



The Manifest Theatre

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2009

Dear Members,

We're pleased to report that last year's production of 'Our Town' Won Best Drama for District 11 at the NODA East awards and Kerry and Patience attended the ceremony to collect; congratulations to all involved. Andy is getting together a decorating party to paint the auditorium during the first week of August, starting on Saturday 1st. If you are able to help please speak to Andy or call the theatre; any assistance will be gratefully received. And lastly, a date for your diary, our AGM will be on Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm. Don't forget to book your tickets early for 'Allo 'Allo to avoid disappointment.

See you at the theatre!

Happy Birthday Manifest! By Jude Hussey

This month the group marks the 30th anniversary of its first production! 'Breath of Spring' ran from 16th to 19th May 1979 and was performed in Robin's Shed after rehearsals upstairs at The Red Lion pub. The money for the production, some £450, was raised through the generosity of patrons and sponsors and much hard fund raising by the Group's members. It was directed and produced by Dennis Murfitt and the assistant producer was Val Taylor who is still directing and acting with us.

This would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of Robin and Hilary Wilshaw and we continued to perform in Robin's Shed until 1985 when we bought the old Methodist School and converted it to the Manifest Theatre, again with the generous support of The Wilshaws and more fevered fund raising!

In fact, several of the cast and crew of that production are still active members of the Group; namely, Viv Wheatley, Yvonne Cobbold, Bruce Emeny and Adrian Bolton.

Our first chairman, Ernie Norfolk wrote in the first chairman's letter; 'It is hoped to provide as wide a spectrum of plays and melodramas as possible and we look forward to your continued patronage.' I think you will agree that this hope was fulfilled and your patronage is still essential to the continuing success of this special group. Here's to the next thirty years!

'Allo 'Allo

BY JEREMY LLOYD & DAVID CROFT

Directed by Kerry King

9th to 13th June 2009 at 7.30pm Tickets £6

Box Office opens Saturday 23rd May 10.30am to 12noon and will then be open Monday and Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm and Saturday mornings 10.30am to 12 noon

BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Friday 29th May 10am - 12noon

Proceeds towards the new stage curtains.

Come along for a coffee & a browse!

'70, Girls, 70'

to be directed by Kate Sheffield

A sparkling musical by John Kander & Fred Ebb based on the play 'Breath of Spring' - the first play ever performed by the Manifest Theatre Group!

A group of larcenous old folks steal furs from various New York stores with the intent of using the proceeds from their resale to buy their retirement hotel and save it from the developers.

Read through Monday 20th July 7.30pm

Auditions Wed 22nd July 7.30pm

Production dates 10th - 14th November 2009