



STAGE WHISPER

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TRINITY THEATRE NEWSLETTER

August 2012

**Trinity Theatre, Cowes
Presents**

Calendar Girls

by
Tim Firth

Based on the Miramax motion picture
by Juliette Towhidi & Tim Firth

**Gala
Premiere**

£12

1st

7pm Buffet for
Both Performances

6-8th, 13-15th

September at 7:30pm

Doors
Open at
6:45pm

Tickets £9 Box Office **0845 475 4743** (local rate)
open 11am to 2pm from 24th Aug. 2012 (Not Sun)

**Book Online Now at
www.caods.org.uk**

An Amateur Production in Association with Samuel French Limited

President's Notes

A few months ago it looked like June & July looked a bit bleak on the production front. What a difference a few weeks can make. The *Godspell* team went on tour and again provided top class entertainment for new audiences. A great effort from all the team again demonstrated what **talent Trinity Theatre has at both St. Mary's Church and Ryde Methodist.** Well done to everyone involved.

Some people really like a challenge. The Youth Theatre group were not content with putting on a show, they wanted to provide a three course meal as well. *The Romanian Uranium Mystery* was a great evening's entertainment with some of the audience ending up as Inspector Morse, others as Inspector Clouseau. Congratulations to Abi Harris and all involved in the Youth Theatre, not forgetting the hard working restaurant crew of Yvonne, Becky and Pete.

Calendar Girls rehearsals are progressing well with *Deadly Nightcap's* starting shortly. The pantomime will be Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs with read-through and auditions at the end of August. See further details about the show elsewhere in SW.

Alex and Dinah have also got together and worked out slots for productions to the end of 2013. We still have to fill these slots with shows so if you feel inspired to put on a show, do get in touch with Alex or Dinah. With the show slots fixed, the social secretaries, Helen & Angela will add their events so we know what is coming up.

Coming up we have the Quiz on Saturday 28th July, an Evening with the Trinity Ghosts on Saturday 11th August, the stall at Isle of Wight Community Club on Monday 27th August and Gala Premiere of *Calendar Girls* on Saturday 1st September. So please come and support all these fantastic events.

On the buildings front Dave has been working hard to weather proof the outside store. The work is ongoing but it is currently a lot drier. We are also again looking into making the auditorium warmer in winter. We are looking into sealing the north side windows which will involve a planning application and maybe appeals. We have also been looking into installing a proper heating system and this will certainly cost tens of thousands of

pounds but is essential if we want to attract all year round audiences. So if your lottery numbers come up please remember Trinity Theatre!

We also have a new Bar Manager, Janet Coates. Janet is a relatively new member and will be assisted by Joan Savill. If you would like to help out on the bar or need the bar open for any reason, please contact Janet on 609555.

John

Committee Contacts

Here are contact phone numbers for the current committee.

President	John Plumbly	760955
Secretary	Claire Willis	07776365206
Treasurer....	Jane Maclean	292466
Musical Co-Ordinator	Alex Quilter	07826938408
Drama Co-Ordinator	Dinah Bowman	291459
Membership Secretary	Tracy Howard	245679
Buildings Manager	Dave Savill	281777
Technical Manager	Paul Redding	290135
Stage Director	Mike Buckett	07766410419
Front of House Manager	Barbara Wood	292669
Marketing Manager	Sue Braddell-Smith	07983634893
Social Secretaries	Angela Redding	290135
	Helen Plumbly	760955
Committee Members	Daphne Brown	245356
	Becky Deri	to follow
	Abi Harris	07581244174
	Claire Lamplough	to follow

Hi Folks

It seems like ages since I last put pen to paper, so here goes

It would not be right to start without mentioning the sad passing of Paul Birch, a truly unique chap, who may have lacked finesse in his stage craft, but certainly made up for it in his commitment to wanting to learn and improve. From the side of the stage our lasting memories will be of his desire to be a swordsman in **several panto's, and the look of genuine anxiety on the faces as** that sword scythed through the air without anybody quite sure where it would land. Not to mention his reluctance to enter the mangle in *Aladdin* one year in case he got stuck. But for us it will always be the year he played panto in his long johns, Bless you Paul you were one of a kind.

Now onto brighter, happier times. A HUGE behind the scenes THANKYOU has to go out to everybody involved in the now established youth theatre, and what a brilliant first show. I have long jumped up and down saying when I was young etc etc etc, but it was the determination of Abi Harris that brought together a young cast to thoroughly entertain the audiences, but more importantly it felt like a social event. the night I went the tables **were largely filled with faces I didn't recognise, mainly parents** , but still people who can spread the word that Trinity is waking up and a fun place to be.

Special thanks do go out to the parents who brought their children along to rehearsals, and those that helped on the nights, but especially to Yvonne, you all know I'm not the slimmest of chaps , but I couldn't eat anymore on Friday

It is also appropriate to mention Alex, Daphne and all those involved in *Godspell* (especially Steve for the wiring and scenery shifting), and following their road tour, it just goes to show that with imagination we can entertain in a variety of places , maybe we could even think of touring to the Minnack theatre!!

Better end shortly or I'll be taking up too much room, but to update you all, the set for *Calendar Girls* is progressing, as is the redevelopment of the above stage area. This followed a successful trip to the stage show where I gained useful ideas and information.

Till next time take care and look out for social events lets bring this theatre truly back to life.

Mike –Stage Director

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Saturday 28th July at 7:30pm	Quiz Night
Saturday 11th August at 7:30pm	Meet the Ghosts of Trinity Theatre
Monday 27th August	CAODS Stall at Isle of Wight Community Club Fair
Tuesday 28th August at 7:30pm	Read-through for Pantomime
Thursday 30th August at 7:30pm	Auditions for Pantomime
1, 6,7,8,13,14,15 September	<i>Calendar Girls</i>
18,19,20,25,26,27 October	<i>Deadly Nightcap</i>
Saturday 17th November	Christmas Fayre

Apologies

Apologies to Pat Levon who is on the Drama Selection Committee. I inadvertently called her Pat Jevons in the last issue. Sorry Pat.

Quiz Night

**Saturday
28th July**

at

7:30pm

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**Everyone
Welcome**



MEET THE GHOSTS OF TRINITY THEATRE

A evening of paranormal activity and ghostly stories

With "Paranormal Q"

Saturday 11th August. 8pm to Midnight

Limited places!

£4.00 including snacks

Book tickets with Daph on 245356

The Bar will be open

It's Carnival Time Again!

For many years we have put entries in the Cowes Carnivals. Daphne Brown has been involved and responsible for most if not all of these successes. If you would like to be involved or help out please contact Daphne on 245356.

Dates are

Cowes Main Carnival - Saturday 11th August at 6:30pm

Cowes Illuminated Carnival - Monday 27th August at 6:30pm

Paul Birch

As many of you will have already heard, Paul Birch recently lost his fight against cancer. Paul started his career on the stage at Trinity with Solent G&S and then with CAODS, He appeared in many productions of all types including G&S, musicals, plays and pantomimes.

Paul was also very active off the stage. Whether it be sewing up costumes or redrafting the society rules. He was also on the committee and served as secretary for a number of years. Whatever he was doing he always gave 100%, would do exactly what you wanted and always committed to his opinions.

Whilst some people may have found Paul's manner a bit brusque he was always friendly and certainly a real personality that **you wouldn't forget. So thanks for all you** have done at Trinity and all the experiences you gave us. You will be greatly missed.

John Plumbly



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

It's that time again, oh no it isn't, oh yes it is!!! This year's panto will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Read-through will be on Tuesday 28th August and Auditions on Thursday 30th August.

The characters are:-

Senna Pod, the Palace cook (dame)

Snow White

Neville, the Chamberlain

Rose, the Princess's handmaiden and friend

Queen Drucilla, a cold-hearted beauty

King Desmond

Hannah, the chief maid and a sneak

Pushup, the palace personal fitness trainer

Prince Valentine

Barry Trotter, the Court Wizard

Hans, a Royal Woodcutter

The Magic Mirror

The seven Dwarfs will be cast from members of the Youth Theatre.

If anyone would like a copy of the script to read give me a ring on 2345356.

Daphne

Community Quiz 2012

Following the successful Community Quiz, a cheque for £350 was presented to the Isle of Wight Stroke Club. The Treasurer, Robert Stringer, said that he was delighted to receive the cheque which would make a big difference in providing the general outings treatments which the Stroke Club provides.

Pictured below l to r; Jane Maclean, Robert Stringer, Carole Greenham, Stroke Club Secretary, & John Plumbly.



Stage Whisper - September Edition

All members are welcome to contribute to Stage Whisper. Please send entries for the next edition to stagewhisper@caods.org.uk. with attachments if necessary by Friday 17th August.

Stage Whisper Distribution

Stage Whisper has always been distributed as a hard copy, either sent through the post, collected from the theatre or delivered by hand. As time has gone on other methods have come along with the advent of the internet. We did have a little experiment distributing *SW* via Email but are looking to do this again especially as postage has increased significantly.

Bear in mind the following:

You will not get a hard copy of *SW* or posters if you opt for an Email version.

If you want the email to cover more than one member, e.g. other members of the family please list their names in the email.

If your email address changes
or you fail to receive *SW*
or you wish to receive a hard copy again
please email stagewhisper@caods.org.uk.

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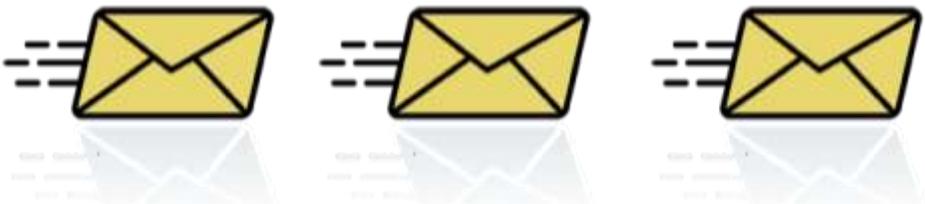


Photo Gallery

A reminder of the distant or not so distant past.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances:



Current Account
Deposit Account

£4,672.72 credit
£18,814.83 credit

The reason for the "smiley" face and the "sad" face is because although we have spent more than we have received this month, we are due for quite a bit of lolly !!

- The bookings for "Calendar Girls" are already coming in.
- We have about £500 due to be given to us from "Waitrose".
- We have £750.00 due in from Sponsorship for the various shows.
- There is a lump sum to come from the "Godspell" performances at St. Mary's Church and Ryde Methodist Church.
- We have negotiated an increase in the rent from 12 Bath Road.
- The lettings for the paranormal groups are bringing in £50.00 a night.

There will also be a sum to come from the Junior Production of "The Romanian Uranium Murder Mystery Evening", which was an excellent evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came and was well supported both nights. Congratulations to Abi for the production and Becky & Co. for the very well thought out menu.

Again congratulations are to go to Alex Quilter for taking "Godspell" on tour. It involved a great deal of work but the feedback has been excellent, it was really appreciated - well done to all the cast and team. I now know that the Royalties for the eight performances will be £600.00 less the £250.00 we have already paid, making it £350.00., so there will certainly be a good profit and I will let you know when all the monies are in.

We have paid the Isle of Wight Stroke Club £350.00 from the money made at the Charity Quiz Evening, so now we look forward to Saturday 28th July for our own Quiz Evening.

See you there.

Jane Maclean - Hon. Treasurer