



MARINE LIFE

THEATRE FRIENDS NEWS

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Oh! Those were the days

Lyme Regis Dramatic Society are delighted to bring you the hilarious farce, **The Happiest Days of Your Life**, by John Dighton. It will be performed at the Marine Theatre from

The story may be remembered from the classic 1950s movie when leading parts were played by Margaret Rutherford, Alistair Sim and Joyce Grenfell.

The play revolves around the Staff Common Room in a staunchly boys school where, at short notice, orders arrive that a **GIRLS SCHOOL** is to be billeted with them. The resulting confusion between crusty Headmaster and his masters versus the gorgon Principal of the Girls school and her female staff plus the intervention of the huffy Caretaker, scary parents and mischief-making students,



has to be seen to be believed!

Tickets are now available for this great evening's entertainment and can be obtained from the Theatre Box Office, Tourist Information Office, 01297 442138, and cost £7.50 or £6.00 for under 16s.

Pam Ladd, LRDS



9th to 12th April inclusive. Curtain up is at 7.30pm.

How your TF money has been spent

When you next visit the theatre you may not notice the changes there - because, of course, you will be enjoying the performance. However, your pleasure will be enhanced by the lack of draughts thanks to the new windows, even in a force 9 gale! The new lighting will improve your vision (provided John and Vince have removed their ladders).



A new face in the Theatre

Hi I'm Emmy and I am the new Outreach Worker for the theatre. I feel very privileged to be working for the theatre and joining such a great team.

I have only lived in this area for a couple of years having moved here from Wimborne where I used to volunteer at the Tivoli Theatre. I still pinch myself occasionally to make sure I am not dreaming when I think of the joy of living and working in such a beautiful area. I have previously worked as a community development worker and have used the arts as a means



of engaging people. I am excited at the prospect of introducing the world of theatre to many who have never experienced the joy of live entertainment or indeed joining in a social activity. There are many reasons why people may not have experi-

enced theatre and I will be addressing these over the next few months.

In the meanwhile I shall be organising several daytime activities for the over 50's namely ballroom, salsa and a fitness class. As well as enabling people to join us at the theatre I will be looking at ways of taking the theatre to our local community. If you have any ideas or thoughts on the matter then please do come and chat to me. I look forward to meeting and working with many 'Friends' over the next few months.

Emmy Sinnott

However, not only will you be warmer and be able to see better but, for those of you with hearing difficulties, you will finally be able to take advantage of the hearing loop (£1,500 TF gift). It is due to be installed on Wednesday 16 April, just in time for our TF quiz night!

Do you have any information for us?

Pete and Jacqui Ward have taken on the task of researching the history of the Marine Theatre site.

We know that it was originally the site of the town baths and that they fell into disrepair before becoming a Drill Hall, however the vaulted caverns remain underneath. Mr Walter Hardy and his son, Donald,

bought the Drill Hall in 1928 and the next year purchased the silent movie projector from a Mr Raymonds, when the Assembly Rooms at Cobb Gate were demolished, and installed it in their hall. This is the venue that Mrs Nellie Templeman started her long career as the Lyme Regis cinema's pianist.

When sound was introduced, the Drill Hall was no longer a satisfactory venue so the Hardys commissioned the construction of the present Regent Cinema.

Can you tell us more and put any flesh on the bones of our knowledge? Contact Pete or Jacqui on 01297 443606

May Day! May Day!



The Regatta and Carnival Committee are holding their annual **May Day fete** on;

Sunday 4 May 2pm
Anning Road Playground

If you have any items of bric-a-brac, small household items or other items of interest to donate, please contact Maureen Yell on 01297 444209 or Valerie Stewart on 01297 443769. Collection of your donations can be arranged if necessary.



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THEATRE TICKETS

Box Office: 01297 442138

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West Dorset Tourist Information Centre, Guildhall Cottage, Church Street, DT7 3BS

APPEAL



Would you like to pit your wits against the Quiz Night regulars? We would love to find some more people willing to take a turn at compiling questions for one of our Quiz Nights. If you would like to have a go, please contact Jacky on 01297 445932

"Acting is all about honesty. If you can fake that, you've got it made."

George Burns

Your 2008 TheatreFriends committee

It is that time of year when things get reshuffled on our committee, and we have just bade farewell to Doris Read and Jean Wellings. We would, once more, like to offer our thanks for the contribution they have made over the years and we look forward to seeing you around—off duty!

Penny Swannell has kindly offered to take over the taking of minutes. This is a relief to us all as she is the only one who does shorthand (or, at least, the only one to own up!) As we talk a lot, and often at once, shorthand is a valuable skill.

Valerie is continuing to look after our financial affairs until a suitable treasurer is found.

We are delighted to welcome Pat Dench (pictured below) to our small but enthusiastic team and look forward to working with her over the next year.



Have you something to say?

Articles, pictures, letters or just fond memories are all welcome for this Newsletter, it is yours after all! Or, indeed, if you are a local society wishing to plug a production, please contact me: Jenny Waldron, on 01297 444756 or e-mail: jennywaldron@btinternet.com Items for the Summer 2008 edition of our **MARINE LIFE** newsletter should be submitted by 15 July.

TheatreFriends Committee

Chair & Trust Liaison:	Jacky Hedley-Tuffs	445932
Treasurer:	Valerie Stuart	443769
Membership Secretary:	Gerry Berry	442036
Minutes Secretary:	Penny Swannell	443003
Newsletter:	Jenny Waldron	444756
Other members:	Pat Dench	
	Jeannie Tee	
	Peter Ward	
	Maureen Yell	

Social spotlight

Despite some hitches with the transport for the trip to Yeovil to see Swan Lake, all went well, I understand. Firstly, the coach was summoned in for its first government check as it was a year old, so an alternative coach was arranged. Then on the day, the coach driver's wife was taken ill so he passed the



whole job on. Good old Swards stepped in and saved the day!

Even those on the reserve list who thought they had no

hope, got their opportunity to go after all, albeit last minute. The main thing is the same amount of people returned as left here!

Gill Steinberg has kindly consented to hosting a cream tea fundraising event on June 24. Those of you who know Gill's garden will be aware that it will make a delightful venue for such an occasion and I, for one, am certainly looking forward to eating a cream tea on Gill's deck!

We have some other outings and events in the pipeline. Further details of these can be found on the main Marine Theatre web site:

www.marinetheatre.com/theatrefriends.htm

You will then find a link to the Social Calendar page.

TheatreFriends Social Calendar

Thurs 3 April	Silver Screen The Regent, The Kite Runner £3
Thurs 10 April	Silver Screen, The Regent 10.15am, Stardust £3
Weds 16 April	Quiz Night £2 entry, 7.30 for 8pm
Thurs 17 April	Silver Screen, The Regent 10.15am, When Did You Last See Your Father
Thurs 24 April	Silver Screen, The Regent 10.15am, PS I Love You
Thurs 1 May	Silver Screen, The Regent 10.15am, Run Fat Boy, Run £3
Weds 21 May	Quiz Night £2 entry, 7.30 for 8pm
Weds 18 June	Quiz Night £2 entry, 7.30 for 8pm
Tues 24 June	Cream Tea £4 TF £5 other, 2.30-4.30pm, To book ring Jenny on 444756

For further details, follow the 'Social Calendar' link from www.marinetheatre.com/theatrefriends.htm

Although during the February storms, the sea level was almost to the top of the North Wall of the Cobb, we escaped lightly compared to some. Others had amusing tales to tell.

One publican in Brighton thought he had better inspect any damage incurred to the furniture on his terrace. He opened the doors, only to find mackerel afloat there! Who said there were no mackerel at this time of year?