

STAGEWORK



SEAFORD LITTLE THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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our next production :

LADIES IN LAVENDER by Shaun McKenna

The next production of 2020 should have been **Ladies in Lavender** by Shaun McKenna, a superb, touching and poignant play, adapted from a screenplay by Charles Dance, taken from a short story by William L Locke and directed by Mary Young & Penny Cockell.

Unfortunately, as you will all be aware, the arrival of Covid19 has put the mockers on that for the foreseeable future and we have had to postpone the show until the situation improves.

But fear not, always remaining positive, we have placed everything on hold, covered all the actors and actresses and backstage crew in aspic, cryogenically frozen the set and



put the theatre into hibernation, until such time as normal service resumes and the show can go ahead.

This will obviously mean a complete re-arrangement of the rest of the season, but until things return to some sort of normality, we cannot be exactly sure of all the details. However we will endeavour to keep all our members and Friends as informed as we can, either via the website, or though Facebook, email or by post. So watch this space.

Interesting, isn't it? In the meantime we wish everyone good health and look forward to normal life again.





THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Margaret Kennedy

WELL! JUST as we are getting ourselves organised at the Theatre with technology to make life simpler, along comes Mother Nature to throw a spanner in the works and bring everything to a grinding halt. Like everyone else we are completely closed down.

Our accounts now work electronically, thanks to Jon Terry our Treasurer, which made it possible to set up online ticketing, thanks to Deborah and Alan Lade. Alan could probably fill a whole page with his saga about getting a phone line and wi-fi put in by BT, unfortunately it wasn't available for the last play, so very many thanks to Deborah and the Tourist Information Centre for liaising and making our first attempt work.

The play itself was a resounding success thanks to Phil Armstrong in his directorial debut and his fantastic team. It was good to hear the Theatre rock to gales

of laughter, and particularly pleasing to hear from a friend who had recently been bereaved, that this was the first time that she had actually laughed out loud, and how good it made her feel! That's what theatre can do and what makes all our efforts here so worthwhile.

Thanks also to another of our great teams, the Cox's, aka Ray and Debi, who organised a very enjoyable Bingo evening, efficiently run by our committee and Friends' Secretary Roger and his wife Karen.

Back to the here and now, whatever happens *Ladies in Lavender* will be the next play, as the very extensive set is already built. When it can go on nobody knows, but it will probably be at least three months before rehearsals can start again.

Keep well, keep safe, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Luvvie Loquacity - The Thoughts Of Thespians

You can make a sordid thing sound like a drawing room comedy. Probably a fear we have of facing up to the real issues. Could you say we are guilty of Noel Cowardice?

Peter de Vries



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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Alas, thanks to a pesky virus with a name like an item of furniture at IKEA, all our social activities have ground to a halt, and I am stuck in what feels like a very tiny house with a husband who has a boredom span shorter than a Mayfly with ADHD. If anyone has a spare strait jacket and gag can they get in touch. PLEASE!

Our hope for then future is that any outstanding social events can either be put back or postponed until next year when this will all be a distant memory and Ray is back in his pram.

In the meantime here is a report back on the events we have held so far ...

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

Homedrive

January's Homedrive was a new style, fast-paced version, (only because we forgot the rules and Gill wasn't there to guide us). It was like a heady (Redi™) mix of property planning and speed dating. On a long desk we sat opposite our fellow housing developers and we drew those little abodes with a lightning speed that would put McAlpines to shame and probably lead to a court appearance for criminal negligence at some future date.



The dice ricocheted around the coffee lounge like popcorn with a cocaine addiction. No time for us to loll about with a builders brew ...

As the perspiration began to flow like a cheap wine in happy hour, we had to open a window on a chilly winter night before the odour sent half the participants into a coma. Who would have thought that a simple game of Homedrive could be such a serious physical workout? The Tour de France Peloton pahhh - that's for les minous.

But most of all it was tremendous fun and very enjoyable. Builders of the UK watch and learn



SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY

A Leap Year Kath Kennard Walk

A balmy day in February led to some lyrical inspiration to make Willy Wordsworth envious:



**Tall man with woolly hat, shorts and long mac.
 Short woolly man with hat, long trousers, without his ruck sack.
 Two travelled through the mud wearing nylon and lycra.
 Two avoided the mud and travelled in an orange Nissan Micra.
 8 ate at the yacht club, a little cockahoop with a little cockapoo ...
 Next time it would be absolutely spiffing ... if you could join us too.
 Bring your own golf ball.**





FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Bingo with Roger & Karen

A packed full house enjoyed a brilliant evening of fun with Roger & Karen and their Bingo bonanza. There was a rich hamper of prizes to be won and it was lovely to relax and watch Roger pull out his balls and give us all a thrill. Can't wait for the next time.

That's it for now. As for our future events ... Well, we'll be in touch as soon as we possibly can, chums So remain positive and be kind to yourself and others ... And keep in touch via email or phone ...

I look forward to hearing from you soon, Debbie xx

SAY WHAT YOU WILL, THE COUNTRYSIDE IS STILL ...



Either some happy walkers enjoying a photo opportunity on their recent February outing to Bishopstone and Norton, or scenes from the next season of The Walking Dead ... My money is on the zombies.

THEATRE WORKS



Obviously the majority of improvements/maintenance at the theatre have now ground to a halt for the time being, however I am mightily relieved to report that, after weeks of frustration, anger and sheer exasperation, we now have our wi-fi installed and working. This came too late for our last production but will be available for the future. and, hopefully, make us even more efficient.

Despite this late installation the new booking system via The Tourist information Centre and TicketSource worked extremely well and provided an additional avenue for customers to get their tickets. In particular I would like to extend our gratitude to everyone at the TIC and especially the lovely Wendy & Sue on the front desk.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



If you haven't paid your membership fees for the coming year yet, then please make use of the form below to get them renewed. Membership now runs for a calendar year, alongside the season's productions, from January to December. Once completed either hand the form in at the theatre or send it direct to Penny Cockell.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name(s)

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Phone No(s)

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Membership Fee (tick one)

Adult

Student

I/We wish to renew my/our membership of Seaford Little Theatre for 2020.

The membership fee for 2020 is £10 per person (students - £5)

Please return this form with the appropriate amount (cheques payable to Seaford Dramatic Society) to:

Penny Cockell (Membership Secretary), 30 St Crispians, Seaford, BN25 2DY

Tel: 01323 897517 Email: memsec@seafordlittletheatre.co.uk



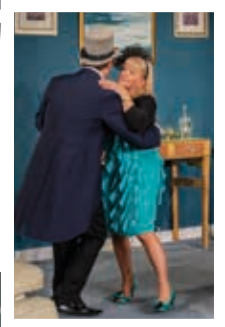
Photos from the set of
There Goes The Bride
taken by Andrew Parkinson
www.rememberingwhen.co.uk

Wedding Album





*There Goes the Bride
with Jon Terry, Jenny
Humphries, Clare
Forshaw, Roland
Boorman, Josie
Hobbs, Dennis Picott,
Alan Clifford and
Andrea Lowe*



SLT PATENT PUZZLE PAGE



CROSSWORD FOR IDIOTS



1. ACROSS: 14th letter of the alphabet lying on its side
1. DOWN: The sound of a bee

THE LITTLE THEATRE QUIZ

1. What term is used for a theatre that is closed?
2. Which 18th C Drury Lane theatre manager started a famous London club?
3. Which 1950 Billy Wilder film became an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical?
4. What was Romeo's surname?
5. Who wrote the play **Betrayal**?
6. Which musical does the song **Big Spender** come from?
7. What is the name of the open-air theatre in Cornwall overlooking the sea?
8. 'If music be the food of love, play on' is in which Shakespeare play?
9. What is the name of Andrew Lloyd Webber's theatre company founded in 1977?
10. Which London theatre was home to Gilbert & Sullivan's operas?

WORDSEARCH FOR EVEN BIGGER IDIOTS

Hey, look it's over there → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → ↓
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Send all answers on a stamped, addressed £5
note to the editor please

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