

STAGEWORK



SEAFORD LITTLE THEATRE NEWSLETTER

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our next production : *THE NIGHTINGALES* by Peter Quilter

It is the 1950s and in this charming comedy we meet the Nightingales, members of a theatrical family who are inclined to 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 - promising 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 they'd realize that their true love is right in front of their eyes. Meanwhile Geraldine,



Jack's capable housekeeper, masterfully copes with all the chaos that ensues.

This is a very funny, touching show business comedy, written by Peter Quilter and directed by Trish Richings, which is bursting with one liners, poignancy and lovable characters, and features performances from Lesley Drew, Alan Lade, Rebecca Kite, Roland Boorman and Josie Hobbs.

The show opens on Friday 2 September 2022 and runs through to the following Saturday 10 September with a matinée only on Saturday 3 September. Evening performances commence at 7.45pm and the matinée will start at 2.30pm.

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

SHORTLY AFTER our last Newsletter came out we were all deeply saddened to hear of the death of Deborah (Debi) Lade. Our love goes out to Alan and his family.

Apart from being our long serving Wardrobe Mistress - I frequently heard audiences saying how well dressed a play had been - she also became our Publicity Officer, her biggest coup being to get our play posters on the local buses. That spot on the back of the driver's cab. With Alan she also set up our online ticketing liaising with the Tourist Information Office, who have become our walk in Box Office, and who will not only accept cash and cheques, but has a card reader AND will take phone orders!!

Congratulations to Sharon and her team for an excellent production of **Off The Hook** and welcome to the two new members of the cast, I'm sure we'll be seeing you again soon. Audiences are still being cautious, nevertheless a reasonable profit was made. It was great to see so many of our new members answering our request to help with stewarding Front of

House. Hopefully we'll see them again for our upcoming production of *The Nightingales*.

Congratulations also to Debbie and Ray for organising out Theatre get together for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and to Jenny and her singing partner for entertaining us. It was good to belt out songs I knew the words to! Also to those members who gave them a break. With so much else going on it was quality not quantity and a good time was had by all. As it was I understand for the return of Seaford's Got Talent.

Finally you may have noticed that our outside space has become a garden under the care of Simon Fox, who has met with the Seaford Environmental Alliance to see if they, and hopefully some of our members, can create a wildflower/food growing space originally the initiative of Debi Lade before she became too ill to carry on. We will plant a rose in her memory.

Take care everybody
Love, Margaret



Luvvie Loquacity - The Thoughts Of Thespians

**If one good deed in all my life I did,
I do repent it from my very soul.**

William Shakespeare



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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



We enjoyed a jolly get-together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with plenty of people arriving with oodles of delicious food. Fantastic entertainment was provided by Graham Tubb, Jenny & Chris with boundless energy and professionalism and Garry Fowler very kindly made a spectacular coronation cake fit for a queen which he generously donated for the raffle. Unfortunately her Maj didn't show up in person, but you can't have everything.



We have also been munching our way through tea, toast and crumpets on the first Monday of each month and continuing to raise funds for the chosen charity - TASC as nominated by Diane Guyatt.



Seaford's Got Talent was another great success, and so a huge thank you to everyone who participated, whether as a performer or in the audience. It was surprisingly slick and polished, considering most of it was unrehearsed and spontaneous. There was music, singing, rapping, comedy and poetry, even a special guest appearance from Tina Turner and, of course, Ray demonstrating his sax appeal. A special thank you also goes to everyone who gave up their time to help on the day - Phil, Jenny, Kieran and Chelsea all worked their magic to keep it all running smoothly. In fact Kieran was so inspired that he wants to do a similar event in the Autumn/Winter months (without the outdoor BBQ obviously, and an internal one could bring the house down ... literally).

In June Alan organised another Theatre walk taking in the Cuckmere valley, the river and the forest, including some stylish stiles along the way and finishing with a pit stop at The Cuckmere Inn. The large and enthusiastic group of two-legged walkers were accompanied by four faithful four-legged chums whose tails wagged ceaselessly throughout. A walk is such a naturally informal way to socialise and it is a pleasure to catch up with friends and make new ones. There will be another one later in the year so watch this space - all you need is a bottle of water and some sensible shoes (doggy treats are an optional extra).

Meanwhile here are some prospective dates for the coming weeks:

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

The Nightingales Wrap Party



There will be the usual Wrap Party, following the last performance, of our latest production ***The Nightingales***. 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 11 SEPTEMBER

Theatre Clean Up

Seaford Little Theatre from 2.00pm

All cast and crew members of ***The Nightingales*** 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.

27, 28, 29 OCTOBER

Forever in Blue Jeans - Neil Diamond Tribute Act Seaford Little Theatre from 7.00pm

Chris Nieto of The Diablos celebrates the music of Neil Diamond with his five star show. The evening also includes the Motown and Soul Review Show. Tickets £10 each to include a buffet meal. See the Little Theatre website for more details.

Future events planned include a Home Drive evening, A Winter Wonderland stage, and a New Year's Eve party. All dates to be confirmed.

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



GOOD WISHES AND LOVE

In the last few weeks we have unfortunately had the sad news that Marilynne Sharpin has lost her husband after a long illness. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to her and her family at this devastating time.

Meanwhile, on a personal note can I please express my huge thanks to everyone at the Little Theatre who provided such care and support following my own recent breavement. The cards and notes along with the donations so generously given to support St Wilfred's were humbling..

Thank you, Alan Lade

PLAY READING - SEASON'S GREETINGS by Alan Ayckbourn

There is a play reading evening specifically for those who are interested in coming along to read in or listen to **Season's Greetings** by Alan Ayckbourn. This will take place on 15 August 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, Garry Fowler.

Luvvie Loquacity - The Thoughts Of Thespians

People see so many movies that when they finally see one not so bad as the others, they think it's great. An Academy Award means that you don't stink quite as much as your cousin.

Charles Bukowski

AUDITION NOTICE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

by Alan Ayckbourn, directed by Garry Fowler

Audition Date: Monday 22 August 2022- 7.30pm

Seaford Little Theatre

Production dates: 2 - 10 December 2022

One of Ayckbourn's best loved plays and a terrific choice for our Christmas production. Set in an average suburban house this is the tale of the night before Christmas - when various house guests arrive - and the subsequent three days. Never was the old saying more true: "Visitors are like fish. After three days they begin to smell!" The Christmas Eve debacle leads on to more resentments and difficulties as lives are unpicked in the most brilliant, insightful way. A really great start to your festivities.

As there is a play-reading the week before, 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.

Rehearsal days will usually 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.

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CHARACTERS - all ages are relative

NEVILLE	
BELINDA	his wife
HARVEY	his uncle
PHYLLIS	his sister
BERNARD	Phyllis' husband
RACHEL	Belinda's sister
CLIVE	Rachel's boyfriend
EDDIE	Neville's friend
PATTY	Eddie's wife



Photos from the set of
Off the Hook
 taken by Andrew Parkinson
www.rememberingwhen.co.uk

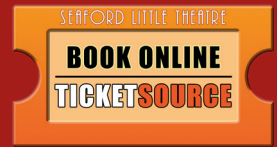
Hook, Line and ...





Off the Hook with Kim Sanger White, Sue Williams, Simon Fox, Dug Godfrey, Lee Coleman-Powney, Dennis Picott, Angie Wright, Corinne Jones, Debbie Cox and Phil Armstrong

BOOKING INFORMATION



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
Telephone Enquiries & Booking:
(01323) 897426
Email: seaford.tic@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

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.

Tickets for this production on sale now



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