



H.A.T.S. CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014



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PANTOMIME 'BABES IN THE WOOD
Monday 26th January – Saturday 7th February 2015
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 26th - Tues 27th Jan

Public sale of tickets daily from Sat 27th 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 15th and Wed 17th December 7.30 – 9.00pm, at the theatre. Tickets to be paid for at time of booking.

A pantomime written by Stephen Duckham, directed by Phil Barfett with Michael Wonnacott as Musical Director, this is perhaps not quite the story you may recall of the Babes lost in the Wood – there are Robin Hood and his Merry Men, Maid Marion, the wicked Sheriff, Friar Tuck, good and evil fairies and a quantity of ghosts - cue for double-crossing, high jinks, song and dance and much hilarity. What more could you want?

This is the cast list of players:

Floggem	Martin Jordan
Whippem	Kay Napier
Sheriff	Ian Croxton
Robin Hood (Principal Boy)	Kim Whiting
Maid Marion (Principal Girl)	Bethany Lock
Jack	Shannon Sutton
Jill	Brodie Burnett
Nurse (Dame)	Peter Whitehead
Nell	Lesley Wonnacott
Green Willow	Olivia Byers
Friar Tuck	Susan Byers
Will Scarlet	Ros Honey
Alan-a-Dale	Jess Timbrell
Little John	Stuart Napier
Headless Ghost	Crispin King
Stranger	Ron Lester

Rehearsals are well underway, with just a few changes to musical numbers and script. Backstage departments are all working hard and offers of help for technical team, wardrobe, props and set would be much appreciated. Just contact the director Phil Barfett on 01409 254914 if you would like to help in any way.



RECENT PRODUCTIONS



Autumn play – Run for your Wife

Directed by Ken Tyrrell

This is what the chairman, Ian Croxton, said after seeing the play: “Well, I had heard and read the feedback via various channels over the last 7 days and last night I got to see it for myself.’Run for your wife’.....WOW, it truly was a gem. So funny, full of pace from start to finish and a must see for anyone with an ounce of love for live theatre. Massive. Well done to all involved and a special mention for Ken Tyrrell the producer, you really do get the best from everyone. I walked out tall last night feeling proud to be chairman of this wonderful society.”

NODA reviewed the play with similar positive comments. See the review on the internet on this link:

https://www.noda.org.uk/events/reports/run_for_your_wife_4



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Holsworthy Band Christmas Carol Concert: Sunday 30th November 2014

This concert is the Band's contribution to the support of the theatre. This year it will be special with Christmas songs and music from World War One. HATS members are invited to join in the HATS chorus. Or come along and bring your friends and family for a singalong to celebrate the start of the festive season. Doors open 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. Retiring collection. Call Annette for more information on 01409 254757.

Play for Spring 'Blithe Spirit': Thur 21st – Sat 23rd May; Thur 28th – Sat 30th May 2015

This famously funny play by Noel Coward featuring supernatural happenings will be directed by Eve Earles and stage managed by David Moorley. There will be parts for five women and two men. More information in next newsletter and on website.

Play for Autumn 'Noises Off' September 2015

Sarah O'Connor will direct this comedy written by Stephen Frayn which follows the backstage antics of a touring theatre company as they stumble their way through rehearsals to a shambolic first night and a final disastrous performance. Information on casting to follow.



THEATRE BUSINESS



The AGM resulted in the election of the following committee: Chairman - Ian Croxton. Vice Chairman - Eve Earles. Secretary - Annette Dennis. Treasurer - Celia Sanders. Assistant Treasurer - Mike Wonnacott. Membership Secretary - Sue Painter. Committee: Mary Osborne, Phil Barfett, Kim Whiting, Peter Whitehead, Trevor House, Heather Prouse, Denise Moorley.

A representative for each of wardrobe, lighting/sound and stage manager will also be invited to attend committee meetings.

Jobs vacant: A bookings officer is needed for theatre hire; this will be managed by Ian in the short-term. Committee is also keen to find someone to take on the role of publicity officer, who would be responsible for advertising and promoting each production. If you are interested in taking on either of these jobs, please let the secretary know.

Defibrillator course: 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! We say thank you to Kerry also, as she has now stepped down from this role. Anyone wishing to take over, please contact the Secretary (01409 254757)

Theatre building: The orchestra pit has had a makeover to insulate it and a new piano installed. We now have happy musicians!

Website: Hannah Cook has moved to a new job in London, but she has gamely agreed to carry on managing HATS website.

HATS logo sweatshirts and polo shirts are now available and will be displayed in the foyer during panto season. Contact a committee member if you would like to buy one.

Lighting and sound: A message from Ian, Chairman

YOUR THEATRE NEEDS YOU.....

Once again we are appealing for people to help in the lighting/sound department. We are not asking for geniuses, tech wizards or even people with multiple degrees to their name.

If you are not involved in this year's pantomime and are missing the craic then this is your chance to get involved, If you can make one night or many more then this is the job for you. The role is to back up our experts and basically press a few buttons as the show proceeds so if you think you can help then please contact me and I will get you access to a free seat in what is undoubtedly the best seat in the house.

Come on, get involved. Call Ian on 07920 132530



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



HATS Dinner Dance is 28th February 2015 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 Fundraising Committee: Heather (01409 253131) or Pat (01409 254455). All members and partners / family are most welcome.



MEMBERS' NEWS



Deadline for Spring newsletter is Friday 6th March 2015. Thanks to the many members and sponsors who have registered to have their newsletters delivered by email. Send any changes of address to: denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk.

As a reward for reading this far you can enjoy the treat of one of Ian's jokes...

CHAIRMAN'S JOKE

A stage Manager, a Sound Technician and a Lighting Designer find a bottle in a corner of the theatre. One of them rubs it and a genie pops out.

"Since you all found me," he says "you each get one wish." The Sound Technician steps up and says, "I'd like a million pounds and three beautiful women." POOF! - The Sound Tech is gone.

The Lighting Designer steps up and says, "Well, if he can have that, I'd like TEN million pounds, and my own personal island with fifteen beautiful women!" POOF! The Lighting Designer is gone.

The Stage Manager steps up and says, "I'd like them both back in ten minutes."

Best Wishes of the Season to All

