

# H.A.T.S. AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2014

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## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### Autumn play

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

#### A message from Ken, the director:

Rehearsals are progressing very well and we're sure we have another success on our hands.

Why not come along to see it with some of your family and friends? Perhaps make a night of it by, say, having a meal before the show or, (if you're old enough!) go for a drink afterwards. Or why not do both?

For members who have a yen to be in a play but are a bit nervous of taking it on, take heart - there are four members in this play who are taking on roles far bigger than anything they have done before. It CAN be done and it's a lot of fun playing alongside other members. Rehearsals are a load of fun as well. So, think about it! Take the plunge in future productions!

We hope to see you all during the run.

Ken Tyrrell

### Pantomime 2015

'Babes in the Wood' - by Stephen Duckham - 26 January - 7 February 2015

#### Directed by Phil Barfett, who says:

The first reading for parts will be held after the AGM at the theatre on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The second reading will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. There are parts for all age groups, for principals, chorus and dancers.

For anyone who prefers not to be in the limelight, we also need you! Help is required in all departments - wardrobe, music, sound and lighting, backstage (both to create the set and to manage scene changes in performance), props. Come along, bring your friends or family members if they are interested too, and have some fun.

If you think you can help - even a little bit - call Phil on 01409 254914. Thanks.

### Play for Spring 2015

Eve Earles will be directing Noel Coward's 'Blythe Spirit'. There will be parts for five women and two men. Performance dates will be 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May. More details will be given in future newsletters.

## Other events at the theatre this year:

- Launceston Male Voice Choir 25<sup>th</sup> October
- "Politically Incorrect" Songs of Tom Lehrer 31<sup>st</sup> October  
This is a 90 minute show of the best-loved songs of the master satirist Tom Lehrer. Originally written over 50 years ago, Lehrer's satire is now perhaps darker and more politically incorrect than most of today's wits would risk. Join pianist, vocalist and all-round entertainer Peter Gill in a wonderful performance reliving the golden days of cutting satire and hear such gems as - 'Poison pigeons in the park', 'I got it from Agnes', 'When you are old and grey', 'Oedipus Rex' and more.  
Tickets from the box office - £11.

## THEATRE BUSINESS

- 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.
- Offers are warmly invited from anyone who would like to direct a production. Contact Annette Dennis, secretary, with your ideas.
- 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.
- 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 and his work team have been working hard sorting out curtain tracks and flats, and having a general cleanout.
- HATS polo shirts and sweatshirts are now available. Call Kerry Smith for details (07966 503708) or see her at the AGM to place your order.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- **St Peter's Fair Week**  
The HATS' barbecue made a profit of £165.60, with an additional donation of £20 from Barry Jose.  
Dancers for the Furry Dance were few in number, so Richard Tappin of the Rotary Club has pledged that next year they will provide male dancers for the Furry Dance, if HATS will provide female dancers.

## MEMBERS' NEWS

- AGM takes place at 7.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, at the theatre. All members are invited to attend. See AGM agenda and financial reports enclosed with this letter.
- Annual membership fees will be due from September. Sue Painter, membership secretary, will be very happy to accept payment of fees at the AGM (£10 per adult, £5 per under 18/student).
- Please inform Sue if you change your address, phone number or email address. If you haven't already, please let Sue have your email address so that the newsletter can be sent without postage and stationery costs. (Her number is 01409 253840 if you are not able to attend the AGM, or you can make contact via the website.) Many thanks.
- Deadline for next newsletter is Thursday 29 November 2014. Send your news and views to share with members and sponsors via HATS website or to Denise Moorley ([denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:denisemoorley@hotmail.co.uk)) (01409 241033).