

# TOWER NEWS

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## Outside Edge 7th - 10th April 2010

Rehearsals are well and truly underway for Richard Harris' hit comedy *Outside Edge*. The play is set at a cricket pavilion where Roger, the "sort of" captain, desperately tries to keep control during a match, against the British Railways Maintenance Division Yeading East, amidst the marital chaos and crises that unfold around him. Harris' superbly defined characters each have their own part to play in this hilarious comedy, where as you could probably guess, the main action mostly occurs behind the scenes rather than on the cricket pitch! Richard Harris is a genius at creating believable, yet complex characters and so it is hardly surprising that *Outside Edge* has enjoyed huge success over the years, pleasing audiences far and wide - from the first staging at The Hampstead Theatre (starring Maureen Lipman and Julia McKenzie), to the massive West End Hit, TV play, and mini series.

Paula Durkin, directing, feels she has not only been blessed with a gem of a play but is delighted with the cast. "Not only are they talented and dedicated but I've also had the enjoyed the benefit of their formidable knowledge of cricket! Not that very much cricket action is ever seen of course, with the pitch being offstage where the audience is sitting, but maybe it has been down to the cast's added insight into the game, that they have got into their characters so quickly. The standard of acting I have seen is not only high but it is also very believable."

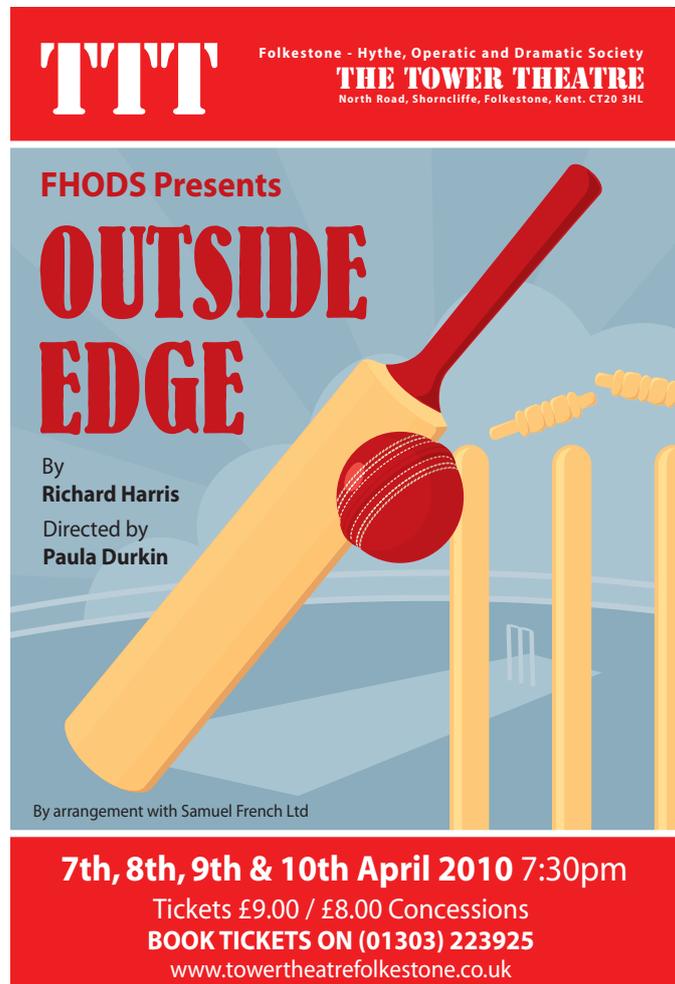
The play starts on Wednesday 7 April and runs through to Saturday 10th. Don't forget to book your tickets!

## The Amazing Hypnotic World of Clifford Blake In support of the Help for Heroes campaign

Clifford Blake, the master hypnotist is bringing his amazing world to the Tower Theatre on Saturday 8th May 2010. This marvelous show that needs audience participation is hilarious and fun for all the family however, to take part in the show you have to be over 18 years old.

Clifford, although a local man, has taken his show all over the world but he recently appeared in Margate to assist the Theatre Royal to raise funds for a new sound system and Clifford is coming to the Tower Theatre to help to help raise funds for the Help the Heroes campaign raising funds for our armed service men and women.

Date: Saturday 8th May at 7.30pm  
Tickets: £6.00/ £5.00 concessions  
Box Office 01303 223925



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**THE TOWER THEATRE**  
North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone, Kent. CT20 3HL

FHODS Presents  
**OUTSIDE  
EDGE**

By  
**Richard Harris**  
Directed by  
**Paula Durkin**

By arrangement with Samuel French Ltd

**7th, 8th, 9th & 10th April 2010 7:30pm**  
Tickets £9.00 / £8.00 Concessions  
**BOOK TICKETS ON (01303) 223925**  
[www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)

## The Sacconi Quartet Family Concert

As part of the Sacconi Quartet festival in Folkestone, the family concert will this year be held in the Tower Theatre Sunday 9th May 2010 at 2.30pm. This is a free event for all the family sponsored by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust. The Trust has always been a huge support to the quartet, enabling them to play to thousands of school children from state schools in and around London. In addition to these school concerts, CAVATINA also set up family concerts in Swiss Cottage Library and Blackheath Concert hall and now in Folkestone. These concerts are ideal for reaching and inspiring the parents as well as the children.

For further details on the concert please contact  
Rhian Hancox: 07974 102014  
Date: Sunday 9th May at 2.30pm  
Entry: Free  
Box Office 01303 223925



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## Quiz Night

Thinking caps required for fun and games on Wednesday 12th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bar/Foyer at the Tower Theatre. Table of maximum six people and there will be prizes for the winners and the losers. Mike (he may be strict but he is always fair) Kempton will be setting the questions, assisted by Peter Heselden. Entry fee of £4.00 per person and there will be cheese and biscuits provided on each table.

Remember the more the merrier, so drag your friends out for a fun quizzing evening.

Date: Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm Entry: £4.00 per person

## Line Dancing

FHODS has been approached about holding a regular line dancing school/club at the Tower Theatre. This would be on a Monday evening and be held in the bar/foyer. If you are interested or know of somebody who might be interested then please contact Peter Heselden on 07711710952 or pjwh15@msn.com. This weekly event can only go ahead if we have enough people to make it worthwhile. Just think how fit you would become.

## Stage School

Claire Beddow who is running the summer Stage School would also like to run stage school at the Tower theatre every Sunday afternoon for young people between the ages on 8 – 18. The session would include lessons in singing, drama and dance and would be on a fee basis. If you or you know of somebody who would like to join in such lessons then please contact either Peter Heselden on 07711710952 or Claire Beddow on 07802260858

## Obituary - Peter Catmull

Peter Catmull became involved with FHODS for about 10 years in the 1980's. It was soon obvious that not only was he a good actor but also an extremely skilful director. He directed such gems as "How the Other Half Loves", "Abigail's Party", "Pack of Lies" "Our Day Out" together with many one act plays for the Kent Drama festivals. These included "Stevie", "Better Late", "Gosforth's Fete", "Playgoers" to name but a few. It was rare for anything that he directed for the festival, not to win an award of some kind. He acted in "The Crucible", and "When we are Married" to mention just a couple of roles that he played. After the early 1990's he became too busy at Brockhill Park Performing Art College, (where he was a teacher for 37 years), to work with FHODS. It was always hoped that when he retired he would come back and create more of his magic; sadly it was not to be. Those that had the pleasure of being directed by Peter will surely not forget what they achieved.

## 100 Club

The winners were:

Julian Colbran, £20.00. Terry Connelly, £12.00

# What's On?

DATE	TIME	EVENT
7th-10th April	7.30pm	Outside Edge play
17th April	8.00am	Barry Leach Filming at the Tower
8th May	7.30pm	Hypnotist in aid of Help for Heroes campaign
9th May	2.30pm	Sarconni Quartet Family Concert
12th May	7.30pm	Quiz Night
26th May	7.30pm	RNLI Fundraising evening
14th June	7.30pm	FHODS AGM
16th June	7.30pm	Midsummer Night's Dream (South Kent College)
2/3/7/8/9/10th July	7.30pm	Palace of Varieties
26th July- 7th August	daily	Annie Jr. Stage school
14th August	from 2.00pm	Summer Sizzler
14th/16th/18th Sept	7.30pm	1 Act play Festival
22nd Sept	7.30pm	Railway Swing Band
30th Oct	7.30pm	Séance (A mystery Play)

## Annie Junior

This will be our second summer workshop working together and we are all very excited about the project. We are sure that anyone wanting to apply for this event will have two weeks of fun, gaining experience in all aspects of the Arts, with 3 performances at the end with costumes, lights, sets and all!! We have chosen 'Annie' the show loved by all

Dates for the workshop are:

Monday 26th July – 30th July 9.30 – 4.00

(Saturday and Sunday off)

Monday 1st – 5th August 9.30 -4.00

Friday 6th Aug 9.30 – 4.00 Back at 5.30 for 7pm Performance.

Saturday 7th Aug In at 12.30 for a 2.30pm Performance. Back at 5.30 for 7pm Performance.

## PRICE FOR WORKSHOP

1 CHILD	£170
2 CHILDREN	£270 ( same family)
3 CHILDREN	£370 (same family)

A deposit of £30 per child is required on application ASAP and the balance is due no later than 26th June. (Deposit is non refundable).

Children have to be between 8 and 18yrs at the time of the workshop to apply.

See [www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk) for more details.

Please send application form along with deposit to:

Beddow Academy

25, Gordon Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3PW.

If you require more info call Claire on 01227 379927.

## NEW MEMBERS elected to membership since last 'TOWER NEWS'

Acting: Barry Leach

Patrons: Linda Fitzbrowning

Youth: Siobhan Bowie-Wooler, and Matthew Fifield

## Tower Heating Project

I am sure that anybody who has attended a recent production, during what has been one of the longest and coldest winters in my memory, will agree that following the augmentation of the Tower heating system, our quest for a warmer theatre has been successful.

This has been due partly to our successful appeal to members and patrons which raised a worthy £2,200. However the project would not have been possible without a further contribution of £2,500 from Shepway's Community Chest Fund. This is the second occasion we have been successful in our grant request, as the cost of the original heating for the main auditorium was also helped by a Community Chest grant.

One of the criteria for a grant is that it must be for a project which has lasting benefits. I'm sure that we all say amen to that and a big thank you to Shepway!