', HATS' dramatic production of 'The Right Honourable Gentleman' by Michael Dyne, was intriguing and captivating.*" To read the rest of the NODA review you can find it at this web address:

http://www.noda.org.uk/events/reports/the_right_honourable_gentleman

 **FORTHCOMING EVENTS** **Holworthy Band Christmas Carol Concert: Sunday 1st December 2013**

Doors open 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. start. Entrance is free. Free mulled wine and mince pies will be served to celebrate the season. No need to book, just bring your friends and family and come along for a singalong - get into the festive spirit and show your support for your theatre! HATS members are asked to sing with the HATS chorus; everyone is welcome, young or old.

Remember that the Town Band gives all proceeds from this concert to HATS, so let's make a big effort to make this evening really special. Call Pat (01409 253522) or Kerry (01409 254057) for more information, or just turn up on the night.

Play for Spring 'Cheshire Cats': Thur 8th – Sat 10th May; Thur 15th – Sat 17th May 2014

'Cheshire Cats' is a comedy by Gail Young, to be directed by Sarah O'Connor. This tells the story of a group of girls planning to 'Walk the Walk' with the London Moonwalk in aid of the Breast Cancer Charity. Follow the team as they speedwalk their way to fundraising success in the London Moonwalk. Five girls are attempting to walk 13 miles across the capital in record time in their decorated bras and posh new trainers, but the sixth member of their team doesn't seem to meet the physical criteria!

'Cheshire Cats' is a cross between a girls' night out and a real mission to support a cause close to many hearts, with plenty of laughs and a few tears along the way. We will be looking for 6 main characters and a number of people for cameo roles (all sorts and ages!) We will also be looking for a handsome young man in his 20s or 30s to play a love interest for one of the walkers!! This is a heart-warming, moving, emotional and poignant play with lots of laughs..... please come along to the auditions to find out more about it. These will happen after the end of the panto.

The first night ticket sales will go to the charity and we would welcome contact from teams taking part in the Walk the Walk.

 **THEATRE BUSINESS** 

The AGM resulted in the election of the following committee: President – Den Veale. Chairman – Ian Croxton. Vice Chairman – Eve Earles. Secretary – Annette Dennis. Treasurer – Celia Sanders. Assistant treasurer – Mike Wonnacott. Membership Secretary – Sue Painter. Assistant Membership Secretary – Pat Smith. Committee: Mary Osborne (Retiring chairman), Phil Barfett, Phil Hammans, Kerry Smith, Kim Whiting.

A representative for each of wardrobe, lighting/sound and stage manager will also be invited to attend committee meetings. Bookings will be managed by Eve Earles with help from committee members. If anyone is interested in taking on the job, please let the secretary know.

New president, Den Veale has worked with HATS from the time we were putting on shows in the Memorial Hall. He has been House Manager at the theatre and is always working in the box office selling tickets and stewarding. Committee felt it was time he received some recognition for his outstanding service to HATS.

First aid course: Another date is to be arranged for anyone interested in defibrillator/basic First Aid course. We had the first course on the 10th Sept which was well attended and interesting.

Stewards: Kerry says a big 'thank you' to everyone who has stewarded over the past year; as always, without their help and commitment, shows would not be possible! Please remember to let Kerry know if you are able to steward for any shows or other events at the theatre throughout the year. She is especially keen to hear from anyone who can help with stewarding for the panto in January. Her contact details are: 01409 254057, kerrybailey100@aol.co.uk or via the Theatre Facebook page. She will be waiting to hear from you from end of December onwards.

Theatre building: Stairway to the lighting/spot box area has been decorated and looks great, though more work is to be done. The understage prop storage area has been tidied up by Sue Painter, and the 'sparkies' have also had a clean-up of the lighting storage area.

Lighting and sound: We are still looking for help in this department. Contact any committee member if you can help in any way.

 **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** 

HATS Dinner Dance is 21st February 2014 in the Memorial Hall. Tickets (to include dinner and disco by Tim Coleman) 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 partners / family are most welcome.

St Peter's Fair July 2014 - Fundraising committee are planning an open day or event for the theatre during Fair Week. More details will be available in the next newsletter, but volunteers will be required to help run the day. Anyone interested should get in touch with Kerry (01409 254057), Heather (01409 253131) or Pat (01409 253522).

 **MEMBERS' NEWS** 

Deadline for Spring newsletter is Friday 7th March 2014 Thanks to the many members and sponsors who have registered to have their newsletters delivered by email. Pass on your email address, and also any change of postal address, to denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk.

Note that the **HATS website** is regularly updated with news of HATS events www.holworthytheatre.co.uk

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