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NEWSLETTER OF THE HURSTPIERPOINT PLAYERS OCTOBER 2018

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is an excerpt from the Chairman's full report. The full report will be found on our website shortly - www.hurstplayers.org.uk

It feels like a long time since our AGM on 23 July and it seems that a significant percentage of Sussex has felt the need to take a summer break - myself included - which has extended delivery times for some things and means that your Committee had its first meeting of the society's new year on Tuesday 11 September. Despite this I have managed to achieve quite a lot!

Box Office Improvements

"Our lives are shaped not as much by our experiences as by our expectations."

George Bernard Shaw

Following a presentation to the Committee we have agreed to my proposed improvements to the Box Office - the first part of the Theatre that is seen by visitors entering the building. If they see a brilliant and exciting reception which suggests this is a facility run by professionals with high standards then they are more likely to have a good time and to tell their friends about it. If, on

the other hand, they see a run down room with grotty furniture arranged haphazardly, a display board that is in danger of falling over, and paint splashes on the door frames, they are going to wonder what sort of establishment they have entered!



BEFORE

The Refurbishment

I am disappointed that we are not as far along with our finances as I has been led to expect after two years of fundraising. However, we are making steady progress towards our target. We are planning on the basis that the



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contract will be awarded this year for execution next Spring, and are actively working towards this goal by dealing with a number of critical aspects so as to avoid delays later.

Risk Assessments

Following an inspection visit by our licensing authority we were asked to provide a copy of our fire risk assessment. I took the opportunity to bring it up to date with a complete rewrite which I released as an 18-page draft on 20 August pending sign-off by the Committee.

Fundraising

I am absolutely delighted to report that we have now received a generous donation of £2,000 from the Hurstpierpoint Society who are keen to support the Theatre as a valuable community resource. The sum has been applied to the refurbishment fund and I look forward to hearing from our Lead for Fundraising, Bob Sampson, as to how close we now are to our target. I shall be writing formally to thank the Society.

Steve

Beauty And The Beast Auditions

Written by Stuart Paterson and Directed by Sarah Leppard

Production dates for this will be different to the usual straight after Christmas formula and so should enable lots of people who don't want their festive activities to be compromised to take part in one way or another.

So the dates will be 30th November to 2nd December and 7th to 9th December.

There are lots of parts looking for actors, some larger than others (the parts not the actors!) and also of course lots of opportunities for set builders, painters, wardrobe etc.

We are holding auditions/casting meetings on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd October at 8.00 pm in the theatre

(or in the bar if one of these dates has fewer people). Do come along, either to read for a part or just to volunteer your services!

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SOCIAL EVENTS COMING UP

After such an enjoyable BBQ and Scavenger Hunt, we have now planned some more social events.

PLAY READING

There will be a play reading evening in the theatre bar on **Tuesday 16th October at 8.00 pm**. These have proved to be very enjoyable and just to help you along, the bar tends to be open for refreshments! We will be reading "Midsummer Mink", a comedy by Peter Coke, with a plot that is full of twists and turns.

Do come along for a nice, social occasion. Everyone has a chance to read, unless of course you just want to listen. There is no pressure!

PUB EVENING

On **Monday November 12th** there will be another pub evening in the New Inn from 7.30. This time we have booked a room so it will be easier to chat to everyone.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The more eagle eyed amongst you, and those who read the last newsletter carefully, will realise that the date we had announced for the Christmas party is now the date of the second Saturday performances of Beauty and the Beast. Oops!

As the thought of the Players missing out on their annual shindig was unthinkable, we have rescheduled it for Saturday 15th December – a little closer to the Big Day and so there is even more likelihood of our being in super-festive spirits! There will be the usual mix of games, entertainment and of course carols round the piano. **Make a note of the date now!**

Dates For Your Diary



October 1st & 2nd
Auditions

BEAUTY & THE BEAST
8pm at Players Theatre



October 16th
PLAY READING

MIDSUMMER MINK
8pm at Players Bar



November 12th
PUB EVENING
7.30pm at The New Inn



November 20th
National Theatre Live
THE MADNESS OF
KING GEORGE III
7pm at Players Theatre



November 27th
National Theatre Live

ANTHONY AND
CLEOPATRA
7pm at Players Theatre



November 30th
December 1st, 2nd, 7th,
8th & 9th

BEAUTY & THE BEAST
at Players Theatre
Matinées & Evenings

Tickets

Beauty & The Beast
www.hurstplayers.org.uk

Madness Of King George
and
Anthony and Cleopatra
www.hurstfilms.com

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Hurstpierpoint Players to know about

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