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# The Manifest Theatre

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## Dear Members,

Hope you're all having a great summer. We are spending ours decorating the auditorium for a fresh new look at the start of the season when we open with the musical comedy '70, Girls, 70' which Kate and her cast are currently rehearsing. Congratulations to all those nominated for the NETG awards; a wonderful reflection on all the hard work put in to our productions. Hope to see lots of you at the coffee morning . See you at the theatre!

## Subscriptions are now due for the new season and attached is a renewal form.

Our membership rates remain unchanged:

£10 for those actively involved in productions and the running of the theatre.

£5 for 'Friends of the Theatre', People who support the theatre regularly and voluntarily donate a little more than the associate membership.

£2 for 'Associate Members'. Those who wish to pay the minimum charge in order to purchase tickets for our productions.

£150 for 'Life Membership'. A one-off life subscription.

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. Many thanks.

## Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning

We are once again joining the great Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am-12noon on Saturday 26th September.

Drop into the theatre for coffee, cake and a chat. Hope to see many of you there!

### NEW COMMITTEE

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM, it was a lovely evening and a good chance to catch up with everyone. The committee is now: Caroline Roberts, Chairman; Andy Terry, Vice Chairman; Patience Ling, Treasurer; Liz Porter, Secretary; Viv Wheatley, Membership Secretary; Caroline Roberts, Publicity; Yvonne Cobbold, Bar Manager. Ordinary Members: Gordon Prior, Daniel Humphreys, John Roberts and Chris Sadd. This year both Mike Johansen and Pauline Pattinson stepped down and we would like to thank them for all their hard work.

This does however leave space on the committee for new members so if anyone is interested please get in contact with Caroline for more information on 01206 391354.

### NOMINATIONS

At this year's North Essex Theatre Guild full length play festival awards we have gained eleven nominations across all four of last season's productions. 'Pack of Lies', has been nominated for Best Production and Best Set, and two of the actors involved, Rosamund Pettett and John Roberts for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor respectively. 'Barefoot in the Park' has been nominated for Best Set and for both Val Taylor and Mike Johansen in their supporting roles. 'Aladdin'; Pheobe Day for Best Actress, Lester Pearse, Best Supporting Actor and Amanda Rowe, Best Supporting Actress. Last but not least, Alan Wheeler has been nominated for his part as Rene Artois in the group's most recent production, 'Allo 'Allo. Well done to all concerned.