



SOCIAL EVENT

For the first event arranged by your new Social Sub-Committee there will be a play reading of "Season's Greetings" by Alan Ayckbourn at the theatre on Friday 10th November, starting at 8.00 pm. This promises to be a fun evening, with anyone who wants to read a part having a chance to participate, aided by the fact that the bar will be operating. Even if you don't wish to read, please come along and enjoy the evening. (If anyone has a copy of the script we would be really grateful if we could borrow it for the evening – not that we haven't any but more would be better!).

Dates for your Diary



Friday 10 November
PLAY READING
8 PM



Saturday 11 November
50:50 MAGIC



November 16
National Theatre Live
STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S
FOLLIES



November 17 - 18
AN INTIMATE EVENING
OF SONG



December 7
National Theatre Live
YOUNG MARX



Saturday 9 December
CHRISTMAS PARTY



Thursday 28 December
Until Sunday 7 January
PETER PAN



More information for all events happening in the Players Theatre is available at www.players-theatre-hurstpierpoint.uk

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SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9TH
7.30 PM
IN THE THEATRE AND BAR



Complimentary glass of mulled wine
then usual theatre bar



Crisps, nibbles, mince pies and Christ-
mas biscuits etc.

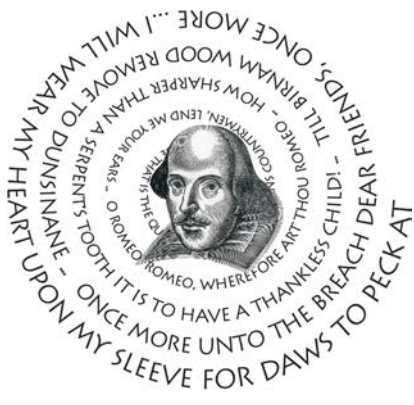


By way of entertainment
there will be a
Short Nativity Play

(but not as you know it!)

Christmas "names on the back" game.
Christmas quiz, Charades
and Raucous Singing of Carols!

NON-STOP SHAKESPEARE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



For more than 72 hours a dedicated crew of readers managed to complete their task of reading all of the Bard's plays in this non-stop marathon. Members, friends, supporters, professional actors and members of the public all went beyond the call of duty, one or two members of the public who just came to watch decided to stay for one of the all night reading sessions - WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!

Actress Judy Parfitt took time out from filming 'Call The Midwife' to launch the this Marathon Fundraiser 'Non-Stop Shakespeare'. Judy said she was honoured to be asked to launch such a "Mad Event" and that she felt "Extremely fortunate to live in a village that was so supportive of the arts and had its own theatre".

Members and friends of the Hurstpierpoint Players joined together to read all of the Bard's plays - non-stop for 24-hours a day from 7.30pm on Thursday 12th October. They finished the last play at 10pm on Sunday. Among the readers were local actors Gwyneth Powell, Alan Leith and Dominic Hecht, they were joined late on Saturday by Rev. Jane Willis from Hurst's Holy Trinity Church.

A lot of fun was had by all and, with sponsorship by local businesses, donations from audiences and readers, sale of Souvenir Programmes and T-Shirts, a raffle with super prizes and a silent auction for some really big items, all donated by local businesses, a

lot was raised for the Theatre Renovation Fund.

A big thank you to all who helped in this event.

As a fund raiser, it managed to gather over £4,000 into the Players Refurbishment Fund helped by a raffle and a silent auction with some super prizes donated by local traders.

There is now over £30,000 in the fund's bank account and we have started a massive programme of grant and National Lottery applications, which we expect to raise the figure even higher.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

An evening of **Mystery, Magic & Illusion! With the South Downs**

Magicians
Saturday
11th November
The Players Theatre
at 7.30p.m.

Tickets from:
Adult £10, Child £6, and
Family (2xA+2xU12) £28

Available from the
Players Website:
www.hurstplayers.org.uk

Come and be amazed, mystified and baffled! Come early and see some mesmerising close-up magic before the show starts!

More magic during the interval!

Some of the proceeds will go to the Players Theatre Refurbishment Fund



Judy Parfitt pictured receiving a bouquet from Hon. Treasurer, Josie Porter, after launching the marathon reading.

It is not too late for you to help - there are still a few new seats available for you to sponsor and you can buy one of our 'Non-Stop Shakespeare' T-Shirts and any other donations will always be gratefully received.

Some of the readers who helped to make this event such a fun-filled few days.

