



AGM

The AGM is to be held on Wednesday 15th September 2010, at 7:30pm at the Theatre.

Formal notice along with nomination forms and accounts will be sent out shortly.

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A View From The Chair



The Board have discussed and agreed that we will have a “Grand Christmas Raffle” this year with a first prize of £200 plus, of course, other hopefully donated prizes. This will run from the next production “A View From The Bridge” until the final performance of “Dick Whittington” on 11th December. The draw will take place a week later – more details in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Judy and the cast of “Proof” for an excellent production which was very well received by the audience. A few more visitors would have been appreciated! Also, congratulations to Clare and the Youth Theatre for their production of “For The love of a Prince”. Obviously a lot of effort and hard work went into this production. Well done.

This year we are taking part in the Heritage Open Day event and in this regard Mr. Mike Bundock the Hon. Curator of the Herne Bay Historical Society will be showing a film and giving a talk on Victorian Herne Bay on Friday 10th September 7.30pm. This should be an extremely interesting evening and will be advertised throughout the district. The Theatre will also be open on Saturday 11th September between 10am and 2pm for tours of the building.

PLEASE NOTE THE COFFEE MORNING WILL ALSO BE HELD ON THIS SATURDAY AND NOT 4TH SEPTEMBER - (see diary of events).

Finally, thank you to Lance and Valerie Kent for the use of their fine garden for our annual BBQ which I’m sure was enjoyed by all those who came. The weather couldn’t have been better.

Tony Jose

Website - www.hernebaylittletheatre.com



Performance Dates:
2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7-11
December
(two performances on 4th
and 11th)

Panto Cast List

Following recent auditions for Dick Whittington the Cast is as follows:

Dick Whittington - Jane Pottle
Alderman Fitzwarren - Vincent Hook
Alice - Lisa McDonald
Dolly Dumpling - Alan Ralphs
Idle Jack - Pat Dixon
Captain Cuttlefish - Dick Langridge .
Scupper - Hazel Bergman
Tom - Amy Simson
King Rat - Paul Bergman
Fairy Bowbells - Mary Jose
The Sultan of Morocco - Lance Kent and his Fez

Chorus names will be advised later

Many thanks to all those who came to auditions. Your time and effort given was and will be much appreciated.

Rehearsals commence Monday 13th September.

Tony Jose

Reviews

“**Proof**” was very special. It crackled. It sparkled. It was riveting. Many audience members expressed highly positive, appreciative comments after the performance.

The play itself kept us all guessing: So he's dead? Did he discover the killer proof? Does his daughter share his genius? What are the motives of the grad student? How near breakdown is the brittle sister, having tried to sustain two dysfunctional loved ones from a thousand miles away?

Each character was played with great understanding and complete credibility. The agonising, slow-motion disintegration of a once great mind was portrayed with stunning vividness. The agony of a mind aware that it itself is not working: the desperation to grasp at now inaccessible facts and skills, culminating in self-delusion and the inevitable embarrassment and misery of being found out. Yet there was no sentimentality. The laconic, witty—even wisecracking—dialogue, delivered with authentically strong language and rock-solid accents, was utterly convincing and compelling.

Review courtesy of Graham Jackson—an audience member, not a theatre-goer. He hadn't known we existed until persuaded to come along and was bowled over that such quality exists in a secluded street in Herne Bay. I think they'll be back.

Social Events

Saturday 23rd October (10:00-4:00 p.m.) - an exhibition of patchwork and crafts to celebrate the first anniversary of HBLT patchwork and craft group. **Free Entry.** There will be refreshments, a raffle and an opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping!

Early November - fundraising quiz with a twist! **Around the World in 80 minutes!** Get your teams at the ready (tables of 8). Watch the website for further details or contact Sharon Acton.

Thursday 16th December (7:30 p.m.) - Christmas Social – mulled wine and mince pies. The Christmas Prize Draw will be drawn during the evening and we hope it will be a celebrity prize draw but watch this space! Everybody is welcome. Our legendary mulled wine will be hot and for those of you wishing for something different, the bar will be open.

As these events are always popular please phone to state your interest/reserve your place.

Sharon Acton

Treasury



“Proof”

Income: £1,758.00
 Expenses: £ 889.33
 Profit: £ 868.67

“For the Love of a Prince”

Income: £ 624.00
 Expenses: £ 513.98
 Profit: £ 110.02

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2010/2011 were due on 1st April. If you have not paid yet please can you do so as soon as possible. Cheques are to be sent to Pat Dixon at 19 Grenham Road, Birchington, Kent, CT7 9JH or if you wish to pay by credit card please call the box office number.

Pat Dixon

"Money, if it does not bring you happiness, will at least help you be miserable in comfort." - Helen Gurley Brown

Go Green

If you are receiving a printed version of this newsletter in the post and have an e-mail address and would like to help us reduce our carbon footprint and

save costs please let us have your e-mail address and we will ensure that future editions are sent to you electronically.



Health & Safety Policy

**Accidents Big
Or Small,
Avoid Them
All**

As we now have a Health & Safety section in the Newsletter, I thought that it might be useful to members to briefly describe what it is about and how a “Health & Safety Policy” affects us all at the Theatre.

Policy Document

Our Health & Safety Policy sets out the aims of the club to ensure the Theatre buildings and all activities carried out by Herne Bay Little Theatre (HBLT) and private hirers, both inside and outside the building, are as safe as possible. The content will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it accurately reflects our activities. Most importantly, these aims are backed by our Board of Directors/Trustees.

The Master copy of this document is retained on the bar counter in the Green Room for anyone to look at.

The first page sets out the club policy regarding health and safety and is a formal declaration of intent.

The next section defines the club personnel responsible for the main aspects of HBLT activities (including private hire and social events) and describes the general responsibilities of all members to co-operate, help and generally make life a bit easier for these personnel.

Then comes the Risk Assessment section - probably the most important part of the policy. This section lists activities and any hazards associated with those activities. We have used a common sense approach and very unlikely risks have not been included; however, it is easy to add to the list if new risks raise their ugly heads. People responsible for our activities will be aware of these risks and will make sure that we all work safely.

There are also sections describing our Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure, Child Safety Policy, Equipment Maintenance Records and general rules for our responsible persons to follow for all our activities.

Alan Ralphs



Films at the Theatre



The new cinema screen should now be installed and ready to go. The first film to be shown will be “The Punch and Judy Man” starring Tony Hancock. The reason this film has been chosen is that there is currently an exhibition on at the Whitstable museum about the seaside. Amongst the exhibits are the original Punch and Judy puppets that were used in the film, it’s the first time they’ve been displayed since the making of the film in 1963, and some say they had something to do with his suicide. The film classification is U (12A, I think!) and will be shown for one night only on **Friday 3rd September** at 7:30pm

Tickets are £4.00

We are currently compiling a programme of films for screening in late September and October. If you have any ideas or films you would like to see then please email me at Philip@pbr.org.uk

Playmaker **S**Film

“Oswald Dumper” and “My Perfect Day” have been judged highly commended and commended in the Guernsey Lilly Film Festival. This brings to an end a very successful run of competition entries for “Oswald Dumper goes Metal Detecting”. “My Perfect Day” is not doing too bad either, winning a trophy in the SERIAC film festival, it has one more outing in the Kent Film Festival this September where it will be joined by our latest release “Look at Life – Meals on Wheels”. We are currently working on a short horror comedy film and another in the “Oswald Dumper” series. You are welcome to join us!

Philip Robinson



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Where to Go in Autumn



The Faversham Hop festival takes place 1st weekend in September. Visit www.thehopfestival.com for more information.

The Herne Bay Festival runs from 21st to 29th August. Visit www.hernebayfestival.co.uk for more information.

Canterbury Eurofair from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th September. Visit www.canterbury.co.uk for more information.

Photo Quiz

The picture below has been “morphed” - see if you can guess from which Panto and which year this picture was taken.

