



## CURRENT SHOWS

### **Rotary Variety Show Thurs.26<sup>th</sup> - Fri.27<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

HATS' contribution to this ever popular charity event is a musical selection from the Sound of Music, directed by Amy Clarke and Terina Ellacott.

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets - call 01409 254286 / 254525

### **HATS Musical Showcase Weds.3<sup>rd</sup> - Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

A new and exciting venture for HATS produced by Eve Earles, with Mike Wonnacott as musical director, this show takes us on a musical journey through time, from the Victorian music hall to the modern era of musical shows, visiting the Roaring twenties on the way. It will feature recitals, melodrama, monologues and singalong - something for everyone. So how can you resist - come along to the first rehearsal on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at the theatre and get some of the action!

For further information call Mike Wonnacott 01409 241888.

## FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### **Autumn drama production**

'Every Other Evening', by Francois Campaux ( adapted by Jack Popplewell).

Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept and Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009

A riotous comedy directed by Ken Tyrrell. Call Ken for information 01409 231230

The play needs: four ladies aged approximately 16, 18, 45 and 45 (flexible) and three gentlemen aged 18, 50 and 60 (flexible). Auditions on Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> June, and more if required. Everyone welcome.

Rehearsals will commence 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

## RECENT PRODUCTIONS

### **Peter Pan the pantomime. January - February 2009**

Yet another spectacular success for HATS! The audiences loved the flying, the children loved the fairytale and and everyone enjoyed the humour. A brilliant first production for Ray Howe and Malcolm Withall, ably directed by Lesley Wonnacott. In spite of snow and two nights' cancellation, an extra performance limited the losses to income, with just £400 refunded on returned tickets.

**Note:** we are looking for producers for next year's pantomime. Anyone interested please contact any committee member, or HATS chairman, Phil Barfett on 01409 254914.

## THEATRE BUSINESS

**Wonnacott trophy** This was awarded to Tom Rolinson for his unstinting, consistent and cheerful assistance backstage in almost every HATS production since he became a member. Congratulations and thank you Tom!

**Planning permission** has now been granted for the extension at the rear of the theatre. Discussions are underway regarding the layout which will incorporate a new boiler house, extended wardrobe storage area, extension of dressing rooms and new toilets.

**An information handout** is being prepared listing HATS contacts for various departments within the theatre, primarily to enable new members to know who does what.

**Main committee** has agreed that for future productions, Stewards should only carry out their duties to assist and protect the public, and not to sell ice creams in the interval which it was thought could affect the theatre's insurance position.

**NODA SW conference training weekend**, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009, The Palace Hotel, Torquay. A weekend of workshops with hotel accommodation, lunch, gala dinner dance and presentations, costing from £125 per person. Workshops include: musical theatre, acting (basics and advanced), singing, youth theatre, make-up, stage lighting and sound. For more information and to book places contact Annette Dennis 01409 254757.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

### **Peter Pan colouring competition winners**

4-6 years      Girl:Lois Barker                      Boy:Daniel Seymour Smith

7-11 years      Girl:Bethany Gifford                      Boy:Ryan Seymour Smith

**North Devon Journal Torridge Your Pics.** A big thank you to Rodney Parish who has been regularly having his photos printed in the ND journal, and raising funds for HATS. To remind you that, up until 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009, anyone can send in photos of any subject to interest local readers, nominate HATS as their chosen charity, and earn £1 for HATS for every photo published. Digital photos can be sent by email to [kfell@c-dm.co.uk](mailto:kfell@c-dm.co.uk), or prints can be sent with a SAE to: Your Pics Torridge, North Devon Journal, Avery House, Liberty Road, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple, EX31 3TL.

**Future fundraising events** In the summer months watch out for a grand skittles tournament, as well as Dartmoor walks led by ranger and HATS member, Phil Hammans. A wine and wisdom evening is planned for the autumn too.

Remember to check the HATS website ([www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk](http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk)) for current news and information. Let us know your email address to receive the newsletter electronically, and send in details of changes of personal details to [members@holsworthytheatre.co.uk](mailto:members@holsworthytheatre.co.uk), or phone Sue 01409 253840. Many thanks!