



H.A.T.S. SPRING NEWSLETTER 2014

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RECENT PRODUCTIONS

Pantomime 2014 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'

Many congratulations to Eve Earles and all involved in this year's panto. This was another great production for HATS, maintaining the already high standard HATS is known for, with entertaining and memorable performances from many members of the society, and a terrific effort from the huge team of backstage workers. Having directed two consecutive pantos, Eve says she needs a rest now. However, she will be demonstrating her acting talents in the next play, see below.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Spring Play 'Cheshire Cats' – A comedy by Gail Young

8-10 May & 15-17 May 2014

"I don't know but I've been told London's streets are paved with gold.

I don't know but it's been said, Cheshire Cats are good in bed!"

We all had a fun couple of evenings reading through the script for this next play. There were gales of laughter as well as a few tearful moments. This is a really funny play with a serious undertone about raising money for breast cancer – a cause that seems to have touched most families in one way or another - and HATS will be doing their part in the fundraising by donating the first night's income to the charity.

The main six characters – the 'walkers in the Moonwalk half marathon' will be played by Eve Earles, Sue Painter, Kay Napier, Di Sluggett, Susan Byers and Tom Ross. In fact Susan and Tom will be making their acting debut with HATS (both never having acted before!) They will have a strong supporting cast from Jenny Ball, Colin Burton, Olivia Byers, Jennie Dodd, Denise Moorley, Stuart Napier, Margaret Salter, Peter Whitehead, Carol Williams and Betty Woodhams.... and maybe more too! The two Tonys will be put through their paces in this one with lighting and sound effects! So put the dates in your diary and come and join in the fun.

Sarah O'Connor – Director

Autumn Play 'Run for Your Wife' – a comedy by Ray Cooney

11-13 Sept & 18-20 Sept 2014

Here is a message from Ken Tyrrell, the director:

First reading and casting - Monday 2nd June

First rehearsal - Tuesday 24th June; Second rehearsal - Thursday 26th June;

Rehearsals thereafter - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Cast requirements:

Two women - 30 to 50 - both very large parts;

Six men - 30 to 55 (ish) - two x very large parts; two x substantial parts; one x average size part; one x just a couple of lines. (I'll probably do this myself)

An extremely funny play. All good parts.

Panto 2015

Phil Barfett is currently reading various panto scripts and, to date, it looks like it could be 'Babes in the Wood', which has not been performed by HATS since 1997. Watch this space!

Other events at the theatre:

- **Holsworthy Rotary Club Charity Extravaganza**
Friday 21 March 7.30. For tickets (£8) Coodes solicitors, Bodmin St.
- **Old Market Inn Comedy Club presents comedian Patrick Monahan**
Saturday 5 April 7.30. For tickets call 01409 243941 www.hahaholsworthy.co.uk

THEATRE BUSINESS

- First Aid Cover is now provided by members of the theatre. Another training course for members will be arranged soon. Contact Annette Dennis (secretary) (01409 254757) if you are interested.
- Wardrobe is currently packing away the panto costumes and would like to finish this on Tuesday 18th March so it would be much appreciated if all clothes could be returned by then. Please ring Mary on 01409 254914 to make arrangements for return.
- The lighting board has taken a turn for the worse. Tony Prouse is looking into purchasing a replacement.
- Malcolm is currently sorting out new flats and drop cloths. A working team is needed to sort out curtain tracks.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- What a night the Dinner and Dance was - plenty of sore feet after boogie-ing the night away! The White Hart provided an excellent meal and Tim Coleman came up trumps with the music as well as a challenging quiz. Thank you Fund Raising Committee and here's to next year!



MEMBERS' NEWS

- The Wonnacott Shield – Mary and Phil Barfett declared they were both flabbergasted and honoured to be presented with the Wonnacott Shield at the HATS annual dinner dance last month. They offer their thanks to Mike and Lesley, to those who nominated them and to the members who organised a great evening.
- Wanted – a young(ish) male voice, with good diction, to narrate the commentary for a documentary on the First World War. Contact David Moorley (01409 241033)
- Please remember to let us have your email address so that the newsletter can be sent without postage and stationery costs. Also inform us if you change your address, phone number or email address. Contact the Theatre email on the website, or contact Sue Painter (01409 253840). Many thanks.
- Deadline for next newsletter is Friday 13th June 2014. Send your news and views to share with members and sponsors via HATS website or to Denise Moorley (denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk) (01409 241033).





In memory of Fred Stacey

'Quiet, gentle, unassuming, helpful, always with a smile and time for a friendly word, and possessing the patience of Job' – who else could it be other than the late Fred Stacey?

For so many years he has transformed a simple dropcloth into a magical scene, working quietly, always with a word of encouragement for anyone who joined the painting team. However, his exceptional talents and skills were not restricted to scenery - he was instrumental in restoring our theatre when it was purchased back in the 1960s and 1970s and he was also involved with many of the later improvements. No matter what unusual structural element was required for a production, Fred would always come up with a solution. His generosity to the theatre knew no bounds. Rita has spent many hours sitting in the theatre watching her husband produce his artistic magic. We have lost a lovely gentleman, but our society has gained richly for having Fred as a much-loved member and past president of HATS.



In memory of Peter Fitzpatrick

Sadly, Peter suddenly passed away on 22nd February 2014, after a long illness. Peter was brought up in Liverpool (who would have guessed?), then moved to Germany to work for the RAF as an aerial photographer and a BFBS broadcaster. Afterwards, he stayed in Germany as a civilian broadcaster/producer. He also did film voiceovers and was the voice for Land Rover's sat nav. He then moved to Bude with Phillippa and his son Robert and was an active member of BASODS in straight plays and musicals, his rich baritone voice excelling in both roles. Joining HATS in 2010, he was a pukka English colonel in 'Waters of the Moon', a German colonel in 'Allo 'Allo' (where he actually shaved off his fine head of hair to wear a wig), and a browbeaten King in 'Snow White'. His illness limited further appearances - he did have an initial bash at Dickie in 'Ali Baba', but alas his scootering skills failed him! His show photos grace the website. His funeral was held in Bodmin, with a fine array of family and friends from the North, Bude and Holsworthy. Lucinda Appleby gave a most moving tribute on behalf of HATS.

