

TOWER NEWS

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Toad of Toad Hall

By **Kenneth Grahame**, Adapted by **A A Milne**
Directed by **Lois Sime**

The Wind in the Willows is a classic of children's literature by Kenneth Grahame, first published in 1908. Alternately slow moving and fast paced, it focuses on four anthropomorphised animal characters in a pastoral version of England. The novel is notable for its mixture of mysticism, adventure, morality, and camaraderie and celebrated for its evocation of the nature of the Thames valley. In 1908 he moved back to Cookham, Berkshire, where he had been brought up and spent his time by the River Thames doing much as the animal characters in his book do—namely, as one of the most famous phrases from the book says, "simply messing about in boats".

A A Milne extracted the adventures of Mr. Toad (which form only about half of the original book) because they lent themselves most easily to being staged. Milne loved Grahame's book, which is one of the reasons he decided to adapt it. The play has four main characters: Rat, Badger, Mole, and Toad. Toad's caravan and car adventures are included, as well as his imprisonment, escape, and subsequent fight with the weasels and stoats to regain his home with the help of his friends.

FHODS Youth section is bringing this fabulous play to life on the stage at the Tower Theatre.

Dates: 21st & 22nd September at 7.30pm
Tickets: £8.50 Concessions £8.00
Members £7.50 U12's £6.00

To book now contact the Box Office on 01303 223925 or online at www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

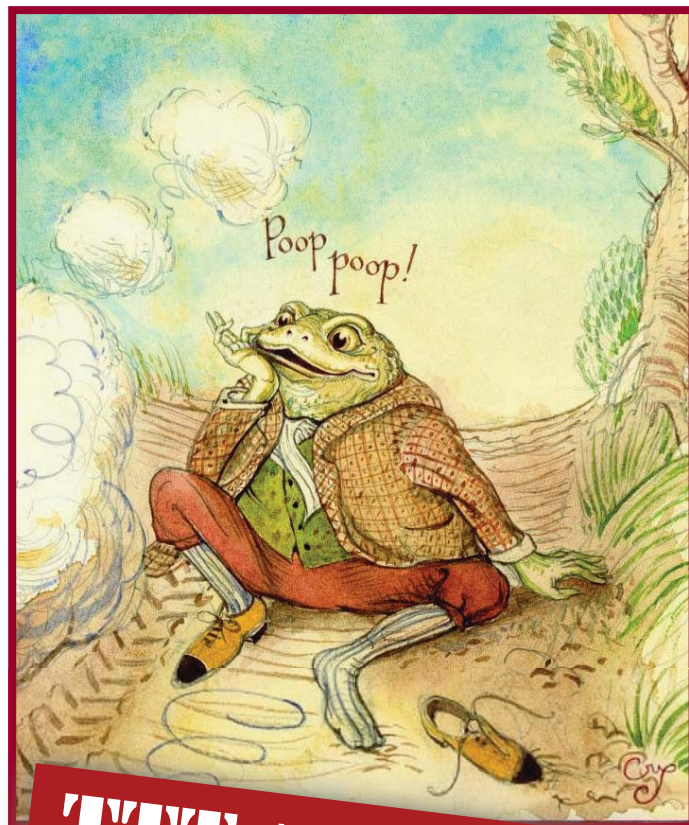
Cinderella

Auditions Sunday 9th September at the Tower Theatre from 2.00pm
For more information contact Peter Heselden on 07711 710952

FHODS Club Night

The Tuesday Night Club Night has been resurrected. Every 1st Tuesday of the Month the Bar will be open for new, old and prospective members to come along and meet the members of the committees and Joe the Bar Manager. Also, it is hoped that on some evenings there could be entertainment.

Next Meeting is Tuesday 4th September 7.30pm



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THE TOWER THEATRE
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Folkestone, Hythe, Operatic and Dramatic Society

A Night To Remember

An Entertainment Devised and Directed By Maxine Burrows

Saturday 8th September
7.30pm

Tickets: £9.50 including a Fish and Chip Supper

Box Office: 01303 223925 or
www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

'Much Ado About Nothing'

Rehearsals are going well, with an increasingly strong cast, now that David Savage has joined in order to take part. David will be playing Don Pedro, and brings the number of new or returning members to nine, because of the appeal of this production.

Roger Joyce, the director, is especially pleased that there are five members of the Youth Section in the play, one of whom has joined specifically to take part in a Shakespeare play.

The cast list is:

Leonato – Paul Curd
Antonia – Louise Cottage
Don Pedro – David Savage
Benedick – Mike Manton
Claudio - Paul Birch
Don John – Luke Brunt
Borachio – Jack Byrne
Conrad – Ed Cottage
Balthazar- Adam Button
Friar Francis/ Sexton/'a lord' – Paulinus Timney
Messenger – Kelly Hayes
Benedick's servant girl – Ruby Stone
Beatrice – Beth Goodchild
Hero – Merewyn Forrest
Ursula – Sam Lovelace-Walne
Margaret – Aisha Grover
Dogberry - Jax Figgins
Verges – Caroline Dowling
Watchman – Dick Hills
Special music – Elizabeth Waterman-Scrase

For more information or for anyone who wishes to be involved in the production please contact Roger on 01303 246400



Davey Arthur and Friends

Friday 14th
September 7.30pm
Tickets £8.50
Concessions £7.50



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Folkestone - Hythe, Operatic and Dramatic Society

THE TOWER THEATRE

North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone, Kent. CT20 3HL

Folkestone - Hythe, Operatic and Dramatic Society presents

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Roger Joyce

**October 31st,
November 1st, 2nd & 3rd
7.30pm**

Tickets: £9.00 / £8.00 Concessions / £6 Under 12s



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Cultural Olympiad continues at 'The Tower Theatre'

Fhods was invited to joint the RSC 'Open Stages' project in the lead-up to the Olympics, as part of the Cultural Olympiad. As part of the World Festival of Shakespeare, the Royal Shakespeare Company is working with amateur companies throughout England, to ensure Shakespeare is performed throughout 2011/12

'We held a series of workshops at The Tower early in 2011, and the decision was taken to stage "Much Ado About Nothing" towards the end of the project, from 31 October to 3 November 2012,' says Director Roger Joyce 'I am thrilled to say we have attracted a lot of new members because of this production, and many have returned, simply to be part of a Shakespeare production.'

FHODS is just one of several groups in the South-East and London, who have the 'Questors' Theatre Ealing as the regional centre. We were pleased to attend a 'skills exchange' weekend there early this year, with members of the RSC, as an integral part of being in the programme.

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

The Railway Swing Band



A welcome return to one of the Tower Theatre's favourites bands. As for the last four seasons they return in support of the RAFA Benevolent Fund.

Date: 26th September 7.30pm

Tickets: £10.00

The Picture of Dorian Gray

by Oscar Wilde

Adapted & Directed by Tracey Carvill

Presented by Look Now Entertainment

When young & handsome Dorian Gray sees his portrait, he dreams of remaining forever young while his painted image grows old, in a moment of madness offers up his soul in return for eternal youth.

While he remains unblemished, the portrait begins not only to age, but to reflect the corruption & degradation of his soul, as he surrenders to a life of vice, passion & the pursuit of pleasure. What would we be capable of if we did not have to look at our true selves in the mirror every day? Dorian Gray knows ...



Dates: 12th & 13th

October 2012

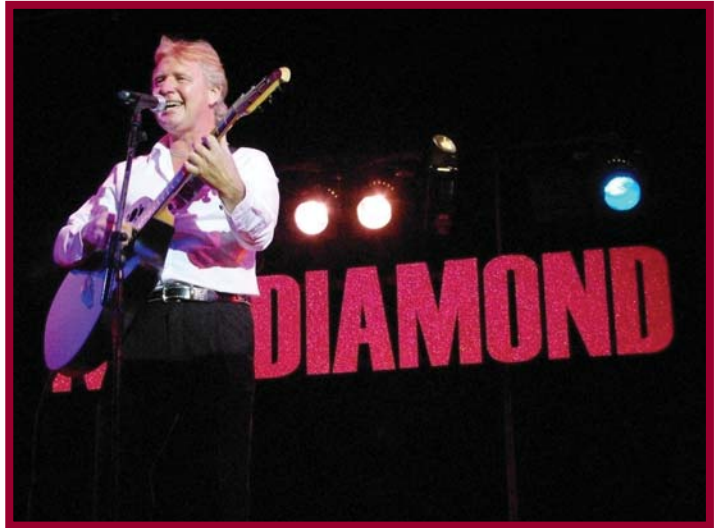
Tickets: £9.00

Concessions £8.00

Deal's legendary Private Widdle's Social Club comes to the Tower with its celebrated comedy cabaret, a unique blend of cutting edge surrealistic comedy, music, burlesque and speciality acts. A first for the Tower Theatre

Date: 6th October. 7.30pm

Bob Drury presents The Neil Diamond Story



In a new 'one-man' theatre show, singer and guitarist Bob Drury celebrates the life and music of the legend that is Neil Diamond.

Undoubtedly one of the UK's finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond, Bob has performed the songs for a number of years as part of his Neil Diamond tribute shows throughout the UK and overseas. He has been described as the UK's 'voice of Neil'...

Date: 19th October 7.30pm

Tickets: £9.50

The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra UK

Date: 20th October 7.30pm

Tickets: £13.00 £12 concessions



Richard Digance

...is not just a singer/ guitarist, he is a creative industry acknowledged around the world. He is a BAFTA Nominated performer, a world-acclaimed poet, an author and an artist. He is both an accomplished musician, rated by many as one of Britain's greatest acoustic guitarists, inspired by his good friend Ralph McTell, and an entertainer who many younger comedians claim as one of their major influences.



As part of his National Tour he will be appearing at the Tower Theatre for one night only.

Date: 27th October 7.30pm

Tickets: £15.00

Concessions £14.00

Events planned for later this year and 2013

November

Much Ado About Nothing, Vintage Corporation ,
Dodgy, Sharon Shannon

December

Waiting for Godot

January 2013

Cinderella Michael Jackson Tribute Act,
FHODS Centenary Celebration

April 2013

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

July 2013

Beggars Opera

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**Folkestone Jazz Club bookings
Call 01303 277175**

2012		Diary Dates
4th Sept	7.30pm	FHODS Club Night
6th Sept	8.30pm	Jazz Messengers Folkestone Jazz Club
8th Sept	7.30pm	A Night To Remember Inc Fish and Chip supper
13th Sept	8.30pm	Trudy Kerr & her Trio Folkestone Jazz Club
14th Sept	7.30pm	Davey Arthur and Friends Irish Folk Night
18th Sept	8.30pm	Jimmy Hastings & the Francis Knight Trio Folkestone Jazz Club
21st, 22nd Sept	7.30pm	Toad of Toad hall FHODS Youth Section Production
23rd Sept	7.00m	Dancing at the Tower Sue: 07528452884 for info
26th Sept	7.30pm	Railway Swing Band RAFA Benevolent Fund
27th Sept	2.00pm	Folkestone Decorative and Fine Arts lecture
27th Sept	8.30pm	Liane Caroll Trio Folkestone Jazz Club
2nd Oct	7.30pm	FHODS Club Night
4th Oct	8.30pm	Tony Kofi & the Organisation Folkestone Jazz Club
6th Oct	7.30pm	Private Widdle's Social Club
9th Oct	8.30pm	Dave Robinson Quintet Folkestone Jazz Club
12th, 13th Oct	7.30pm	Picture of Dorian Gray Look Now Productions
17th Oct	7.30pm	RNLI Night
18th Oct	8.30pm	Alan Barnes & Bruce Adams Folkestone Jazz Club
19th Oct	7.30pm	The Neil Diamond Story As told by Bob Drury
20th Oct	7.30pm	Moonlight Serenade Orchestra Uk
21st Oct	7.00pm	Dancing at the Tower Sue: 07528452884 for info
25th Oct	2.00pm	Folkestone Decorative and Fine Arts lecture
25th Oct	8.30pm	Lee Gibson & her All Star Trio Folkestone Jazz Club
27th Oct	7.30pm	Richard Digance Entertainer
30th Oct	8.30pm	Tracey Mendham Quartet Folkestone Jazz Club
31st Oct 1st 2nd 3rd Nov	7.30pm	Much Ado about Nothing FHODS Production