

TOWER NEWS

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Performance & Planning News

The Performance and Planning committee are sorry to report that the proposed production of "Guys and Dolls" will not be taking place this May, due to unforeseen circumstances. If the production dates could have been postponed to later in the year, things may have been different however, the amateur rights for this show are only available until 23rd May 2009. With this fact in mind, the director and the MD felt that to continue would be to compromise on standard, which is unfair to both FHODS and the paying audiences.

Vigorous attempts to replace this production, probably with a play, are taking place. However due to time constraints, regretfully there will not be time to hold auditions for this.

'Bedroom Farce' – Alan Ayckbourn

Read-through Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm at the Tower
Audition Sunday 26th April at 2.30pm at the Tower
Performance Dates 1st - 4th July 2009

Bedroom Farce is a play for four men and four women. Ernest and Delia go out to a dinner to celebrate their wedding anniversary. When this is a failure they return home and prepare to celebrate with pilchards on toast in bed. Malcolm and Kate are preparing a house-warming party: Nick and Jan have been invited to this but Nick has hurt his back and prepares to rest quietly in bed. All three preparations are doomed, however, to disaster by the marital problems of Trevor (son of Ernest and Delia) and his wife, who descend on each couple in turn leaving chaos in their wake, finally taking over the bedroom (and bed) of the long-suffering Malcolm and Kate.

Ernest: 60ish could be older, bumbling, and slightly vague. Father of Trevor
Delia: Wife of Ernest mother of Trevor, similar age to Ernest but could be younger.
Nick: Married to Jan 35/40ish spends most of his time in bed with bad back.
Jan: 35/40ish Married to Nick, ex girlfriend of Trevor.

The committee wish to thank both Maxine and John Burrows and Richard Baulch for all the hard work they carried out for "Guys and Dolls", also the members who auditioned and were raring to go!

The Committee would also like to thank all the backstage crew who helped to make "They Came from Mars..." such a successful and enjoyable show.

The production dates for 2010 are in the process of being planned therefore it is time for any would be directors to come forward and show themselves!

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Malcolm: 35/40ish Married to Kate, bit of a handy-man around the house!!
Kate: 35/40ish Married to Malcolm, copes with Malcolm's handy-work!
Trevor: 35/40ish Son of Ernest and Delia married to Susannah, has little patience with Susannah still has feelings for Jan.
Susannah: 35/40ish Married to Trevor, struggles with her confidence, bit of a nervous wreck.

Please come along to the read-through whether you are interested in auditioning or not. It makes for a good variety of people reading and a nice social event.

If you are interested in auditioning, but cannot make the read-through or the audition date please let me know and we can arrange something prior to the audition date.

Kathie Maberley 01303 268745

OBITUARY

FHODS is sorry to hear the news that Tim Brinton has passed away. He was very involved with the transition from the Little Theatre to the Tower Theatre and it had only been ill health which had prevented him from doing more in recent years. Condolences are sent to Jeanne and his family.

Tim Brinton

Tim joined FHODS some years ago, when he moved to Folkestone and, typically, immediately dropped me a line (as Hon Sec) asking if there was anything he could do to help. Well! He was reluctantly pressed into service as Public Relations Officer and, although constantly protesting that he was unsuited to the task, he performed admirably!

Over the years I was privileged to work with him and count him a friend, he was unfailing in his courtesy, his selfless giving of his time and, as befits a man who has been nationally recognised in media and political circles, his advice.

He was one of the key movers in our move to The Tower Theatre, chairing with consummate ease the working party putting together our bid for the building, and was the first to suggest the changes to our constitution which have since been adopted at Executive level. This has undoubtedly resulted in our being a far more tightly-run organisation than might otherwise have been the case.

I am sad to hear of Tim's death: sad for Jeanne and the rest of his family; sad for the many, many friends and erstwhile colleagues who will no doubt be voicing their feelings in the media, and sad for the loss of a gentleman, and a kindly spirit. I never remember him raising his voice, or cutting someone off in mid-argument. I do remember him conceding my right to hold a view that was directly opposed to his own and, as I rapped home my point more forcibly than necessary, I remember his pause, and his rounded tone: 'Would you like another beer?' As I said, a gentleman; and I can think of no better epitaph.

Phil Aherne

BRIGADIER THOMAS COMPETITION

This annual competition will be held this year on 3rd and 4th April, with the judging taking place on Saturday 4th after the performances. The theme this year is "Actions Speak Louder than Words".

The Brigadier Thomas Competition provides a great challenge for the Youth Section members as they are not just acting in the plays but also writing and directing as well supplying costumes and prop. It also provides wonderful opportunities for members of the Youth Section to try out so many different aspects of stagecraft.

The Youth Section are hoping that many members from the adult section will be buying tickets to see them show off their acting and innovative writing skills.

New Members

Patrons: John & Constance Jenkins, Judith Montgomery and Malcolm & Heidi Stewart

100 CLUB

The 100 club draw for February & March took place before the curtain up of Talbot House. The winners were,

February number 53 - R Benson £20
 number 83 - G Wanstall £12

March number 74 - K Bernthall £20
 number 86 - A Robert £12

What's On?

3rd & 4th April	7.30pm	Brig Tom Competition
Mon 6th April	7.30pm	I act play festival meeting
Thurs 23rd April	2.00pm	F/stone Fine Arts Society lecture
Sun 26th April	2.30pm	Auditions for 'Bedroom Farce'
Thurs 28th May	2.00pm	F/stone Fine Arts Society lecture
Mon 1st June	all day	Harvey Grammar School Dance event
Sat 13th June	7.00pm	Fund raising music event
Mon 15th June	7.30pm	AGM
Thurs 25th June	2.00pm	F/stone Fine Arts Society lecture
1st-4th July	7.30pm	'Bedroom Farce'
10th & 11th July	tbc	Premier Arts Dance event
17th & 18th July	tbc	Claire Beddows Dance Show
8th Aug	7.30pm	Bohemia Ukulele Band
10th -22nd Aug	7.30pm	Aladdin Workshop
Sat 12th Sept	7.30pm	Snowdown Band and Choir
15th -19th Sept	7.30pm	'James and the Giant Peach'
Wed 23rd Sept	7.30pm	Railway Swing Band
Thurs 24th Sept	2.00pm	F/stone Fine Arts Society lecture
28th - 3rd Oct	7.30pm	1 Act play festival