



H.A.T.S Newsletter

Summer 2018

Notices

Celia Sanders



As our members have already been made aware, Celia passed away on Sunday 8 April 2018, aged 81.

Both on and off stage, she had been with HATS and Holsworthy Theatre Club before it since the 1960s and served as our Treasurer for many years.

She will be greatly missed.

AGM

It's not quite that time of year yet, but it is quickly coming around, so pop the date in your diary. The AGM and following General Meeting will be held at the theatre at **7:30pm** on

Monday 1st October 2018

Theatre Closed

The theatre is closed so we can complete our refurbishment works. We still need help with cleaning, painting, tidying... If you think you can help, see page 5.

HATS Dinner & Dance

The Annual Dinner and Dance has been rescheduled for **Friday 8th June 2018, 7:30pm for 8pm** at **Holsworthy Golf Club**



GDPR

Due to a law change, we need your consent to keep your data (addresses, phone numbers etc.) There's more information about how the law change affects us on page 5 of this newsletter. Each member will need to fill in the attached form and send it back as soon as possible.

Blackadder Goes Forth – Change of Dates

Nothing too drastic, but the production of Blackadder Goes Forth has been brought forward a week in order to allow more time for panto rehearsal. The show will now be Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th and Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd September 2018.

Open Publicity Meeting

An opportunity to give your opinions on all things publicity, whether you're on the team or not!
Thursday 14th June 7:30pm in the Green Room

Club Night

Magic Workshop with HATS member Jack Lovegrove

Monday 21st May, 7:30pm in the Green Room

We are still one of the Co-Op's Chosen Charities - every time that a Co-Op member uses their membership card at point of purchase to buy selected Co-op own-brand products and services, HATS can benefit from 1% of the sale value. We will also benefit from money from carrier bag sales.

If you haven't already, it's not too late to sign up and help HATS!



It costs £1 to become a Co-Op member, but in addition to the 1% charity donation, you will receive vouchers for your own shopping.

To become a member, either call 0800 023 4708 free or visit www.coop.co.uk/membership



Celia Sanders

1937 – 2018



Celia was born in 1937 to Bill & Ivy Sanders and spent much of her life in the same house on Bodmin Street.

She spent her working life employed by Lloyds Bank, at the Okehampton branch until she could be transferred to the branch in Holsworthy. She stayed with Lloyds Holsworthy until she retired in the early 1990s. When she retired, she kept herself busy with her interests, and volunteered in the North Devon Hospice shop in the Square up until her death. For all her work in and around the town, she was made a Freeman of Holsworthy in 2014.

Celia was an active member of the Methodist Church in Bodmin Street, enjoyed travelling and playing badminton. She joined the Theatre Club (in the years before the merge of Holsworthy Amateur Dramatic Society and the Theatre Club to become HATS in 1969) and became an active member with us too. Most newer members will remember Celia for selling tickets, ice creams and programmes, but she too was on stage up until the early 2000's where she had her last few roles in the pantomime chorus. She, too, was a vital member of the wardrobe department; where would any of us be without her ironing?! Many of you will also recall that Celia's role as treasurer became pretty much automatic; even though she always volunteered to stand down if someone else wanted to have a go, each AGM, Annette wouldn't have to finish saying the word 'treasurer' before someone had proposed her and several seconded her in!

Seat L14 in the theatre is dedicated to the memory of Celia's parents, and L15 is dedicated to Celia herself, so she will forever be part of our theatre.

Celia's funeral took place at the Aspen Chapel North Devon Crematorium on Monday 23rd April. Afterward, there was a Thanksgiving service at Holsworthy Methodist Chapel.

The memorial at Holsworthy was well attended by Celia's family and friends, and there were around 40 members of HATS past and present in attendance.

The service itself featured heartfelt tributes, prayers and hymns, including 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus,' specially selected by Celia herself. Following the service, attendees were welcome to attend the Masonic Lodge opposite the theatre for some refreshments, where there were some photos of Celia, and everyone was able to share their memories of a wonderful lady.

As reflected in the service, Celia witnessed many changes to Holsworthy over the years, but Holsworthy will never be the same again now that Celia is not in it.

Thanks to all that came along to show how loved and missed Celia shall be.



Current Production



Blackadder Goes Forth

By Richard Curtis & Ben Elton

Directed by Sarah O'Connor

13th – 15th & 20th – 22nd September 2018

CAST

Captain Blackadder	Stuart Davey
Private Baldrick	Jack Lovegrove
Lieut. Hon George St Barleigh	Alan Eyles
General Melchett	Grant Fulcher
Captain Darling	John Dixon
Squadron Leader Lord Flashheart	Dave King
Mr. Smith	Peter Whitehead
Driver Parkhurst	Stephanie Devoy
Nurse Mary	Sarah Leach
Corporal Perkins	Zac Manfield
Sgt. Jones	Dan Hunt
Private Fraser	Josh Short

Message from Sarah the Director:

"Blackadder Goes Forth is now under way. We have a fantastic cast who will bring their own elements to the well-loved cast of the original while we keep the comedic values of the performances alive.

Rehearsals start on 18th June, from when we will also be looking to find people for the backstage and props finding elements for the show. I am already on the lookout for some camouflage sheeting so if anyone has any knowledge of some please let me know. Other props like hurricane lamps and field telephones are of interest too. Oh! And a pigeon!

If there is any way you would like to help, please get in touch with me." [details on back page]

Next Production



Lest We Forget

Directed by

Lesley & Mike Wonnacott

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th November 2018



Upcoming Productions



Puss in Boots written by Ben Crocker, directed by Sue & Robert Painter

Readings for these will be in **September**, before the AGM. In a break with tradition, auditions for Mike & Lesley's production, *Lest We Forget* are following the AGM. The readings for panto will be: Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September, 7:30pm in the theatre auditorium.

Goodnight Mr. Tom adapted by David Wood from the novel by Michelle Magorian, directed for HATS by Eve Earles

Tell-Tale Murder by Philip Weathers, directed for HATS by Ken Tyrrell

Readings won't be for a good while yet, but Ken will need a cast of 4 men and 4 women.



Theatre Business

Dinner and Dance

Due to the snowy weather conditions around 3rd March, the Dinner Dance had to be postponed. We now have a new date and venue; **Friday 8th June 2018 at Holsworthy Golf Club, Holsworthy, EX22 6LP.** The tickets for this cost £22, and include both your carvery and entertainment, which is a disco provided by Andy King.

The meal is still a carvery, with a choice of two meats (roast beef and roast turkey) with all the trimmings. This will be served with a choice of 5 vegetables and roast potatoes. The vegetarian choice is herby nut roast or salmon. A vegan dish is also available, and gluten free diets are catered for. If you are coming to the dinner dance, you will need to choose your dessert in advance and tell Annette when you book your ticket. The choices are; Raspberry Crème Brulee, Lemon Cheesecake, Sticky Toffee Pudding, Chocolate Torte or Ice Cream, or, for an additional cost of £1 per person, cheese and biscuits.

Even if you bought tickets previously, you will need to let Annette know if you plan to attend. Due to the change of venue and entertainment, the price has increased by £2 per person. The additional £2 can be paid when you arrive on the night, or monies will be returned to those who cannot make this new date. New ticket bookings are also welcome.

As ever, all HATS members, sponsors, family and friends are welcome to attend.

**Please let Annette know if you wish to attend the Dinner and Dance
by the end of May**

either by email nettjdennis@yahoo.co.uk or by calling (01409) 254 757 or 07799 208 057

Club Nights

These have really taken off – the first two of our club nights involved reading through *A Tomb with a View* by Norman Robbins, last performed at HATS back in 1998. The third session was a musical night, with singing in the Green Room (as there wasn't a stage to perform on, due to the refurbishment work!) Our next club night is at 7:30pm on Monday 21st May, which will be a Magic Workshop with member Jack Lovegrove. Details of club nights are mentioned on the HATS Members Facebook page – if you are not a member of the HATS Members Facebook page and would like to be kept up to date with future club night dates, please let the newsletter editor know.

HATS Treasurer

Until the end of Celia's official period of office, treasurer duties will be fulfilled by committee member Terina Ellacott who can be contacted by emailing terinaellacott395@btinternet.com

Open Publicity Meeting

As mentioned on the first page, we are holding a publicity meeting that anyone is welcome to attend. Sue, Sally and Kay have started up the Publicity Team again, and we need your ideas! The aim of this informal meeting is to discuss anything that may benefit the publicity side of HATS – from advertising our shows, to attracting new members. By attending, you aren't committing to being a publicity team member (although we are always welcome to accepting more help) – it would just be good to hear other views or ideas. If you cannot make the meeting but have an idea to be discussed, please phone or email Kay Napier (details on the back page) – Hope to see you there!

Sponsors Newsletters

Due to the huge overhead costs of posting quarterly newsletters to sponsors and the telling of news not as relevant to non-members, we have decided to separate the newsletters. Sponsors will now receive a twice-yearly newsletter with information more concise and tailored to them – members' newsletters will continue as normal.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

On 25th May 2018 a new law, the GDPR, replaces the Data Protection Act. You will probably have received several emails from various online companies saying “you must take action if you want to continue receiving emails” – that’s all to do with this change in the law. The main aspect to this new GDPR appears to be regarding consent to holding data. As a member, your name, address, email address and telephone number will be held by us, and, as such, we will be bound by this new legislation, and we cannot legally assume that we have your consent to hold this information. According to the information provided about the GDPR, “consent requires a positive opt-in,” so we need you to ‘positively opt in’ so we can keep holding your data and sending you newsletters. Attached to this newsletter is a very boring but unfortunately necessary form – please complete it and send it back as soon as possible, otherwise we aren’t technically able to keep your data and send you newsletters after the 25th May!

Theatre Refurbishment

On the 24th March, we closed our doors ready for our rebuild and tidy. Thanks to all our volunteers for coming along and helping to tidy up and take up the old stage and showing that we still have that old HATS Spirit!

As you can see from the photos (kindly provided by Malk) we have our new stage, but the work isn’t over yet – if you are interested in helping out, keep an eye out on the HATS Members Facebook page or contact Annette Dennis, Malk Withall or Tony Prouse.



HATS Committee 2017/18

President: Trevor House
Chairman: Peter Whitehead
Secretary: Annette Dennis
Membership
Secretary: Eve Earles
Acting Treasurer: Terina Ellacott
Bookings & Business
Manager: Amy Clarke
Facilities Manager: Phil Barfett

Other Committee Members:

Charles Jeffery-Hudson Sarah Leach, Sue Painter, Mary Osborne, Sally Whitehead

Other Important Numbers



Backstage

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Tony PROUSE (01409) 261 641

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[See PAINTER, Sue]

Wardrobe

Mary BARFETT (01409) 254 914

Publicity

Kay NAPIER (01409) 221 321

Current Director (*Blackadder*)

Sarah O'CONNOR (01409) 259 409

Next Director (*Lest We Forget*)

Mike & Lesley WONNACOTT (01409) 241 888



What's On?



13th – 15th & 20th – 22nd September 2018

Blackadder Goes Forth

Directed for HATS by Sarah O'Connor

BOOKING: From September

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th November 2018

Lest We Forget

Directed for HATS by Lesley & Mike Wonnacott

BOOKING: From October

Jan- February 2019

Puss in Boots

by Ben Crocker

Directed for HATS by Robert & Sue Painter

23rd February 2019

Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense

by P.G. Wodehouse

Brought to HATS Theatre by Up Close Theatre

May 2019

Goodnight Mr Tom

Adapted by David Wood from the novel by Michelle Magorian

Directed for HATS by Eve Earles

September 2019

Tell-Tale Murder

By Philip Weathers

Directed for HATS by Ken Tyrrell



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The deadline for the Autumn Newsletter is

12th August 2018

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