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The Manifest Theatre

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2010

Dear Members,

It is with great sadness we bring you news that Geoff Taylor, founder member and former trustee, passed away on 18th July. Geoff was instrumental in transforming our building into a theatre and continued to build sets and support Val with her productions over the years. Geoff was loved and respected and will be missed by all who knew him and our hearts go out to Val and her family.

Manningtree Beach Bash

As part of this year's 'Bash' on **Saturday September 4th at 8pm** we will be reviving the Manifest **'Poems and Pints' Evening**, which some of you may remember from the distant past! The theme for the evening is 'Flotsam and Jetsam', which gives you all plenty of scope to seek out your favourite poem, monologue, sketch, song or sea-shanty, although don't feel it has to have a beach/sea theme.

We hope to put together a balanced programme, so it's important you submit a copy of your text to either Val, Viv or Jude as soon as possible; definitely by Sept 1st at the latest. If we can't be found at rehearsals on Mondays or Wednesdays then copies can be posted through Jude's door at 8, Oxford Road or emailed to her at judehussey@tiscali.co.uk. Feel free to phone with any queries 395429 or Val on 393561.

Tickets £3 from Patience 01206 393171. All welcome to perform or just come along to swell the audience! Look forward to seeing you 'on board'.

Don't miss our ultimate summer film night...

'Mamma Mia'

All the Abba hits & starring Meryl Streep, Julie Walters, Pearce Brosnan & Colin Firth

**Saturday 21st August 2010
7.30pm Tickets £5**

Wear your Greek Island holiday gear if you dare!

Call 01206 393171 for tickets

'Pygmalion' George Bernard Shaw's Classic Play

Directed by Kate Sheffield

19th to 23rd October 2010 7.30pm Tickets £6

Box Office will open on Saturday 2nd October 10.30am - 12noon then be open Mon & Wed 7.30 - 9pm & Sat 10.30am - 12noon

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Friday 24th September

10am to 12noon

Come and join us for Tea, Coffee, Cake, Raffle and Book Sale

NEW COMMITTEE

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM and we are very pleased to have a full committee for the coming season. Caroline Roberts, Chairman; Andy Terry, Vice Chairman; Patience Ling, Treasurer; Cathy Kalaher, Secretary; Viv Wheatley, Membership Secretary; Caroline Roberts, Publicity; Yvonne Cobbold, Bar Manager, Liz Porter, Social Secretary. Ordinary Members: Sue Halsey, Gordon Prior, Alan Wheeler, Ali Mercer, John Roberts and Chris Sadd. Daniel Humphreys stepped down and we would like to thank him for his hard work.

Membership Subscriptions are now due for the new season and attached is a renewal form.

Our membership rates remain unchanged: £10 for those actively involved in productions and the running of the theatre. £5 for 'Friends of the Theatre', people who support the theatre regularly and voluntarily donate a little more than the associate membership. £2 for 'Associate Members'. Those who wish to pay the minimum charge in order to purchase tickets for our productions. £150 for 'Life Membership'. A one-off life subscription.

We would really appreciate it if you could return your renewal before coming to buy tickets for the next production. This helps the box office staff and the membership secretary. Many thanks.

STOP PRESS: Could anyone look at our aircon system for us? We also need a garden spade. THANK YOU