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2015

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



**BODMIN STREET
HOLSWORTHY
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RECENT PRODUCTIONS

Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

Directed by Eve Earles

'What a great production!', 'Better than a London show' – these are some of the comments made by members of the audience. This is what makes all the hard work put in by the crew, cast and not least, the director, so worthwhile. Hard work, but enjoyable and if the audiences liked it, that's the icing on the cake!

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Noises Off! by Michael Frayn, to be directed by Sarah O'Connor

'A farce about a farce' - more comedy to entertain us in the autumn.

17-19 Sept; 24-26 Sept 2015. Box office opens 1 Sept.

Sarah has cast the players as follows and rehearsals start in July:

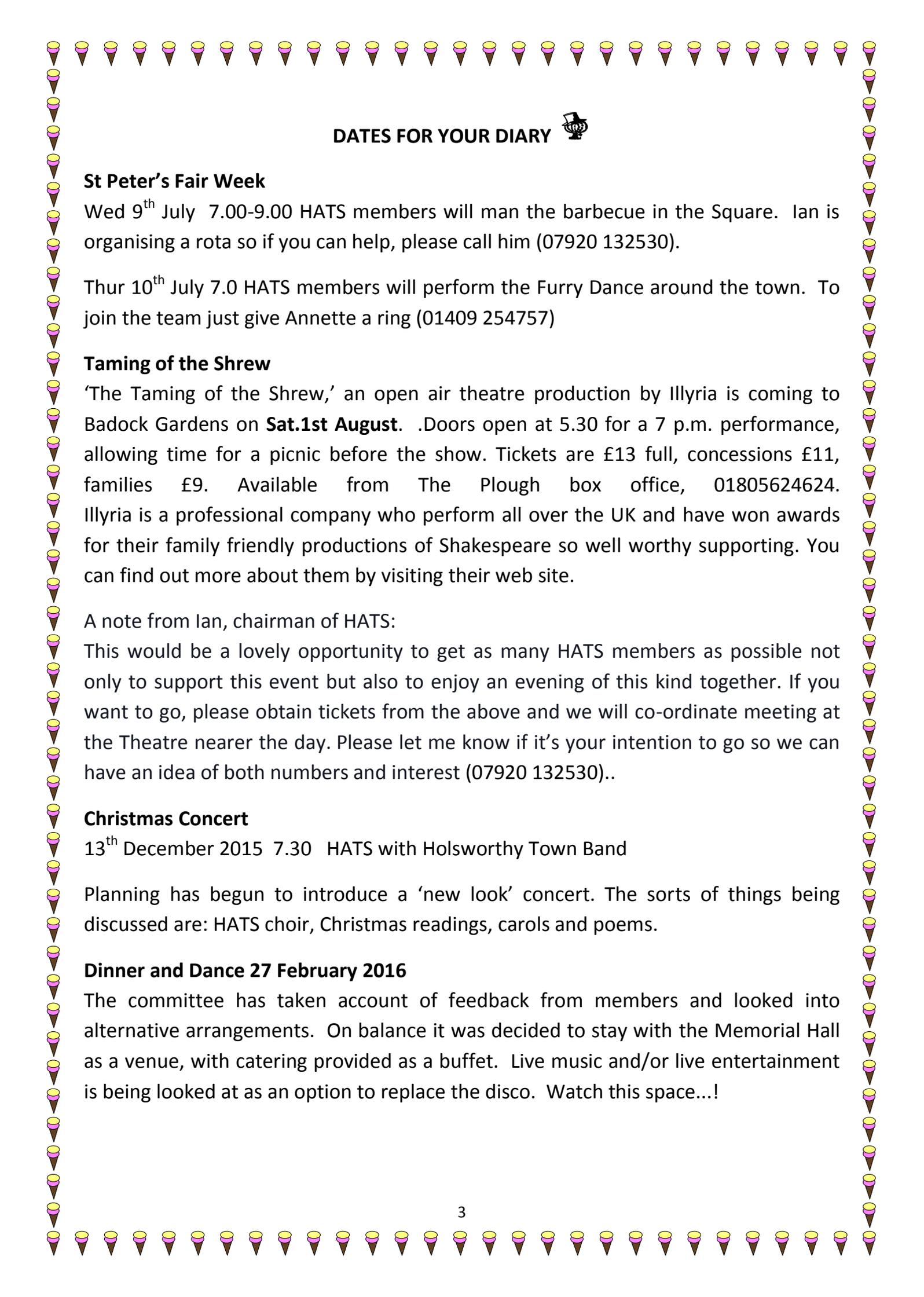
Dotty Otley	Eve Earles
Lloyd Dallas	Dave King
Garry Lejeune	Stuart Davey
Brooke Ashton	Hannah Cook
Poppy Norton Taylor	Leighann Johns
Frederick Fellowes	Peter Whitehead
Belinda Blair	Sarah Leach
Tim Allgood	Martin Jordan
Selsdon Mowbray	Ron Lester

Spring play

A departure from the normal format, this will consist of two one-act plays, to be directed by Kay Napier.

The plays are:

- The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard
- Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Peter's Fair Week

Wed 9th July 7.00-9.00 HATS members will man the barbecue in the Square. Ian is organising a rota so if you can help, please call him (07920 132530).

Thur 10th July 7.0 HATS members will perform the Furry Dance around the town. To join the team just give Annette a ring (01409 254757)

Taming of the Shrew

'The Taming of the Shrew,' an open air theatre production by Illyria is coming to Badock Gardens on **Sat.1st August**. Doors open at 5.30 for a 7 p.m. performance, allowing time for a picnic before the show. Tickets are £13 full, concessions £11, families £9. Available from The Plough box office, 01805624624. Illyria is a professional company who perform all over the UK and have won awards for their family friendly productions of Shakespeare so well worthy supporting. You can find out more about them by visiting their web site.

A note from Ian, chairman of HATS:

This would be a lovely opportunity to get as many HATS members as possible not only to support this event but also to enjoy an evening of this kind together. If you want to go, please obtain tickets from the above and we will co-ordinate meeting at the Theatre nearer the day. Please let me know if it's your intention to go so we can have an idea of both numbers and interest (07920 132530)..

Christmas Concert

13th December 2015 7.30 HATS with Holsworthy Town Band

Planning has begun to introduce a 'new look' concert. The sorts of things being discussed are: HATS choir, Christmas readings, carols and poems.

Dinner and Dance 27 February 2016

The committee has taken account of feedback from members and looked into alternative arrangements. On balance it was decided to stay with the Memorial Hall as a venue, with catering provided as a buffet. Live music and/or live entertainment is being looked at as an option to replace the disco. Watch this space...!



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SATURDAY JULY 25TH 2015 2.00PM - 6.00PM (APPROX)

BEER HILL HOUSE, CLAWTON EX22 6QN

A message from Ian Croxton, HATS chairman: Tickets/Entry will be £4 per person (including children), eat as much as you like till the food runs out. Food will be sausages, burgers (beef or pork and apple) with or without onions or cheese; also a vegetarian option will be available.

A note from Pete the chef: I will need to know if anyone has any allergies or intolerances (I will make gluten free burgers, but let me know about the bread) or if there are any vegetarians. To cater for vegans, please let me know beforehand (when you buy your ticket) so Sally and I can ensure you are catered for.

The date as mentioned above is confirmed as July 25th. If the weather is so bad it cannot go ahead we will reschedule. Anyone who cannot make the new date can have their money back. Tickets will be available via email to Peter so email him on: peterwhitehead187@btinternet.com. Alternatively you can call Ian on 07920 132530 and we will find a way of getting a ticket to you and taking a 'bargain bucket' £4 from you

Bring your own drinks and, as seating will be limited, a camping chair if you want one. People with children will need to know that it is a working smallholding with a lake (large pond) so they will need to take responsibility for them.

We will also have a few silly games and competitions. Initial thoughts are petanque, killer skittles, tin can alley (mainly for the kids). Following the skills shown in Babes in the Wood, and bearing in mind that children will attend we think that archery is out of the question.

There is not a lot of parking at the house (6 or so) so we will try and organise an overflow at the school which is just down the road.

There we go, HATS Members. A great gesture by Peter to hold this at his house and a chance to meet up with other HATS members in convivial surroundings.

BRING ON THE SUNSHINE!*



THEATRE BUSINESS



Publicity Team

Members are asked to form a team with Carol and Cathy to assist in publicising and promoting HATS productions. Jobs to include - producing and distributing posters/banners etc, window display, online publicity and press liaison, and anything else that the team decides that will get news of our productions out to the public. If you would like to be part of the team, get in touch with Annette (01409 01409254757) Ian (07920 132530) or any committee member.

Industrial Estate Theatre Unit

A number of members from different departments of the theatre have met to arrange for the removal and storage of props, costumes and backstage equipment in the newly rented unit on Holsworthy Industrial Estate. Hopefully this will allow for more space in the theatre for work on productions.

Annual General Meeting

To be held at the theatre on Monday 28 September at 7.30pm. Readings for the pantomime will follow.

Stagecraft workshop

Kay Napier has offered to run a workshop in stagecraft (2-3hours) for all members, which she says should be interesting and informative for everyone, whether new to the world of theatre or old hands. To be held in the run-up to the pantomime. See next newsletter for details.

Make-up demonstration

Sandra Huxtable, who provides our stage make-up, will run this demo over 2-3 hours, in the autumn. See next newsletter for details

Volunteers needed!

More help is needed in all theatre departments – lighting, sound, sewing, set building, props, stewarding, selling programmes etc. Spread the word!

Theatre Bookings

2 – 4 July: Amanda Brooks Dance Show



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Because he needed the money, Orson Welles signed to appear in a play where the rest of the cast was, to put it politely, inexperienced. He was the only real pro involved so on the first day of rehearsal; he made a little speech to the other players...

He said, "We're going to be doing this play for several weeks and the law of averages dictates that at some point, some egregious mistake will be made. Someone will miss a cue, someone will forget a line, something will happen. When this occurs, do not panic. I am on stage for almost the entire play and I have decades of acting experience. Every disaster that can possibly happen has happened to me and I can handle anything..."

"So when something goes wrong," he continued, "do not attempt to ad-lib. Just leave it to me. Whatever it is, I will find a way to cover the error and continue on." The members of the novice cast were reassured by this and felt confident they were in good hands.

Things went well until opening night. In the middle of Act Two, the prop man accidentally rang a telephone in the wrong scene. There was no phone call in that scene and all the actors on stage froze, wondering what to do. Fortunately, Mr. Welles announced, "I'll get it," and they all relaxed, confident Orson would handle it. They knew he would answer the phone, ad-lib some sort of conversation and then work his way back to the text of the play.

Welles picked up the phone, said hello and pretended to listen for a second. Then he turned to the actress next to him, held out the receiver and said, "It's for you."



Deadline for the summer newsletter is Friday 28th August 2015.

Thanks to the many members and sponsors who have registered to have their newsletters delivered by email, which saves quite a bit of cash for the society. Please send any changes of email / address to: moorleydenise@gmail.com



SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2015

11am-4pm

Rifleman's Barn, Waterloo Road

HOLSWORTHY

EX22 6JL

(Junction of A3072 / Waterloo Road)

Free Admission and Car Parking

WATERLOO 200

A Country Fair and Family Fun Day

to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo

Especially for Children

Punch and Judy
(12 noon and 3pm)
Best Decorated Wellies
Children's Races
Apple Bobbing
Fathers' Day Race!

Country Pursuits

in the main arena

Dog Agility (11am)
Family Dog Show (12 noon)
Birds of Prey (1pm)
Pony Agility (2pm)
Family Dog Races (3pm)

Times may vary

Traditional Crafts

Carriage Driving
Craft and Plant Stalls
Pottery
Spinning
Willow Weaving
Wood Carving and Turning

Model Railway and Classic Cars

Traditional Fair Activities

Try your luck – everything 50p a go!

Music

Holsworthy Town Band
and
Rushwood & Co

TUG-o-WAR CHALLENGE

Teams of 8 (see below for application forms)

Hog Roast, Curry Stall, Beer Tent, Refreshments

For timed programme and more information, please see Facebook page: [Waterloo200](#).

For Tug-op-War applications, please email: Waterloo200EX22@hotmail.com

Proceeds to Devon Air Ambulance