



The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER

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Happily, the restrictions that have affected all of us over the past two years are now behind us and we are able to resume our normal activities once again, domestically as well as at the Manifest Theatre.

The new ventilation system serving the bar and auditorium is now fully operational. The installation will provide theatregoers with a safer and more comfortable environment in which to enjoy our productions.

Our first production of the year, *Ladies Down Under*, proved to be a great success and we promise to keep you entertained with two further productions this year. Please read on...

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

We are delighted to extend a special welcome to our two new directors, Will Parrick and Sarah Wilson, who are both very experienced in the field of theatre. They will each be directing a one act play for your enjoyment. **These will be staged from the 14th to the 16th July at 7:30 pm with a matinee on Saturday the 16th at 2:30 pm.**

The Dumb Waiter

By Harold Pinter

The Dumb Waiter (directed by Will) is a modernist tragicomedy written in 1957 and considered by some as the best of Pinter's early plays. It revolves around two would-be assassins, Gus and Ben, who wait in a windowless basement to learn of their next assignment. At the back of the room is a small lift (a dumbwaiter), which delivers occasional food orders. This is quite mysterious and both characters seem to be puzzled why these orders keep coming. The play is dramatic as well as absurd, as Pinter explores the idea of humanity facing a mysterious universe and an impending confrontation with mortality. Find out what happens and be prepared to be intrigued!

Lockdown in Little Grimley

By David Tristram

Lockdown in Little Grimley, a comedy, (directed by Sarah) will guarantee you all a 'laugh-out-loud' experience! A local theatre group are working out what to do after Covid-19 has hit and forced them into lockdown. Their Chairman, Gordon, calls an emergency meeting, complete with social distancing, to discuss his idea for their next production when restrictions ease. He proposes a touching love story set in a hospital, with all profits destined for the NHS. But based on their previous efforts, will the NHS actually end up worse off? Exceptional local talent and two quality scripts combine to ensure a great night out, packed full of drama and laughter.

Tickets, priced at £10 for members and under 16s and £12 for non members to include membership for 2022, are now available. You may book through our website at manifesttheatre.co.uk, via our dedicated booking line on 07444 724271 (messages may be left at any time) or by posting your ticket order to The Manifest Theatre at the above address.

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR

We hope everyone who participated in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of June had an absolutely wonderful time.

We too, at the Manifest, have not forgotten it is 70 years this year since HM Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne.

To mark this historic occasion in our own very special way we are planning a rather unique 'Jubilee' variety show to be staged from the 1st to the 5th of November with an additional matinee performance on Saturday the 5th. The show will be produced and directed by Kerry King.

In addition to being a celebration of Her Majesty's reign, it will feature musical numbers, including songs from popular shows and sketches that have been highlights of the past 50 years.

For those of you who wish to take part, Kerry will be holding auditions at the Theatre on the 25th July and the 27th July at 7:30 pm. Participants must be aged 18 years or above.

For further information please contact Kerry King at kerrykingma@yahoo.co.uk, or by telephone on 07876500760 or 01206 391435.

WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHTS!

Our Club Nights are becoming more popular. 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 is open to members. The only time this is not possible of course, is during a show week.

And for those who are passionate about theatre, we hold a play reading evening every last Thursday of each month at the Theatre from **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST AID COURSE

If you are required to undergo first aid training, you may be interested in attending an accredited first aid course through us. Please email for full details.

MANIFEST THEATRE GROUP AGM

Members are cordially invited to attend the AGM which will be held at the Theatre on **21st July at 7:30pm**. In addition to reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, your committee for the coming year will be elected. Any nominations for committee or proposals affecting the rules of membership **must** be received from members in writing by the **7th July**.