

H.A.T.S. SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2014

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RECENT PRODUCTIONS

Spring play 'Cheshire Cats'

Here is a message from Sarah O'Connor, the director:

Cheshire Cats was a great success in the way that everyone who saw it was moved by the experience and praised its integrity. I would like to say a big "Thank you!" to the cast and crew who put their efforts into every performance so well.

What I am also pleased to say is we took £356 for ticket money on the first night and the committee generously made the amount up to £400 for the Breast Cancer charity. This was added to £300 that was donated by audience members as they left the theatre so, £700 for the Walk the Walk Charity is a great achievement. Thank you to everyone who 'did their stuff' and supported them.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Autumn Play 'Run for your Wife' – A comedy by Ray Cooney 11-13 Sept & 18-20 Sept 2014

The parts have been cast as follows:

<i>Mary Smith</i>	Di Sluggett	<i>John Smith</i>	Alan Eyles
<i>Barbara Smith</i>	Kim Whiting	<i>Stanley Gardner</i>	Martin Jordan
<i>D.I. Troughton</i>	Dave King	<i>Bobby</i>	Trevor House
<i>D.I. Porterhouse</i>	Peter Whitehead	<i>Photographer</i>	TBC

This is a very funny play and is suitable for everyone from eight years upwards! Ken Tyrrell (director) would like to think ALL members will make an effort to come and see it. Apart from having a great evening, it will show support for the society.

The first rehearsal is due to take place on 26th June, the second is on 27th June. Rehearsals will take place each Thursday and Friday .

If you CAN'T make the performance dates, why not try to sell tickets to your family and friends? Anyone willing to help with the production in any capacity, please call Ken on 01409 231230. In particular, extra help is needed with building the set (contact David Moorley 01409 241033).

Pantomime 2015

Phil Barfett, who will be directing the panto, has chosen 'Babes in the Wood'. The script is by Stephen Duckham. There will be parts for 14 adults or more, and the 'Babes' are two good parts for younger members. This panto calls for quite a bit of chorus work for both adults and young people. The panto will be performed the last week in January and the first week in February.

For details of first reading, see the next newsletter, or check on the website. It will probably take place immediately after the Annual General Meeting. So all who would like to work behind the scenes as well on stage, please come along and have some fun!!!!

Other events at the theatre this year:

- Amanda Brooks Dance show 18th-19th July
- Launceston Male Voice Choir 25th October
- An Evening with Franz Lehar 31st October

THEATRE BUSINESS

- Annual General Meeting is pencilled in for Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm.
- Bookings for the theatre should be arranged with Eve Earles (01409 220293)
- Please note that First Aid cover for all events or productions at the theatre continues to be provided by St John's Ambulance, for which we are indebted to them.
Basic First Aid and defibrillator training for HATS members is essentially for cover during rehearsals etc.
- The lighting board has now been replaced. Tony is happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in learning how to 'drive it'.
- Malcolm is still sorting out new flats and drop cloths. A working team has been working to sort out curtain tracks.
- More volunteers are still needed for wardrobe, lighting, sound, music or any general help backstage. Contact Annette (01409 254757) if you, or anyone you know, would like to get involved.
- There has been another break-in at the theatre, gaining entry by the stage door. This will be replaced and made (hopefully) burglar-proof. Luckily little damage was done.
- HATS polo shirts and sweatshirts are available. Call Kerry Smith for details (07966 503708)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- **St Peter's Fair Week**
BBQ - Wednesday 9th July Rota to be organised by Ian Croxton. (07920 132530) Help from all members would be appreciated! In the Square from 7.00 p.m. until about 11.00 p.m.
Furry Dance - Thursday 10th July A team of dancers will convene at Annette's at 7.00 p.m. then proceed, dancing, through the town. 'Strictly come Dancing' qualifications not necessary – just come along for a laugh!
Men should wear black trousers and white shirts with bow ties, and ladies should wear white skirts and black tops. Call Annette, Secretary (01409 254757) or (07799 208057)

MEMBERS' NEWS

- As a society we are mourning the recent sad loss of both Jenny Parker and Margaret Salter, two lovely ladies who have worked so hard for the theatre over the years. They will both be very much missed.
- On a happier note, congratulations are due to member Lia Painter, who married Richard Freeburn on April 17th.
- Terina Ellacott had a little girl, Rebecca, and Amy and Rob Clarke had a little boy called Harrison. Many congratulations to everyone!
- 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 the Membership Secretary, Sue Painter (01409 253840). Many thanks.
- Deadline for next newsletter is Friday 29 August 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).