

# TOWER NEWS

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## “20th Century-FHODS”

This is to be FHODS' participation in the Hythe Festival, with performances on 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th July. (Gala night on 4th to open the festival)

A get-together will be held at the Tower Theatre on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm - Auditions will be on Sunday 20th April at 2.30pm.

## An Evening of Clairvoyance with TV Psychic, Joe Power



Currently on Psychic investigators LIVING TV. Known as the UK's most accurate medium. Join Joe for a truly exceptional evening of spirit messages from your loved ones. This is an evening you will not want to miss. Joe has recently been featured in The People Newspaper and has appeared on BBC, ITV, Destiny TV SKY, and Starred in "The Spirit of John Lennon" hit show in America. He is taking the UK by storm with his accuracy.

Saturday 17th 2008 - 7.30pm start.

Tickets £14.00 available now. [www.joepower.co.uk](http://www.joepower.co.uk)

## The Brig

This year's Brigadier Thomas Memorial competition will be held on the 18th & 19th April at the Tower Theatre. The judges for the competition this year are Dave Stone, Jeanette Lewis and Robert Emptage and the competition's theme is "That Old Black magic". Those of you who have been before will know of the strength and depth of the work put in by the Youth section in writing, directing, staging and acting in their 'playlets'. This competition is worthy of the late Brigadier Thomas and deserves the support of all the Society.

Tickets £6.00/5.00 concessions

Contact Tony Cock on 01303 223925

## Music Fair

The recent Music Fair at the tower was a limited success, but we had such good responses and interest that we are going to hold another one in June. Already booked for that event will be Words and Music, a CD stall, Guitars and violins, keyboards, collectable vinyl discs, music books, recording equipment, turn of the century sheet music (very collectable) and a host of other items. Interest in this is already high, please book your stall now. Contact Dave Stone on 07971 889527 or e mail me at [davestone14@iscali.co.uk](mailto:davestone14@iscali.co.uk).

Contact the Tower Theatre:

Tower Theatre Folkestone, North Road, Shorncliffe, Kent CT20 3HL

Friday 11th  
April 2008  
7:30pm

Tickets £6.00  
(including a glass of wine)

Box Office 01303 223925  
All Proceeds to FHODS Tower Fund

Presenting an Evening with  
**“Pieces of Eight”**  
Singing the songs you all know...



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Folkestone-Hythe, Operatic  
and Dramatic Society

The Tower Theatre - North Road - Shorncliffe - Folkestone - Kent - CT20 3HL

## Letters

Dear Members

I am sure that there are many of you out there who are as disappointed about "The King & I" as I was, however, we were already tight on rehearsal time for what is a challenging show, and when it came to the casting, it was regretted that we had simply not come up with the goods!

It is easy to say, "Oh, but we could have got something together in the end" and yes perhaps we could, but we are living in a different world now and we simply cannot afford to put on any performance that is not the very best that we can offer.

We will be rescheduling this show, so watch out for the announcements and be ready to show us all how good you can be!

Meanwhile, we are trying to revive the social evenings, and there is a forthcoming programme of quiz nights, music nights, Boot & Craft Fairs and other events, so look out for them and please give them your support.

Dave Stone  
Chairman

Dear All

I would like to say how lovely it was for me and the children to be involved in Beauty and the Beast. The first pantomime at The Tower was interesting, and so much easier than I anticipated. To be back in the days of feeling part of the performances, with everyone being friendly and including the children was a pleasure.

To be allowed to have a say in the choice of music, and joy of joys a real live mini orchestra.

I would like to thank everyone for all of the above, and to thank FHODS for the lovely offers.

Also to thank the prop ladies for all their help with the lanterns and the back stage crew for making our performances so easy and thank you to the 'Old Man' (Robert Emptage) for giving up his time to rehearse with the children.

Finally a big thank you to Audrey and Richard for such an easy pantomime time, and for asking the children to dance

Anthea G. Barnes

## Wednesday Nights

Peter Heselden is pleased to confirm that the regular Wednesday work night is becoming a great success. There are always a dozen or more people regularly turning up to help re-organise the wardrobe, build sets and small electrical works under the control of David Warren.

## The 100 Club

Mary Warren - Nr 30 - £12.00 cheque number 000705  
Mr D Boothroyd - Nr 81- £12.00 cheque number 000706.

## New Website Launched!

The new Tower Theatre Website launched on March 31st is now live and fully operational. Features include extensive 'What's on Guide' and a great Gallery for all to see. You can visit the new Tower website by going to:

<http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk>

## Old Highlights

Rae Giles has a number of old 'Highlight' magazines which she reluctantly wishes to pass on to anybody interested in providing them with a good home. It is not a complete set as there are a few missing but it does provide a marvellous history of the society. As it is possible Rae is moving it is likely she will need the space.

If you are interested please contact Rae Giles on 01303 265295

## New Highlights

Katy Mortimer has agreed to edit the new yearly 'Highlights' magazine. It is intended to publish the first edition in time for this year's AGM, Tuesday 24th June 2008. If you would like to contribute with an article or letter etc., in the new magazine then please send your copy to her.

Contact Katy Mortimer on  
01303 863638 or  
Email on [katymorti@hotmail.com](mailto:katymorti@hotmail.com)

## New Members

Acting: John Anstiss, Lindsey Goode, Nicholas and Lyn Reed  
Youth: Jack Byrne, Charles Byrne, Heidi Carolan-Evans and Coralie Clover,

## What are they up to?

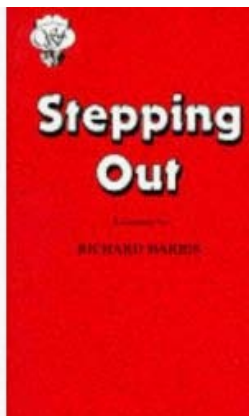
Dan and Donna File had Amber Grace File, their Leap Year Baby at 6.35pm on Friday 29th February 2008. She weighed in at 8lbs 4oz and dad is very proud of both his girls (mum and baby doing just fine, even if they have to listen to daddy singing his way through all the songs he has performed over the years!)

## Stepping Out by Richard Harris

Tuesday 3rd - Saturday 7th June  
Directed by Maxine Burrows

Hilarious and heart-warming comedy about the lives, loves, laughs and disappointments of a group of women (and one man) attending a weekly tap class.

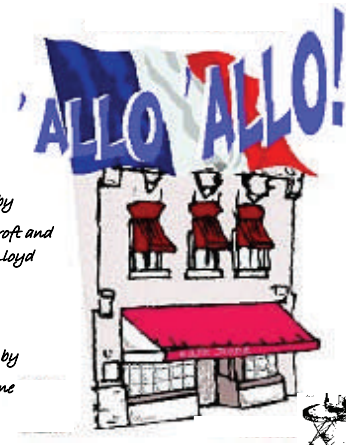
Image-conscious Maxine with matching leotard and legwarmers, hygiene-obsessed busybody Vera, ex-dancer, turned teacher, Mavis – and even shy and retiring Geoffrey – the Mavis Turner Tappers are stepping out for a night to remember!



# Whats On?

APR 3RD.....QUIZ NIGHT  
APR 8TH - GET TOGETHER.....TWENTIETH CENTURY RHODS  
APR 11TH - 12TH.....FUND RAISER 'PIECES OF EIGHT'  
APR 18TH - 19TH.....BRIGADIER THOMAS COMP  
SUN APR 20TH.....AUDITIONS- 'TWENTIETH CENTURY RHODS'  
WED 23RD APRIL.....OPEN MIKE EVENING  
THUR 24TH APRIL.....F/STONE FINE ARTS SOCIETY TALK PM  
FRIDAY 25TH APRIL.....OXJAM CONCERT  
SAT 10TH MAY.....BAND GIG - ROGER OAKLEY  
MAY 17TH.....AN EVENING OF CLAIRVOYENCE  
THURS MAY 22ND.....F/STONE FINE ARTS SOCIETY TALK PM  
TUE 3RD - SAT 7TH JUNE.....STEPPING OUT  
TUE 24TH JUNE.....AGM  
THUR 26TH JUNE.....F/STONE FINE ARTS SOCIETY TALK PM  
FRI 27TH JUNE.....SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL MATINEE & EVENING SHOW  
JULY 4-5TH, 11-12TH..SONGS FROM THE 20TH CENTURY-PART OF HYTHE FESTIVAL  
SAT JULY 12TH.....OPEN DAY TOWER THEATRE  
JULY 17TH.....QUIZ NIGHT

*Lyminge Dramatic Society presents:-*  
The hilarious comedy.....



written by  
David Croft and  
Jeremy Lloyd

Directed by  
Pete Raine

Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th April

Lyminge Village Hall

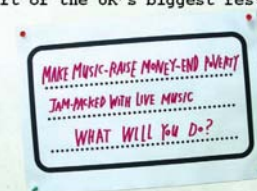
At 7.45pm

Tickets £7.00 from Haxtons Estate Agents, Lyminge  
Senior Citizens welcome free of charge on Tuesday 8th April at 7.45pm

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