

STAGE



SEAFORD LITTLE THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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our next production : **OFF THE HOOK** by Derek Benfield

The next production for 2022 is **Off the Hook**, from the pen of Derek Benfield, directed by Sharon Olieff.

Inoffensive Harold Spooks is nearing the end of his term in prison when he is sprung from jail by two shady gentlemen who want him to lead them to the stash of loot hidden in a hotel run by odd couple Major Catchpole and his wife Norah. The only problem is there are two Harold Spooks and the crooks have grabbed the wrong one.

The stage is thus set for an hilarious and fast-paced comedy, full of quirky characters, wild action and cheese sandwiches. Starring some well-known faces at Seaford, including Sue Williams, Simon Fox, Dug Godfrey, Lee Coleman-Powney, Denis Picott, Angie



Wright, Debbie Cox and Phil Armstrong, plus the Little Theatre debuts of Kim Sanger White and Corinne Jones this is another production to raise a smile in these harrowing times.

The show opens on Friday 10 June 2022 and runs through to the following Saturday 18 June with a matinée only on Saturday 11 June. Evening performances commence at 7.45pm and the matinée will start at 2.30pm.

As ever, the safety of our audience is paramount and we would ask everyone to continue to be sensible and vigilant about their actions in a public space and to be considerate of the concerns and feelings of their fellow attendees.

Tickets for the show are already on sale at all our usual venues so don't miss out and book your seat now.



PRODUCTIONS FOR THE REST OF THE 2022 SEASON

02 - 10 September

THE NIGHTINGALES!
by Peter Quilter

directed by Trish Richings

09 - 17 December

SEASON'S GREETINGS
by Alan Ayckbourn

directed by Garry Fowler

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THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Margaret Kennedy

HOW GOOD it was to be back to normal for *Private Lives*, and what fun it was to be part of it! Well done to Mike Truman and his band of Privateers. Attendance was reasonable, with an apron on the stage we lose 12 seats at the front, consequently profit is down too.

However our lets continue to bring in a very welcome income. Seaford Sessions are much enjoyed by those attending, and a special vote of thanks to the Ukulele Group (see below), who rehearse here, and who donated all their profit from their 2 performances to the Theatre - £839.

It was very pleasing to have so many of you attend the AGM with apologies from a further 14. Garry Fowler was elected Vice Chairman. Jon Terry handed over the financial reins to David Hallett, Gill Watson, Premises Manager to Angie Wright, David Williams passed Membership Secretary to Sharon Olieff,

Sue Williams took on Publicity Officer from Deborah Lade, and Clare Penfold came on as an elected Member. All other Committee Members were re-elected. Challenging and exciting days ahead.

Thanks also to Simon Fox who has taken over caring for the green space round the Theatre. Spring bulbs have already appeared and wild flowers are also on the menu in our efforts to re-nature.

Finally, our next production of *Off The Hook* with Sharon Olieff directing is under way. The cast of 10 includes many familiar faces as well as some new ones too. Sharon is now also in charge of completing the stewards rota. I hope as many of you as possible will volunteer for these important roles, being the first face of the Theatre that our audiences will come in touch with. Be part of the team!

Love, Margaret



SEAFORD SUNSHINE STRUMMERS



A massive thank you goes out to the Seaford Sunshine Strummers who held a concert earlier this year with all proceeds going to the Little Theatre. The evening was a huge success, with more than £800 going into our depleted coffers. Seaford Sunshine Strummers is a band of local ukulele enthusiasts that first got together in 2016 and now numbers 29 members. They like to spread a little sunshine wherever they go - hence the name - and are always raising money for local causes. If you would like to know more visit their Facebook page: Seaford Sunshine Strummers Ukulele Group.



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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



We are making some plans for our Social calendar in the coming months which we hope will see you all turning out to support. We have already held a fund-raising quiz in aid of Ukraine and intend to see the return of the popular Seaford's Got Talent, plus there have been offers to host additional quizzes and ideas for Karaoke, open mic nights and jamming sessions, so there should be something for everyone. Meanwhile here are some prospective dates for the coming weeks:

FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party **Seaford little Theatre from 13.00**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we will be holding an afternoon street party which is not on the street but in the Little Theatre. Please bring a plate of food to share and your own drink and we will supply the rest, finger food, cakes and possibly some impromptu entertainment with songs and music.



SATURDAY 18 JUNE

Off The Hook Wrap Party



There will be the usual Wrap Party, following the last performance, of our latest production **Off The Hook**. Please, as usual, bring some food and whatever you want to drink to help celebrate, with the cast and crew of the production, after what I am sure will be another success.

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

Theatre Clean Up **Seaford Little Theatre from 2.00pm**

All cast and crew members of **Off The Hook** to please attend to clean and tidy up the Theatre after this production. The costumes, props etc., will need to be returned and to be sorted beforehand and the Theatre to be cleaned through.

SATURDAY 2 JULY

Seaford's Got Talent & BBQ **Seaford Little Theatre from 2.00pm**



SGT returns. After its forced break the best talent show in the country resurfaces, alongside our annual BBQ. You've had plenty of time to hone your entertaining skills so dust off your act now and get practicing. And always remember, it's just for fun. I mean we could offer £100,000 to the winner, of course we could, but where is the incentive in that? So come on down and have a go.

For all events please let me know ASAP if you will be attending. For further details about any of the Social activities, or if you have any comments/suggestions please contact me, Debbie Cox, on 07596709044 or email at: coxdeb8@gmail.com. Thank you for your continuing support.



I look forward to hearing from you soon, Debbie

AUDITION NOTICE

THE NIGHTINGALES

by Peter Quilter, directed by Trish Richings

Audition Date: Monday 9 May 2022- 7.30pm

Seaford Little Theatre

Production dates: 2 - 10 September 2022

It is the 1950s and this charming comedy introduces the Nightingales, members of a theatrical family who perform more at home than they do on the stage. Jack is a cabaret star, as in love with his piano as he is with his silk dressing gowns. His parents, Charlie and Beatrice, are old music hall stars, who suddenly descend on Jack asking to stay with him for a few days - they promise to be gone by Christmas, the only trouble is it's January 7th! Jack performs with Maggie who regularly visits him in the evenings to rehearse, drink tea and tell the sorry tales of her latest romantic disasters. If only she'd realize that their true love is right in front of them. Geraldine is Jack's housekeeper who masterfully copes with everything that ensues. This is a very funny, touching show business comedy, bursting with one liners and lovable characters..

As you can see on the adjoining page I am planning to hold a play-reading the week before so scripts will not be available until after that date. If you would like to know more about the play or any of the characters please call or email me.

CHARACTERS	
JACK	40s/50s
MAGGIE	40s/50s
CHARLIE	Jack's father 60s/70s
BEATRICE	Jack's mother 60s/70s
GERALDINE	30s/40s

Rehearsal days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays with extra nearer the production date. A full rehearsal schedule will be available in due course.

If you are interested but unable to attend the audition date, please contact me so that I can arrange an alternative. If you are able to help behind the scenes, I would also be very pleased to hear from you.

CHARACTER AUDITION PIECES	
JACK/MAGGIE/GERALDINE	pages 1 - 4 (from beginning to “not necessarily”)
GERALDINE/CHARLIE/MAGGIE/JACK	pages 7 - 8 (from “here you go” to “give us a hand will you”)
MAGGIE	pages 28 - 29 (from “Oh thank God” to “drink this stuff”)
JACK/CHARLIE/MAGGIE/GERALDINE	pages 34 - 36 (from “Jack ...?” to “grab what you need”)
BEATRICE/JACK/GERALDINE	from page 43 - 45 (from “look Jack” to “good morning”)

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PLAY READING - THE NIGHTINGALES by Peter Quilter

I have arranged a play reading evening specifically for those who are interested in coming along to read in or listen to **The Nightingales** by Peter Quilter.

This will take place on Wednesday 4 May 2022, 7.30pm at Seaford Little Theatre

For more information about the play and the characters please see the audition page.

All who attend who want to read in will get an opportunity to do so.

I look forward to seeing you on that evening.

Thank you

Trish Richings



Luvvie Loquacity - The Thoughts Of Thespians
The difference between a theatre with and without an audience is enormous. There is a palpable, critical energy created by the presence of the audience.
Andy Goldsworthy



Photos from the set of
Private Lives
 taken by Andrew Parkinson
www.rememberingwhen.co.uk

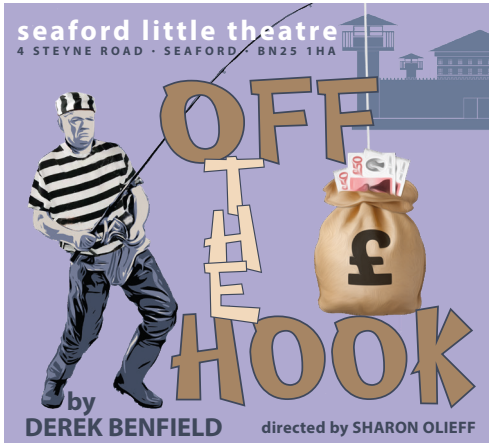
Public Lives



Private Lives
 with Jon Terry, Sandy Truman, Lesley Drew,
 David Hallett and Margaret Kennedy



BOOKING INFORMATION



We also have an on-line booking system via TicketSource. This can be found at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/seaford-little-theatre

or through our website, address below. Please note a small booking fee applies to all on-line sales. Unfortunately, due to the way in which the system operates, this facility cannot be used when exchanging Friend's Vouchers. These must still be presented at the Box Office as usual.

Postal applications should be sent to:
Diane Guyatt, 31 Pondsyrde Court, Sutton Drove, Seaford, BN25 3ET

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

Could you also provide an alternative date in case the the one you request is sold out.

The ticket prices are £9.00 each for the tiered seats and £8.00 each for all other seats.

Tickets are available at our box office now:

**SEAFORD TOURIST OFFICE,
37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG**

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Tickets for this production on sale now



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