

All of a sudden it was June! How an earth did that happen? We have been so busy at the theatre, we've had two incredible sold out one act plays, a successful sold-out comedy night, raising just over £3,000 for the hole in the roof, which has been fixed, by the way, thanks to you our wonderful members.

We now have our fantastically talented new writers, preparing for their first nights. I've watched rehearsals and it's true to say, that missing out on tickets would be a huge mistake. We are exceptionally lucky to have these writers as members of our group ... please come and support them so that we can make this an annual event. Alison Baker (Chair).

### OUR FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

## New Writers Showcase

Five talented local playwrights will be showcasing their work for your entertainment over two nights: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023. For more information see website: manifesttheatre.co.uk

## Summer and Smoke

is now in rehearsal too, one of **Tennessee Williams** acclaimed plays ... **Alison Baker** hopes her style of direction will give this play a completely fresh feel. To be performed from 25th - 28th August 2023 curtain up 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £10 for members and under 16s and £12 for non-members (inclusive of £2 Associate Membership for the whole of 2023), are on sale now. Bookings may be made on **our website at [www.manifesttheatre.co.uk](http://www.manifesttheatre.co.uk)**, or via our dedicated **booking line on 07444 724271** (messages may be left at any time) or by post to The Manifest Theatre at the above address.

Fancy treading the boards? we have auditions in July for

## Calendar Girls

directed by Kerry King see details. **AUDITION DATES** Thursday **20<sup>th</sup> July 2023** and Tuesday **25<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm** at the Manifest Theatre. If you would like to audition, please email [kerrykingma@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kerrykingma@yahoo.co.uk) for audition pieces. For full information on available parts etc. [click the link here](#). if you are reading this newsletter on an electronic device, i.e., computer, phone, Ipad / tablet.

All in all, a fun packed few months are in store ... come and see us soon and support live theatre in Manningtree.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is a condition of our constitution that all people attending our productions must become members of the Theatre. Also, any actors who wish to participate in a production must be a full member which helps promote a friendly atmosphere at the club and gives support to the Theatre. Becoming a member is easily done, just follow instructions below.

### How to Renew / Join

**Method 1.** Complete the attached form and send payment to the Membership Secretary.

**Method 2.** When purchasing tickets for your next visit, use the Non-Member rate which includes the £2.00 annual membership fee and your membership card will be emailed to you.

Members receive our newsletters and are welcome to purchase tickets for all our productions, attend our Wednesday Club Nights at the theatre for a friendly social evening or come along to our Play Reading Evenings as advertised. At all these events our bar will be open for competitively priced drinks and snacks. We look forward to receiving your membership renewal or new member form for the coming year.

### BOOK & COSTUME SALE

The sale has been postponed due to holidays, the date yet to be decided. So, you still have a chance to donate your saleable books for this fundraiser. Bring them to the theatre for the attention of Sarah McCarthy where they will be gratefully received. Watch this space for further information!!!!

### PLAY READINGS

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7pm** An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 7pm** Closer by Patrick Marber

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 7pm** Telstar by Nick Moran

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm** Art by Yasmin Reza

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7pm** The Full Monty by Simon Beaufoy

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7pm** Speaking in Tongues by Andrew Bovell

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December** TBA

Do come and join our informal readings in our theatre bar. All welcome to read or just listen. If there are any plays you'd like to see on the list to be read and for any other information contact Sarah McCarthy [sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk)

## WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHTS

Whether we are in rehearsal or not, Club Nights are held at the Theatre every Wednesday from 7:30pm to around 9:30pm. When our extremely well priced, licensed bar, probably the cheapest in Manningtree, is open to members. The only time it won't be possible of course, is when it's show week. We hope to see you there.

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## THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To make it easier for members to attend the AGM, it will now be held in September in future, starting this year. The date will be announced soon.

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## MANIFEST JUNIOR AND YOUTH GROUPS

We have a Junior Group for those aged eight up to the end of school Year 6 and a vibrant and enthusiastic Youth Group for School Years 7 to 11.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Junior and Youth groups, which meet at the theatre on Thursday evenings during term time; Juniors from 5:30 to 6:30 and Youths from 6:30 to 7:30. We have three terms a year in line with School years.

If you think that you could help our enthusiastic young people develop their stage skills, please contact Chris at [juniors@manifesttheatre.co.uk](mailto:juniors@manifesttheatre.co.uk)

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## SPECIAL EVENT

### FIRST AID COURSE

Due to covid our previously arranged First aid course had to be cancelled. We have now re arranged the one-day course to be held at **Manifest Theatre on 14th October 2023**. It will start 8:45am and finish at 4pm. The cost per person will be £65. Tea, coffee and a sandwich lunch will be provided. It will consist of the following: -

### SYLLABUS

Principles and Practice of First Aid

Resuscitation

Control of bleeding

Treatment of unconsciousness

Communications (999)

Contents of a First Aid box

Keeping records

Treatment of shock

Treatment of burns and scalds

Injuries to bones and joints

Defibrillation.

Spaces will be limited so if you would be interested in gaining these potentially lifesaving skills, please **contact Jon on 07581060492**

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There is lots of interesting stuff on our website, including a history of the theatre, past productions and ways to contact us. Also you could help raise the theatre's online profile by visiting the site as Google is dynamic and the more visitors view the site the higher we move up in its search listings.

<https://www.manifesttheatre.co.uk>