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The Manifest Theatre

Dear Members,

Our new season kicks off with the gripping drama, *Pack of Lies*; don't forget to book early to avoid disappointment. Then "oh yes it is..." it's panto time and we hope to see lots of you auditioning for *Aladdin*.

Enclosed is a form for renewal of membership and we would really appreciate it if you could return your renewal before coming to buy tickets for the next production. This helps the box office staff and the membership secretary. Also, a polite reminder not to park in Oxford Road around the theatre, as agreed with our neighbours, and do please leave the fore-court parking for those patrons with impaired mobility. Many thanks for your assistance. See you at the theatre!

AUDITIONS for 'Aladdin'

7.30pm Thursday September 11th

Production Dates December 8th – 13th

(Matinee Saturday 13th at 2.30pm)

Characters

Aladdin, Jasmin, Widow Twankey, Wishee Washee, Genie Of The Lamp, Spirit Of The Ring, Abanazar, Knee and Knaw - The Emperor's Guards (Comic Duo), Emperor, Jafir -Emperor's right hand Man

Chorus (Chinese And Arabian)

NEW COMMITTEE

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM. We are pleased to welcome Pauline Pattison onto the committee as Kate Daines has stepped down. The committee is now: Caroline Roberts, Chairman; Andy Terry, Vice Chairman; Patience Ling, Treasurer; Liz Porter, Secretary; Viv Wheatley, Membership Secretary; Caroline & John Roberts, Publicity; Yvonne Cobbold, Bar Manager. Ordinary Members: Gordon Prior, Daniel Humphreys, John Roberts, Mike Johansen, Pauline Pattison and Chris Sadd.

'Pack of Lies'

by Hugh Whitemore

7th to 11th October 2008 at 7.30pm

Tickets £5

Directed by Val Taylor

Box Office opens Saturday 20th September 2008 10.30am to 12noon and will then be open Monday and Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm and Saturday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are once again joining the great Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning 10.30am-12noon on Friday 26th September.

Please do drop into the theatre for coffee and cake and this year some entertainment!

Hope to see many of you there!

SONS OF THE DESERT

The 'Sons of the Desert' club will be holding Laurel & Hardy film nights on September 20th, November 1st and December 6th at the Manifest Theatre. Manifest members are welcome to attend but ticket price will include a fee to join the 'Sons of the Desert'.

We have received the following nominations in the North Essex Theatre Guild Full Length Play Festival 07/08

Best Costumes, Best Young Actor for Matthew Barrott and Daniel Richardson in the shared role of Adrian Mole and Ryan Maslen as Nigel plus Best Supporting Actor for Gordon Prior as Bert Baxter all for 'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole'. Best Young Actress: Pheobe Day as Emily Webb in *Our Town*. The Doris Griffiths Memorial Cup for Best Production for 'Our Town', directed by Kerry King. Awards night Friday 12th September.