



ZOE PULLS IT OFF!



Congratulations to Zoe Deeley who, in her directorial debut, gave us a brilliant production of Peter Pan.

The show had all the usual singing, dancing and silly antics that is expected of any pantomime and even a bit of acting. Peter Pan was played by Sam Nixon, whose lovely singing voice was a real treat. The villainous Captain Hook, (Jamie Stafford) did his best to scare us, but was no match for the lost boys, ably led by Tootles (a welcome return to the stage for Sarah Leppard), and the Red Indians, many of whom were children from Centre Stage.

There were many references to the crocodile throughout the panto, but it was not until the very end that he made his appearance. For me, this really was the GRAND FINALE!

Archie Leppard stole the show in his crocodile suit and waving his little Christmas tree. What a star!

Josie Porter

Observations from a New Committee Member

Having only joined the Hurst Players Committee last summer, I have come to realise how much is involved. The main thing that has struck me is the mammoth task involved in not only putting on a production but more especially in managing our "own" theatre building.

We tend to see only what we want to see which is what (eventually) goes on, on the stage! However, behind the scenes there is whole raft of tasks and paperwork to be tackled. Over and above this routine stuff is the enormous workload in preparing for the long awaited refurbishment.

Before getting involved I, like many of us I suspect, was guilty of wondering what the Committee did. Now I know! However we ALL ought to know and so it needs to be communicated to the whole Players membership. Hence in this newsletter and in future editions we will be including some of what has been achieved in the last few months and some news of what will be happening in the course of the next few!!!

Please note that I did say SOME – there are many more things happening, some of which are too boring to mention! I do appreciate that it may seem that we are debating things for a long time but believe me, there are good reasons for this.

If anyone wants us to take on board something that you feel strongly about, then please let us know. Equally, should you want any questions answered then please ask.

Chrys Tarr

PANTO CHAPERONES

It was very challenging this year to obtain Chaperone cover for the Panto, it is never easy but made worse this year by the unavailability of the usual suspects. However the mums rose to the challenge. I would like to thank them on behalf of the Players for their efforts. From what they told me they found it an enjoyable experience.

To try to alleviate this yearly problem, the Players are willing to sponsor anyone to become a Chaperone. The course only takes half a day probably in Horsham. If you like to put your name forward either contact me, Richard Coney, or any committee member.

Seat Sponsorship

A big thank you to all our members and friends who have sponsored a new seat in the refurbished theatre. I started with the daunting task of finding some 90 sponsors and now thanks to your generous support I only need find a further 20.

If there is anyone who would still like to sponsor a seat please contact me on 01273 833164, they are going fast!!

Michael Squire

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Hay Fever

26th – 30th June

It's not too soon to tell you that I shall be directing Hay Fever by Noel Coward in June. It has been many years since the Players did a Coward play and I am really looking forward to this. It is a glorious comedy centred round the highly dysfunctional Bliss family and their unsuspecting weekend guests and it should be enormous fun to do.

I shall be looking for four men and five ladies – one couple should be of an age to be parents to young adults and the others can be various ages (though youngish would be nice!) Watch this space for casting dates (probably the first or second week in April) and more details.

Annette Squire

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 11 February
Starts at 3pm
....but Chiefly Yourselves
at
Lewes Little Theatre



Thursday 22 February
National Theatre Live
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF



Thursday 22 March
National Theatre Live
Bridge Theatre's JULIUS CAESAR



10 - 14 April
Hurst Players
DEAD GUILTY



Thursday 10 May
National Theatre Live
MACBETH



26 - 30 June
Hurst Players
HAY FEVER



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Online from
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In person from
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Online from
www.hurstfilms.com

In person from
Mishon Mackay



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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

An excellent event enjoyed by all who attended, it was good to see a couple of fresh faces. We were greeted by a glass of mulled wine and had a 'who or what am I' label pinned to our backs, on entering the bar. This ensured the ice was well and truly broken. Festivities continued with nibbles and a Christmas quiz. We were then treated to a rendition of the Nativity once as by school children, it was difficult to see just who was acting, and once when they had grown up.

This was extremely entertaining.

The whole evening was rounded off by the traditional singing of a few Christmas carols.

A lot of hard work was put into the whole evening by the social group.

Well done by all.

Social

Following the success of our last few social events, there will be more occasions to get together coming up this year. We have decided to intersperse our Newsletters with Newsflashes, so watch out for these to find out what is going on. There should be one very soon regarding a fun evening in February.

.... but Chiefly Yourselves

A Brief History of the Music Hall £5 – including tea and cakes

Tickets available from the Box Office on 01273 474826 or at lewestheatre.org

An afternoon of elucidation, tracing the history of the Music Hall from Gus Elan to Gracie Fields.

Join Belinda Sharp, Geoff Goater and Dave Farmer who will, with your help, be egregiously entertaining and present humorous hilarity to sweet songbird melodies.

But remember, the stars of the show are

..... Chiefly Yourselves!

CAFÉ SUNDAY

11th February 2018 – 3pm

This newsletter is for **News about Hurst Players and its members.**

We want to hear from you about things that are happening.

If you have any news that you would like to have included in this newsletter please send it to the editor by email:

news@hurstplayers.org.uk