

# TOWER NEWS

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## Universally Acknowledged

### A Portrait of Jane Austen

The dramatised reading about the life and works of Jane Austen has been lovingly put together by Alan Richardson and is directed by Peter Heselden. This FHODS production is costumed and set in a Regency drawing room evoking the time and sentiments of the period.

The script is drawn from many of the excellent biographies available, particularly *A Memoir of Jane Austen* by her nephew, James Edward Austen-Leigh. Her own letters also provide a wonderful source. Extracts include not only her popular novels such as *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma*, but many lesser-known works which can surprise even those who think they know their Jane Austen. The production's title is taken from the opening line of her most favourite of books *Pride and Prejudice*.

To make this particular FHODS production even more special, the cast of two narrators, Roger Joyce and Anne Mortimer and players, Sheelagh Blackham, Rachel Parry-Taylor, Charmian and Thomas Heselden are joined by Jean Phillips. Jean is a pianist, fortepianist, harpsichordist and lecturer who has studied the music that Jane Austen played. For this production she will be playing a number of pieces copied from Jane Austen's own collection of sheet music, which will be used to augment the script, adding another dimension to an already fascinating story of one of the world's best loved authors.



**18th & 19th May 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £8.00 / £7.00 Concessions**

**To book now contact the Box  
Office On**

**01303 223925**

**or online at**

**[www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)**

The Tower Theatre is available for parties, weddings, conferences as well as theatrical performances.

For more information about hire costs and availability contact

**Peter Heselden** on  
**07711710952** or  
**[pjwh15@msn.com](mailto:pjwh15@msn.com)**

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# When The Lights Go On Again

Written by Roy Sault, of Yorkshire, WTLGOA hasn't been performed before in the South of England. With a wealth of Kentish wartime history this musical treat will remind young and old of the worries, hardships, celebrations and never ending resourcefulness of the British when faced with adversity and the unique sense of humour which helped the Brits battle through. Including many old favourites and some deeply emotive songs the audience can enjoy this trip through the Second World War with the cast and crew. This production is part of the Hythe Festival Week which runs from Saturday 30th June to Sunday 8th July 2012.

For further details please contact Jax on  
**jfiggins@yahoo.com**

Dates: June 28th, 29th, 30th & July 5th, 6th, 7th at 7.30pm

Tickets: £10.00/ £8.50 concessions

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Party Bookings available



## Ben Montague

Ben Montague returns, ready and hungrier than ever, with his second full length album. The record is sounding BIG, with great swathes of strings atop fantastic catchy anthemic pop songs.

Ben recorded the new album with producer Dave Eringa at Rockfield in Wales. "It was a totally amazing experience. I can look anyone square in the eye and say every single coin that crossed my palm in the last 2 years has gone in to making this new album. I've put everything into this record."

2012 is looking distinctly like it will be a massive year for Ben, kicking off as main support to The Wanted on an arena tour through February, followed by a UK headline tour. The Tower Theatre is looking forward to being part of this tour and giving an opportunity for Ben to entertain the Folkestone audience.



**Date: Saturday 23rd June 2012**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £10.00/£9.00 concessions**

**Party Bookings available**

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 North Road, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3HL

Disney Junior's



*Beauty and the Beast*

FHODS & Beddow Academy

**Summer Workshop Production**

23rd — 27th July & 30th July — 4th August  
 Workshop daily from 9.30am to 4.00pm with 2 final productions  
 on the 4th August, all at the Tower Theatre, Folkestone  
 For further information contact Claire on 07802260858  
 Or towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

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**Live at the Tower**

**2012 Talent Contest**

First Prize £250 Music Bay Vouchers  
 Second Prize 4 hours Recording Studio Time

Auditions for place in the heats Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am

Heat 1 - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm  
 Heat 2 - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm  
 Heat 3 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7.00pm  
 Final - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm

Live at the Tower is a talent competition to find the best local entertainers, young or old. Organised and run by FHODS & Look Now Entertainment at the Tower Theatre, and supported by Music Bay and Annexemusic. To apply for a place in the heats please contact Simon on 07772100798 or at [nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk).

2 Acts from each Heat, chosen by the Audience, will go forward to the Final

Tickets for the Heats £5.00 and £7.00 for the Final

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## Much Ado About Nothing

By William Shakespeare

**October 31st - November 3th 2012**

FHODS are part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's Open Stages Project, and plan to stage 'Much Ado' towards the end of the 2-year programme. After much deliberation and seeking a cast has been found and will soon be going into rehearsal.

Anybody interested in helping with this fabulous production, or simply for further information please contact **Roger Joyce on 01303 246400**.

## Live at The Tower

Heat 1 down and two acts chosen to go into the final on Saturday 28th July. There are two more heats to go, where further acts will be chosen to go forward to the final. There are still some places available in the heats for any performers wishing to compete for the fabulous prize of £250.00 of Music Bay vouchers.

The next two heats are on 26th May and the 22nd June and anybody wishing to take part can contact:

**Simon Sales on 07772100798 or via [nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk)**

Remember it can be any kind of act, singing, dancing, stand-up, acting etc, performed by an individual, duet or group and of any age. So far we have had dance troupe, singers and even a performance poet.

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## What's On?

Date	Time	Event
<b>2012</b> 3rd May	8.30pm	FJC - Colrose 5+1
5th May	7.30pm	Grand Variety Concert Cancer Research UK
10th May	8.30pm	FJC - Jazz Messengers
15th May	8.30pm	FJC - The Roger Lewing Quartet
18 & 19th May	7.30pm	Universally Acknowledged A portrait of Jane Austin
24th May	8.30pm	FJC - Karen Lane & Her Trio
26th May	7.00pm	Live at The Tower 2nd Heat - Talent Competition
31st May	8.30pm	FJC - Vasilis Xenopoulos
7th June	8.30pm	FJC - The Tracey Mendham Quarter
9th June	1.00pm	Drumdamental Drumming Workshop
12th June	8.30pm	FJC - The Dave Brazier Quartet
16th June	7.30pm	Charity Variety Concert In aid of EKS Childhood Strokes
18th June	7.30pm	FHODS AGM
21st June	8.30pm	FJC - Pete Long & Georgina Jackson Quintet
22nd June	7.00pm	Live at The Tower 3rd Heat - Talent Competition
23rd June	7.30pm	Ben Montague Singing sensation on stage at the Tower Theatre
26th June	8.30pm	FJC - Colin Welch/Ed Mayo Quintetville

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**Folkestone Jazz Club (FJC)  
Box Office No - 01303 277175**

## Charity Variety Concert

In aid of **eks Childhood Strokes**  
Saturday 16th June at 7.30pm  
Tickets £7.50 / £5.00 Under 12s

## Events planned for later this year and next

### September

1 Act Play Festival  
A welcome return to Davey Arthur and Band  
A Youth Section Production  
Railway Swing Band

### October

Dracula (Play)  
Neil Diamond Tribute Act  
Moonlight Serenade Orchestra  
Richard Digance Show  
Much Ado About Nothing.

### November

Much Ado About Nothing  
Vintage Corporation

### January 2013

Cinderella (FHODS Annual Pantomine)  
Michael Jackson Tribute Act

### April 2013

Easter Beddow / FHODS Workshop  
Calendar Girls (Directed by Pete Raine)

### July 2013

Beggars Opera

## FHODS Club Night

The Tuesday Night Club Night is being resurrected. Every 1st Tuesday of the Month the Bar will be open for new, old and prospective members to come along and meet members of the committees and Joe the Bar Manager. Just to be awkward the first meeting will be on Wednesday 6th June to avoid the Jubilee Celebrations, but it is hoped to make this a regular Tuesday Night event. Also, it is hoped that on some evenings there could be entertainment.

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