



MARINE LIFE

What's going on in and around the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis

THEATREFRIENDS NEWS



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About time too!

Jacky is rewarded

There have been more than a few dedicated staff and volunteers at the Marine Theatre over the years but one person's love and dedication has stood out during the last 8 years, our own Jacky Hedley-Tuffs. She has not only worked hard as an employee of the Theatre but she has also put in many months ('hours' would be a gross understatement) of extra time helping to keep the theatre and its performers afloat (almost literally in the past)

On Saturday 19 May, the



Here she is, our Jacky, teaching Oliver Letwin the true meaning of a fiscal squeeze in the ticket office at last month's FF@5

National Operatic and Dramatic Society presented Jacky with a framed certificate signed by representatives of all the local societies as a token of their gratitude.

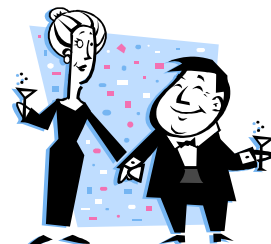
There is not a job that Jacky

hasn't done for the theatre, and although now employed as the Finance Officer and the licensee, she is still willing to answer cries for help backstage, sorting the lighting or pretty well anything else she is asked to do.

Jacky also chairs our Theatre-Friends' committee, no mean feat when there is a chatter-box like me to contend with, and guides us along with her experience. Her extraordinary contribution to the theatre and its various users was finally recognised publicly by the making of this surprise presentation of a special award.

First Friday @ 5

In the Theatre Bar



August 3 See the fabulous lanterns made in the workshop that day. Later at 8pm why not bring all the family to the Blues Brothers Banned

September 7 Come and talk to Stompin' Dave Allen who will be doing a preview of his fabulous family 8pm show, Walk the Walk

October 5 Come at 6pm to meet the cast of our very own Community Players before their evening performance of The Music Man



LOOK OUT!

Lyme Youth Theatre (LYT) Celebrates the end of it's 2nd year!

Monika Henshaw, Co-ordinator LYT

For £5 young people aged 8-16 can join for a year. LYT members get priority booking for the Saturday morning classes, workshops, and the Summer School. We are proud to have Alistair Ganley (Artistic Director of Cygnet) as our Director; He has worked wonders, inspiring everyone to give of their best.



Now we have to grow. Younger members need their own group so we are starting one from September. After

two years we have an experienced older group who need projects of their own. There are also special projects attached to local events – ArtsFest, Fossil Festival, Siege of Lyme etc, and fundraising is important too.

Just now I am sitting here with a forward planner for 07/08 – a pile of dates, a pile of brilliant professionals willing to work with us, and a pile of possible projects. The future is so exciting – it's endlessly rewarding and enormously challenging! Can I tempt anyone to come and join us? Of course I mean young people – children, grandchildren, friends etc, but also adults, including YOU! Our profession-



als are paid; the rest of us are volunteers. Jeannie Tee is a wonderful Administrator, Polly Benfield amazingly ensures that we get as much funding as possible, and we have a few lovely chaperones. We need more help, PLEASE. All you need is enthusiasm and a few spare hours. Please contact me, Jeannie, or the Theatre Office.

NEWS FLASH



TheatreFriends will be having a fund-raising stall at the Uplyme Horticultural Show. Do please donate or support us by buying something!

**Uplyme Village Hall
Saturday 21 July**

2-5pm

If you have any items of bric-a-brac, small household items or other items of interest to donate, please contact Maureen Yell on 01297444209 or Valerie Stewart on 01297442394. Collection of your donations can be arranged if necessary.

Join us at 6pm, Weds 25 July

It's nearly that time of year again! Thank goodness our inspirational pilots of excellence won a reprieve, Lifeboat Week and Britain would never be the same without the magnificent Red Arrows. Come and watch them from our Theatre Bar balcony on Wednesday 25 July. Come and join us, the bar will be



open from 6pm, the Red Arrows are due to carry out their

display at 6.30pm. The view from the balcony is fabulous.

This spectacular event will be followed by another of the wonderful Summer Evening of Music concerts put on by Nick Lawrence. This latest series of Wednesday night performances will kick off on 4 July.



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THEATRE TICKETS

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APPEAL

Do you have web design or Quark for PC skills and could spare a little time in the Theatre Office?

The Theatre Office is in need of some skilled assistance with these vital marketing tools. If you feel you could help, please contact Margie on 01297 442394

"Acting is the art of speaking in a loud clear voice and the avoidance of bumping into the furniture"

Alfred Lunt

**Allo Allo, what have we here?
Marvelous entertainment, that's what!**

From amateur productions like the LR Operatic Society's Mikado and the LR Dramatic Society's Allo Allo, to professional touring productions such as the Watermill's outstanding production, 'The Story of a Great Lady' or the Cygnet's 'Hard Times' the range has been delivered at the highest of standards.

Music has been given a higher profile than I ever remember. We have had folk, rock, jazz and a series of well received Classical Concerts. We've even had an Old Time Musical, and did you hear the amazing voice of Karen Noble ring out in our auditorium with enough gusto to blow the roof off? What power! It must be frustrating at times for artists such as Karen who make a more reasonable living as a cover

artist rather than singing their own material but for those who attended, she gave a fabulous trip down memory lane and super entertainment.

There is plenty to come too, our own Pantomime Society are putting on 'Hooray for Hollywood' on the 19 & 20 July and the Thame Players return on the 21 July to perform Noel Coward's Hayfever.

Our own Margie Barbour will be the guest speaker at the U3A monthly lecture on Thursday 16 August when, I am sure, she would appreciate a few friendly faces in the audience so do come along and support her. Of course the evening will be free to members but guests are welcome at a suggested donation of £5.

Having a whale of a MTQN time!

TheatreFriends Committee

Chair & Trust Liaison:	Jacky Hedley-Tuffs	445932
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Other members:	Doris Read	
	Penny Swannell	
	Jeannie Tee	
	Peter Ward	
	Maureen Yell	

Our Condolences

Anthony Archer-Thomson was a stalwart of the Marine Theatre and the LRDS for over 40 years. He died on Monday 11 June. We would like to send our best wishes to his widow, Meg, now living in Charmouth.

What is in it for you?

Articles, pictures, letters or just fond memories are all welcome for this Newsletter, it is yours after all! Please contact me: Jenny Waldron, on 01297 44756 or e-mail: jennywaldron@btinternet.com Items for the next Autumn edition of MARINE LIFE newsletter should be submitted by 14 September 2007.



MT Quiz Nights

7.30 for 8pm

Tuesday 24 July (Lifeboat Week family quiz - children £1)

Monday 6 August (Carnival & Regatta Week family quiz - children £1)

Wednesday 19 September (+ TF Extraordinary General Meeting)

Wednesday 17 October

Teams of up to 6 players, £2 per head. Don't feel you need to have organised a team before the night, come on down and join in making up a 6 with others

Fishy Tales

Back in the good ol' days of The Summer Show, Hugh Lloyd was starring along with a number of other artistes. The girls disappeared off stage to get into their beautiful frocks for the finale. Suddenly, tremendous screams emanating from the changing rooms, engulfed the audience. Back then, only wooden floor boards separated the actors from the sea. There had been a flood during the performance and the girls, returning back-stage to get dressed, found that their beautiful dresses had a number of uninvited and unwelcome guests in their petticoats — sea slugs!