

# FULL HOUSE



NEWSLETTER OF THE HURSTPIERPOINT PLAYERS

JUNE 2018

## DEAD GUILTY a Big Success

The audiences were very satisfied with this play, they went away singing its praises.

Chrys Tarr, who directed it, sent this message to all involved:

"A big thank you to you all for everything you brought to Dead Guilty. I know the hard work and effort you put into making it such a great success and for that I am very appreciative.

Have a well earned rest and all the best for any future ventures."

## Chairman's Report

### **She Monsters - Saturday 5 May**

**An absolutely stunning evening which introduced many new faces to our lovely theatre. The show began with the three singers coming on stage and asking the audience to stand for their (Venusian) national anthem. For a moment there was uncertainty and fidgeting, and then She launched into a lively rendition of 'Venus' and the audience got the joke. Almost as one (and with only a few exceptions) the audience jumped up, grinning. In over five decades of theatre work I have never seen a show get off to such a rousing start within 60 seconds of curtain up!**

It was such a good experience for **She** that they have offered to do a benefit gig for the Theatre towards the end of this year. I hope it will not involve as much work as this one, though - on the first two days of this

month I spent a total of 22 hours working at the Theatre. **She** also learnt a thing or two as it took three of us to carry the door of the flying saucer to the truck outside!

### **Social**

Wednesday 25 April was the social event at the New Inn, which was a success with around 18 people turning up during the course of the evening. Many thanks to the Social Group for putting it together, and I look forward to the next one!

### **Safety**

I have created the signs warning that abuse of our staff will not be tolerated, as resolved by the Committee, and these will be displayed at key locations around the Theatre.

### **Fundraising**

In support of an grant application submitted by Hannah Scott I have created a Volunteer Feedback form.

This is aimed at producing evidence that volunteering at the Theatre improves confidence, enhances existing skills and enables volunteers to expand their skill set whilst improving their overall health through activities. These are all factors identified by the New Economics Foundation and, it is hoped, will strengthen our case for funding support.

### **Year End**

This is rapidly approaching and I have spent a few days analysing the ticket sales accounts in order to produce data useful to our Hon. Treasurer as she prepares the annual report.

*Steve*

## HABEAS CORPUS Auditions

**This is Hurstpierpoint Players' production for the Hurst Festival 18th to 22nd September.**

Those of you who get this newsletter by email should get this before the audition dates - those who get it by post might be in time for the Thursday one - if not, and you want to be considered for a part, contact the director, Jill Hewer on 01273 844208.

**The audition dates are Tuesday 5th June  
and Thursday 7th June at 8pm in the theatre**

## Social Event

**July 22nd**

**Barbecue & Boules at the Squire's**

Starts at 1pm at Two Trees, College Lane

Bring your own meat or veggie food to cook as well as a bottle of wine or something you like to drink and join in a game of boules - or have fun just watching the others trying to play it.

There will be a collection box to pay for the salad and any money left over will go to the Players' Renovation Fund.

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY JULY 23 2018 at 8pm

**If you are a member it is important that you try to come to the Annual General Meeting.**

As usual it will be held in the Players Theatre. There will be updates to the fundraising efforts, discussions about membership fees, talk about productions, news of some of the theatre bookings past and future.

Most important of all will be the election of the new

committee - if you think you can add something to the way Hurst Players is run, put your name forward to become a committee member.

All members will be sent details of how to get proposed, seconded and voted on. If you are not yet a member, now is the time to join to make sure you are in with a chance.

There will also be some free nibbles available when the bar opens after the meeting.

## NEXT PANTO!

**If you want us to put on anything special that you feel we haven't done before or not done for some time, please get in touch with a committee member as soon as possible.**

**The committee want to hear from someone who wants to direct the next pantomime. This is now a matter of great urgency. You don't need to have directed a panto before - neither Bernie Hecht, who directed *Snow White*, or Zoë Deeley who directed *Peter Pan*, had directed anything before - and look how successful they were.**

**Bob Sampson who has now directed lots of them, directed his first panto for the Players back in 1986 - and he had never done it before!**

**There will always be a lot of help from other experienced members to give you that extra confidence you may think you need.**

**SO GET IN TOUCH TODAY!**

**HAY FEVER** June 26 till June 30th  
Curtain up at 8pm

Tickets available online from [www.hurstplayers.org.uk](http://www.hurstplayers.org.uk)  
and from Players Theatre Box office open Saturdays  
from 10 am until 1 pm in the Foyer of the theatre,  
147 High Street, Hurstpierpoint

### Dates For Your Diary



**June 5th & 7th**

Auditions for Habeas Corpus  
8pm at Players Theatre



**June 12th & 14th**

Auditions for Winning The Peace  
8pm at Players Theatre



**June 26th to 30th**  
**HAY FEVER**

by Noël Coward  
8pm at Players Theatre



**July 22nd**

**Barbecue & Boules**  
at the Squire's

1pm at Two Trees, College Lane



**September 18th to 22nd**  
**HABEAS CORPUS**

by Alan Bennett  
8pm at Players Theatre



**September 9th**

National Theatre Live

**JULIE**

7pm at Players Theatre



**Sept. 24, 26 & 28** 8pm

**Sept. 30** 2.30pm

**WINNING THE PEACE**

at Players Theatre



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National Theatre Live

**KING LEAR**

7pm at Players Theatre

Tickets

**Hay Fever and Habeas Corpus**

[www.hurstplayers.org.uk](http://www.hurstplayers.org.uk)

**Winning The Peace**

[www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org)

**Julie and King Lear**

[www.hurstfilms.com](http://www.hurstfilms.com)