



# NEWSLETTER

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What a year we are having. We have had some great productions with most nights sold out. Our first ever New Writers Showcase was so successful we will definitely be repeating that. Summer and Smoke, well, all I can say is WOW, the performers excelled themselves and feedback from audience members confirmed this. Next up is "Calendar Girls" (more below). Tickets for Calendar Girls are nearly 50% sold already so book early to avoid disappointment. The AGM was held recently with a good attendance from members and some good suggestions were put forward. Enough from me as this is a newsletter, please read it as there are important issues for your attention. Alison Baker (Chair).



### SPECIAL EVENT - FIRST AID COURSE

The Theatre is hosting a one-day First Aid course to teach the basics and is suitable for anyone wishing to have the basic first aid skills at work or home.

The aim is to teach the lifesaving procedures in First Aid, including how to handle emergencies.

The one-day course is being held at the Manifest Theatre, 2 Oxford Road, Manningtree, CO11 1BP, on **Saturday 14th October 2023 from 08:45 to 16.00**. A light lunch is included and the cost is £60. Contact Jon Abbott. [Jonathan.abbott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jonathan.abbott@hotmail.co.uk)

This course is suitable for low-risk small firms and offices to comply with the needs of Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

There is no examination, but students will be assessed during the course and an Attendance Certificate will be issued to those who prove satisfactory in this subject. :-

#### SYLLABUS

1. Principles and Practice of First Aid
2. Resuscitation Control of bleeding
3. Treatment of unconsciousness
4. Communications (999)
5. Contents of a First Aid box
6. Keeping records
7. Treatment of shock
8. Treatment of burns and scalds
9. Injuries to bones and joints
10. Defibrillation.

We were so pleased to see so many come to the auditions for **Jumpers for Goalposts**, it has now been successfully cast and rehearsals will start soon. Play is set to run from 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. More information will soon be found on our website.

### BOOK & COSTUME SALE

A date is 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. Watch this space for further information!!!!



### CALENDAR GIRLS



'Calendar Girls' is to be performed **Tuesday 7th –11th November 2023 at 7.30pm with a Saturday Matinee 2.30pm**. Tickets are £10 for members and £12 for non-members and rehearsals are well under way for this play which is based on the wonderful **Miramax** film by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth and directed by Kerry King.

Calendar Girls is based on a true story about a group of women from a Women's Institute group in Yorkshire who raised funds for their local hospital's cancer unit in memory of their friend John. We thought we too could raise funds and have chosen the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. 'They offer support for anyone who had been newly diagnosed, throughout any treatment and after treatment has ended'. The charity believe that it is not just the cancer that should be treated but the whole person, physically, emotionally and mentally. Our 'Calendar Girls' calendar will be on sale to help promote funds for the important work they do. As John's wife said "*We were just ordinary people who did an extraordinary thing. We can all make a difference.*"

For more information about tickets, which are now on sale and selling quickly, go to [Ticket Source Booking Office](#) or for further information on booking, pricing and seating plan click here for [Manifest Booking Office](#). You can find many ways of contacting us on this website.

Also there will be a raffle which will be drawn after all performances have been completed. If members could donate prizes, we would be grateful, please 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. You could also get a sneak preview of any rehearsals for up-and-coming productions. We hope to see you there.

## 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. Download and complete [a membership form from here](#), 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.

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## THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 AGM was held at the theatre on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm. After the minutes of last years meeting were read and confirmed the next item was to elect the Committee for the following year and were as follows:-

Alison Baker-Chair, Jonathan Abbott-Vice Chair. Secretary-Lorraine Crook, Treasurer-Susan Halsey, Chris Sadd-children representative and co-ordinator, Box Office Manager - Heather Thompson, General Committee - Alan Wheeler, Lea Friend, Ben Mayhem, Will Parrick, Eleanor Chandlor, Sarah McCarthy, Nigel Morton.

Trustees. Judith Hussey, Bruce Emeny, Kerry King, Terry Cousins.

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Also discussed were the fund-raising contributions to the roof repair fund with special mention to Ryan Curtis and his actors for their efforts in the performance of the one off "Raise The Roof" successful comedy show, along with the two sold out one act plays, raising just over £3,000 which enabled the required roof repairs.

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am** We need all hands to help perform a Deep Clean of the theatre. If you feel you could volunteer to help, we would be grateful.

Also, if you can spare any time on **17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> November** to help in painting and decorating the theatre it will be fun.

If you can help in any way please contact Alison Baker [alisonbaker10@me.com](mailto:alisonbaker10@me.com)

## 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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## Christmas party

This year the Christmas Party will take a new turn with a **Murder Mystery** being performed, " **Who killed Santa**". Tickets are very limited and cost £15 per person, Karaoke Hot supper. Christmas fancy dress is encouraged. 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7pm . Book early, you will have fun. contact Sarah McCarthy [sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk).

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## FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

Dates for Open Auditions will be announced soon for our programme for 2024, they include:-

**"Gaslight"** Directed by Will Parrick, May 2024.

Set in 1880s London, written by Patrick Hamilton. Hamilton's play is a dark tale of a marriage based on deceit and trickery, and a husband committed to driving his wife insane in order to steal from her.

**"Made in Dagenham"**, Directed by Alison Baker November 2024.

Set in Essex 1968, Each morning Rita O'Grady is just trying to get her husband out of bed, get the kids off to school and get to work at the factory on time. But life is about to change forever when Ford's announced that the women in the stitching room of Dagenham car plant will have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'. The rest as they say is history.

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## PLAY READINGS 2023

26<sup>th</sup> October. **"The Full Monty"**

by Simon Beaufoy

30<sup>th</sup> November. **"Speaking in Tongues"**

by Andrew Bovell

28<sup>th</sup> December. **"The Rivals"**

by Richard Brinsley Sheridan

Starting at 7pm. At the theatre. Come along and help shape future productions and enjoy a sociable evening. For further information contact Sarah McCarthy [sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sdyer1@hotmail.co.uk)