

THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Many congratulations to all concerned with the production of *Beyond A Joke*. The play was very well received by audience and press alike.

I would like to pay a particular tribute to Dorothy Hemsley for once again creating a magnificent set. There seems to be no end to her artistic talents! I would like to give my personal apologies to those of you who were disappointed by the cancellation of the Saturday evening performance due to the unfortunate illness of a leading member of the cast. However, I am sure you will not be put off by one "blip" and will come to see our next production, *Snake In The Grass* which has an outstanding cast, directed by Stella Dench. The first night is Friday 8 August.

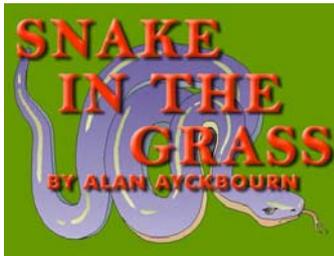
Luvvie Loquacity – The Thoughts Of Thespians

Sometimes people carry to such perfection the mask they have assumed that in due course they actually become the person they seem.

W Somerset Maugham

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION - *SNAKE IN THE GRASS* by Alan Ayckbourn

AN ATMOSPHERIC ALAN AYCKBOURN DRAMA is our next production for this season. Filled with tension, suspense, intrigue and humour, this play boasts a stellar cast of Sylvia Aston, Sue Shephard and newcomer Marylynne Sharpin, as well as a Stella director with the steady and reliable hand of Mrs Dench at the helm.



The show opens on Friday 8 August and runs through to the following Saturday 16 August, with evening performances from 7.45pm and a matinee on Saturday 9 August at 2.30pm.

Tickets, as usual, are available from 11 July at **Living Words Bookshop, Place Lane, Seaford**. Tel: **01323 893699**. Please note this is open all day on Saturday.

Postal applications are also available and should be sent to:

David Backhouse, 62 Stafford Road, Seaford, BN25 1UA

They must be accompanied by a cheque made out to '*Seaford Dramatic Society*' and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If the position you request is not possible the nearest available seats will be sent.

The ticket prices are £6 each, with two for the price of one on the First Night, and £5 each for the Saturday matinee.

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Never eat more than you can lift.

Miss Piggy (the Muppet Show)

For general enquiries regarding productions ring FOH manager Ann Harvey (01323) 899932

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY 26 JULY (reminder)

Beach BBQ Splash Point, Seaford

Meet at Splash Point at 6.30 for a Beach B-B-Q. Bring all your own food and drink. Does anybody out there have a gas B-B-Q that can be used or an ordinary charcoal one that they are prepared to take to the beach? (alternatively throw away B-B-Q's will have to be used). If the weather is inclement the event will be held at the Theatre (this has been done before quite successfully). It would be handy to know how many people will attend so please ring Gill - 01323 895225.

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

*After Show Wrap Party **Snake In The Grass***

There will be the usual "Wrap" party on the last night of our latest play. Please, as usual, bring some food and whatever you want to drink. Time to relax after another successful production.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25 AUGUST (reminder)

Donkey Derby Seaford

It has been suggested that we take a stall at the Donkey Derby. An idea to try and raise a little money for Theatre funds was to run "Rat down a drainpipe" at 50p a go. Not a lot of preparation required for that but the stall needs to be set up in the morning and manned during the afternoon. Literature, photos and costumes could be displayed. Membership forms would be a must and the gold leaflet to be given away. Any other ideas welcomed, please. If there are some of you out there prepared to put in a little time on this day, please ring Gill - 01323 895225.

THURSDAY 11 TO SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

"Seaford Live! '08" Seaford Little Theatre

Seaford Little Theatre has provided the Theatre as a venue for 3 nights during this event by way of sponsorship for a variety of performances from classical to folk music. Members can find out more by logging on to the Seaford Live website. This event is in celebration of 200 years since the Martello Tower was built. On the final evening (Sunday 14th), hopefully, will be a laser display at the Martello Tower with live music. The Programme of events is currently being compiled. Anyone wishing to sponsor this event please contact Gill (usual number), or email gillwatson@talktalk.net. Every pound helps.

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER (reminder)

Quiz & Ploughman's Supper Seaford Little Theatre

Alan Lade and his friend Andrew are prepared, once again, to put on a Quiz. The evening will start at 7.30 pm and there will be a Ploughman's Supper included for the cost of £8 per head. Please let me know if you are able to attend - Gill - 01323 895225. Deadline date 22 September for catering purposes.



GOT ANY items for the newsletter? News? Views? Articles? Litigious Gossip? Then don't be shy, send it to me. Your choices are:

- 1 You can e-mail me on seaford.littletheatre@virgin.net.
- 2 If you have a PC put it on disc (WORD format)
- 3 A typed or hand written piece

My address is 25 SHERWOOD RD SEAFORD BN25 3EH

- 4 If you are not allowed to use sharp instruments then you can ring me on (01323) 492177 and dictate it over the phone.

I can also make use of photos (good quality, various poses)

NB. Deadline for contributions to next edition is **SEPTEMBER 27**

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Joking³ A Part

ANNE ROBINSON?
MY POSTERIOR!



HAS ONE HAD
ONE'S TEA?

The Cast Start Rehearsals For An Upmarket Version Of
The Royle Family

Sandra's
Attempts
To Look
Taller
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Very
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THIS ISN'T MY
REAL LADDER,
IT'S MY STEP-
LADDER

John
Shows
Sandra His
Impression
Of A
Lizard



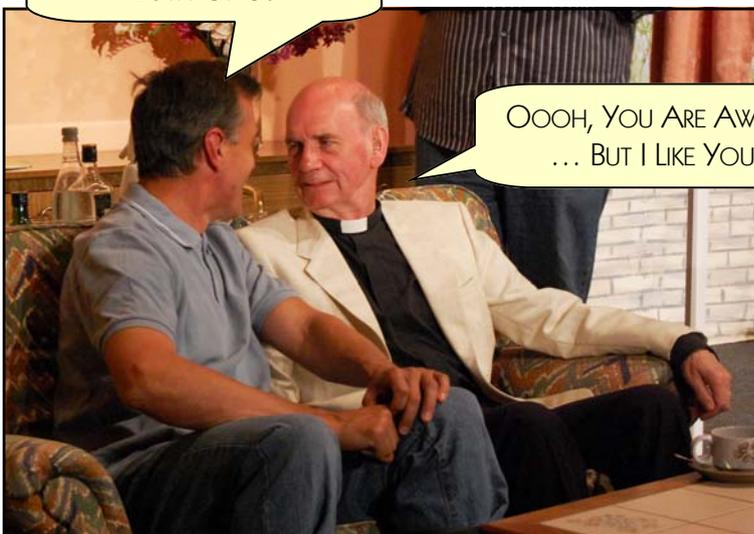
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ONCE, BUT ONE DAY I
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I CAN'T FIND IT

GOOD LORD, YOU'VE LOST
WEIGHT, DAMIAN!



There's A Moments Delay Before Lindsey
Realises Damian Is On Her Other Side

THIS THING IS BIGGER THAN
BOTH OF US



OOOH, YOU ARE AWFUL.
... BUT I LIKE YOU

A Passing
Photographer
Captures The
Moment When
John And Alan
Realise That It Is
Love

Photos From The
Set Of
Beyond A Joke
taken by Andrew
Parkinson

AUDITION NOTICE - *LAYING THE GHOST* by Simon Williams

Auditions: Monday 18 August - 7.30pm

Seaford Little Theatre

Production dates: 14 - 22 November 2008

Director: Jack Mortimer

It is Margot Buchanan's 70th birthday and a confused collection of, mostly elderly, actors and actresses meet at a South Coast retirement home. They include Sir Leo Buchanan, his first wife Margot, his present wife Judy and his current lust, Sadie. This is the basis for this entertaining, slightly rude and amusing play.

The show will run from 14 to 22 November and rehearsals will begin after the 'summer break' on 8 September. Auditions will be on 18 August, the first Monday after the close of *Snake In The Grass*. If anyone has any interest I would be delighted to hear from them, especially if they **cannot** make the audition. But I hope you will all be there.

CHARACTERS

Sir Leo Buchanan	famous aged actor, with a reputation as a ladies' man, 70's
Freda Deacon	resident, aged eccentric actress, has a ghost friend only she can see
Margot Buchanan	resident, former actress, a robust character, 70
Mrs Kidd	the retirement home supervisor, always calm, 40-60
Sadie Croft	a young actress, about to play <i>Juliet</i> , having an affair with Sir Leo
Lady Lucy Buchanan	Sir Leo's current wife, 50-60
Superman	A Kissogram entertainer, youngish
Orderly	two (stretcher bearers) backstage crew perhaps?

Unfortunately all the scripts seem to have disappeared from the theatre and I cannot find the list of who took them! So please, once you have read them, could you return books to me for anyone else who is interested to look at.

I look forward to seeing you,

Jack Mortimer

01323 898267

GLENYS ALLAWAY

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that I have to report the loss of Glenys Allaway who died recently at her daughter's home in Northumberland. Glenys was an enthusiastic supporter of Seaford Little Theatre and greatly enjoyed her association with the Society. Speaking personally, I knew that with Glenys as the prompt you always had a safe pair of hands in the wings.

A memorial service to celebrate Glenys' life was held at St Peter's Church on 5 July. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.