



Herne Bay Little Theatre

# WE'RE BACK

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# View From The Chair

Hello everyone

I think the time has come to make contact with you all hoping that the current timing of all restrictions will come to an end on the 21st June and that we can begin to get back to some kind of normality. Fingers crossed!

Having recently written this, it appears there will be another delay. We must not be too downhearted and hopefully we can still proceed as planned.

As you will read in Jane Pottle's report, we are planning to re-open the theatre in August for Peter Quilter's comedy play 'Just the Ticket' and directed by Shelagh Scarborough which, unfortunately we had to cancel in April 2020. It does seem so long ago!

The theatre has been carefully looked after and many improvements made during this long period (when they were able) by Andy Beechey, Len Blake, Terry and Rosemary Jemmett and Jane Pottle.

In addition to the productions in Jane's report you can also look forward to:

An 'Elvis Tribute Show' with the ever popular Chris Field on the 3rd & 4th September.

'Herne Bay's Changing Seafront' '250 Years of Progress' An illustrated talk by Mike Bundock on Friday 22nd October.

I'm sure you would be aware that it's not possible and certainly not viable to social distance in our theatre but with the vaccination programme being so successful,



hopefully, we can all gather together once again. We realise that some of you may still be wary and that would be quite understandable.

Sanitizers will be in the theatre and a cleaning regime will be in place after every rehearsal and performance and for added confidence Rapid Lateral Flow Tests are available to everybody on request from the Government.

We recently held a Board Meeting to discuss 'looking ahead' and the feeling was very positive that we need to be back at the theatre!

Paul Lloyd, who has been a member of the theatre for many years being involved with acting, being a mainstay for Front of House and a board member dealing with publicity, archives and many other duties.

Paul has moved to Dumfries in Scotland where he has family and we offer our grateful thanks to Paul for all he has done for the theatre and wish him well in his new home.

This leads to a request. The board are looking for somebody who would be interested in the marketing and publicity of the theatre,

dealing with social media etc where so much information is shared and to make sure that Herne Bay Little Theatre is at the forefront for theatre news in Herne Bay, the Canterbury district and beyond.

Congratulations and many thanks to Philip Robinson and the actors involved for organising our contribution to the KDA Radio Play Competition. As Philip said, we didn't win anything but as they say, it's the taking part that counts. They all did very well. With regards to 'Films at the Theatre', Philip Robinson will be in touch with us all when the time is right.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all once again at the theatre.

With very best wishes,

**Tony Jose.**



# Drama News

Hello everyone,

I am hoping with a bit of luck and a fair wind we will be staging productions from August.

The programme for this year is:

**Just the Ticket**

By Peter Quilter - 2nd to 9th August

**Lord Arthur Savile's Crime**

By Constance Cox and based on the short story by Oscar Wilde - 11th to 16th October.

**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**

By Alan Frayn - 2nd to 11th December.

We will be booking tickets with no social distancing as this will be in line with the governments road map out of the pandemic. If there is any change we will advise people accordingly. Unfortunately we cannot afford to put productions on with the one metre plus distancing as our theatre is too small but fingers crossed it will be open as usual in August.





Over the winter we have said goodbye to one of our successful directors Christine Ramsay, who has moved to Durham with her son, Rory. They will both be missed.

Christine and I ran the youth group for some years. Some of our most memorable moments must be taking the group to Wimereaux in France, Herne Bay's twinning town. They performed Robin Hood to a bemused secondary school who whooped and whistled through the whole performance followed by lunch with the Mayor and a basketball tournament in the afternoon, truly unforgettable.

Another youth group highlight was performing A Midsummer Night's Dream at Reculver Towers as they admirably battled the strong wind and cold and created a magical performance. No one will ever forget Rory's portrayal of "Bottom", it was genius!

Christine joined Herne Bay Little Theatre as an actress giving a memorable performance of Linda Loman in "Death of a Salesman".

Turning her hand to directing she was the go to person for Ibsen and Chekhov, always explaining and supporting the actors with her insight and understanding of the script which was always very helpful to Milly and myself.

Christine always chose plays with careful attention and audience interest from "Tom and Viv" and "Mata Hari" to "The Brontes" and "Hayfever". Personally, I shall never forget the performance of "Abigails Party" where rehearsals often ended with us falling about laughing. It was the most memorable production I have worked on.

Thank you Christine and I hope that both you and Rory find an "An Dram" group in Durham and continue to produce amazing productions.

See you all in August.

**Jane Pottle.**



# Just the Ticket

By Peter Quilter

Just the ticket cast are delighted to be back in the theatre rehearsing again – this time for a new performance week 2nd to 7th August.

Currently we're rehearsing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30pm.

If you were a member of the ensemble before and would like to rejoin us that would be lovely, but I will understand if some of you still feel apprehensive about it or can't make the new dates. A few of the ensemble have had to leave so if you are interested in joining us – no words to learn but plenty of slick entrances and exits and costume changes.

I currently have three people and I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

**Shelagh Scarborough.**



# Memberships

Just to remind those members who paid their subscription last year, this will be held over for this year April 2021 to March 2022.

If you are not sure whether you have paid your subscription, please ring me on 01227 366004 and I can let you know.

For those members who didn't pay last year, as we are preparing to open our doors again, for our first production in August, you can renew your subscription now.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

**Patricia Dixon.**



*“I regard the theatre  
as the greatest of all  
art forms, the most  
immediate way in  
which a human being  
can share with another  
the sense of what it is  
to be a human being.”*

**Oscar Wilde**

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