

# Little Theatre News

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## **View From The Chair**

Hello everyone, Since the last newsletter in July the theatre has been kept fairly busy. It started with an enjoyable afternoon tea in July attended by some 55 members. Then came our production of 'The Haunting of Hill House' a suspense drama by F. Andrew Leslie in August and directed by Marc Hamilton. Directly the curtain opened you were aware of the suspense and the strange atmosphere that pervaded into the theatre and which continued throughout the play. With many thanks to all involved.

We also had another very successful visit by Chris Field and his special guest Johnny Reel who came all the way from Norway for their 'Elvis Tribute Show'. Add in Philip Robinson's brilliant lighting effects, the audiences left having had an excellent evening's entertainment.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 14th September. Laina Freeman who was responsible for Marketing over the last two years decided to withdraw from the board. I wish to sincerely thank Laina for all the effort she certainly gave to this role and indeed not the easiest of tasks to take on. We must ensure that we continue to follow up this important aspect of marketing the theatre.

I must also express my sincere thanks on behalf of the board to Alan Ralphs who after many years has stepped down from the board having been responsible for Health and Safety. The input and advice Alan has given over these past years has been invaluable and very much appreciated. Andy Beechey has joined the board and will take over responsibility for Health and Safety.

As hopefully most of you will be aware by now, you can book your tickets online and so far it has proved to be extremely successful. Just to confirm if you're not sure go to the website [www.hernebaylittletheatre.com](http://www.hernebaylittletheatre.com) On the Home Page click on Book Online.

Needless to say you can of course still book your tickets by ringing the Box office 01227 366004 Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm. For your Free Ticket you will need to ring the Box office.

Don't forget 'Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell' by Keith Waterhouse is in production 7th to 12th October and rehearsals are now under way for our pantomime 'Aladdin' by Ben Crocker. Tickets are selling well so don't miss out.

There will be our usual 'Mulled Wine Evening' and film (yet to be announced) on Friday 20th December at 7pm. Book the date.

With best wishes,

**Tony Jose**

## Drama News

Thank you, Marc Hamilton, for a wonderful production of *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson. A very atmospheric play which I know had some audience members guessing until the end. Fantastic set and beautifully costumed, that's to Rosemary and Jenny.

At present Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell is rehearsing on the stage, which is being built to mimic the actual pub that Jeffrey Bernard drank in, *The Coach and Horses*, Soho. David Kemp is gradually morphing into the character of Jeffrey Bernard, a drunk, gambler and womaniser, that is Jeffrey not David. Please book your tickets, however, there is strong language and some adult themes but it is very funny and should prove to be a good night out. Tony Jose has commenced the early panto rehearsals which involves the cast learning the songs, a process I know well (never could work out whether I was an alto or soprano and what is a chord?) Early booking for the panto is essential if you want to guarantee your seats as they go very quickly.



Coming up on the 13th of October are auditions for *Blue Remembered Hills* by Dennis Potter and directed by Mick Bennell. Scripts are available in the green room. This play is unusual as all the cast are aged 7, so there are no limits on age, one just has to have a childlike attitude, (this may cover a few of our members, mentioning no names!)



**Jane Pottle**

## Dates

Read through.

Wednesday November 6th

**Just the Ticket. 7.30pm**

Wednesday January 15th

**Lord Arthur Saville's Crime. 7.30pm**

**The programme for next year is as follows:**

February 24th – 29th

**Blue Remembered Hills**

Dennis Potter, director: Mick Bennell

April 20th – 25th

**Just the Ticket**

Peter Quilter, director: Shelagh Scarborough

June 15th – 20th

**Lord Arthur Saville's Crime**

Oscar Wilde, director: Tony Jose

August 10th – 15th

**The Chalk Garden**

Enid Bagnold, director: Marc Hamilton

October 5th – 10th

**TBA**

director: TBA

December 3th – 12th

**Snow White**

Director TBA

## Films at the Theatre



Friday 18th October

**Rocketman (2019)**

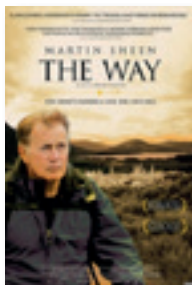
Musical biography, starring Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell and Richard Madden:

Young Reginald Dwight changes his name to

Elton John and collaborates with singer-songwriter Bernie Taupin to become one of the most iconic figures in pop history. Set to his most beloved songs, it's the epic musical story of Elton John, his breakthrough years in the 1970s and his fantastical transformation from shy piano prodigy to international superstar.

Running time 2hr 01min cert 15

Friday 25th October – No film



Friday 1st November

### **The Way (2010)**

Comedy drama, starring Martin Sheen, Emilio Estevez and Deborah Kara Unger:

An American father travels to France to

retrieve the body of his estranged son, who died while attempting the pilgrimage to Spain's Santiago de Compostela. He resolves to take the journey himself, in an effort to understand both himself and his son.

Running time 2hr 03min cert 12A



Friday 8th November

### **Yesterday (2019)**

Comedy musical, starring Himesh Patel, Lily James and Ed Sheeran:

Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town

whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend, Ellie. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed.

Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent.

Running time 1hr 56min cert 12A



Friday 22nd November

### **Some Like It Hot**

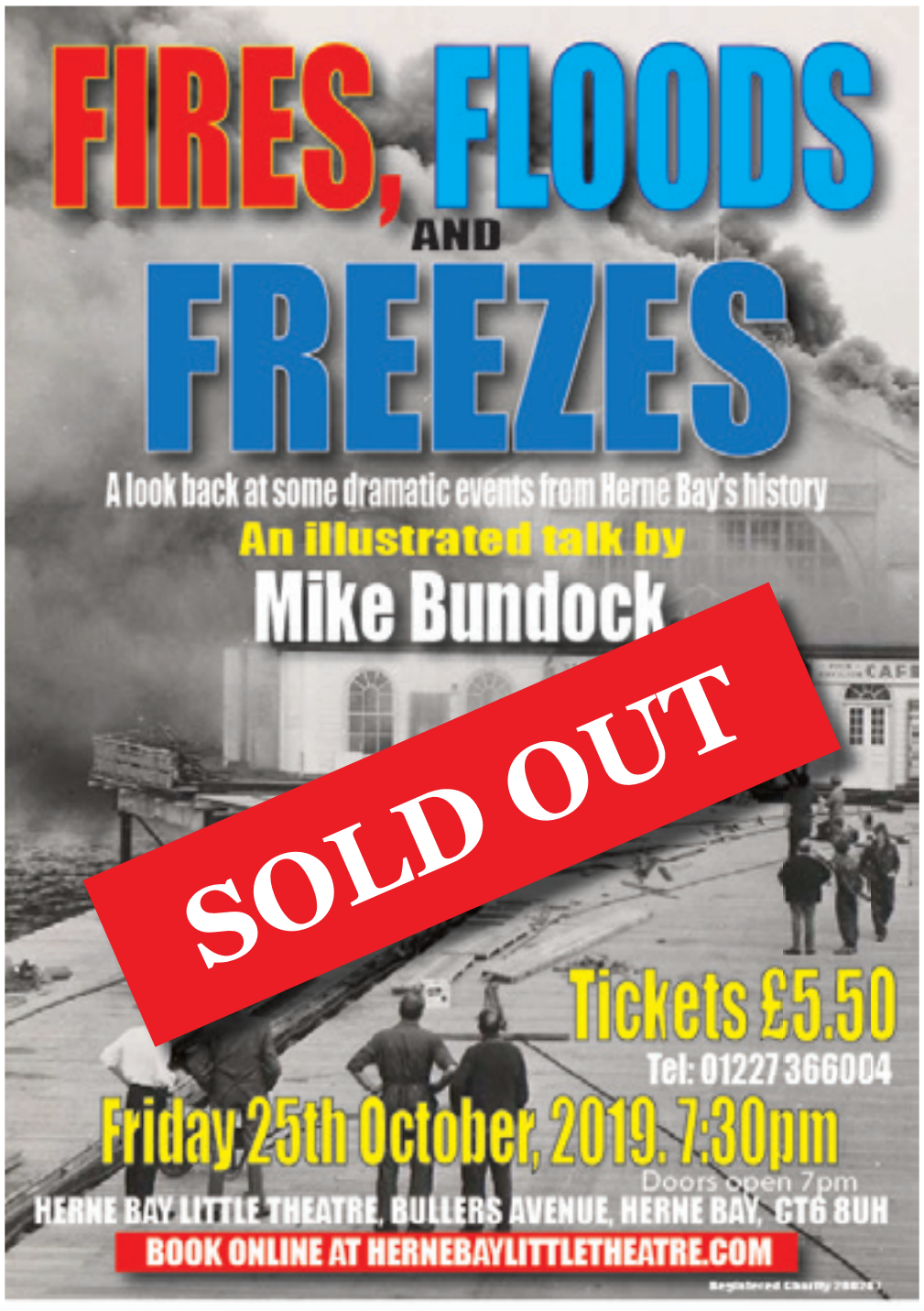
(1959)

Classic comedy romance directed by Billy Wilder, starring Marilyn Munroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon:

After witnessing a Mafia murder, slick saxophone player Joe (Tony Curtis) and his long-suffering buddy, Jerry (Jack Lemmon), improvise a quick plan to escape from Chicago with their lives. Disguising themselves as women, they join an all-female jazz band and hop a train bound for sunny Florida. While Joe pretends to be a millionaire to win the band's sexy singer, Sugar (Marilyn Monroe), Jerry finds himself pursued by a real millionaire (Joe E. Brown) as things heat up and the mobsters close in.

Running time 2hr 01min cert 12A





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**Mike Bundock**

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# 2019 Programme

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**1st - 6th April**

**The 39 Steps**

By Patrick Barlow

Director Shelagh Scarborough

A wonderful romp through John Buchan's thriller.

**26th & 27th April**

**An Evening With Martin Farbrother & Hollie Firmin**

**10th - 15th June**

**Deadly Nightcap**

By Francis Durbridge

Director Tony Jose

A murder mystery by the master of murder mysteries.

**12th - 17th August**

**The Haunting of Hill House**

By F. Andrew Leslie

Director Marc Hamilton

A dalliance with the supernatural and paranormal.

**6th & 7th September**

**Chris Field**

With his special guest Johnny Reel

Return of this popular Elvis Tribute Show.

**7th - 12th October**

**Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell**

By Keith Waterhouse

Director Jane Pottle

The biographical comedy that was the life of the notorious journalist.

**5th - 14th December**

**Aladdin**

By Ben Crocker

Director Tony Jose

A classic pantomime with all the fun and frolics you expect!