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## Newsletter

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### Flowers Needed!

Our next production is set in a Summer garden and we are in need of any silk or false flowers you may be able to loan us.

All flowers will be returned.

If you are able to help please contact the theatre or

Caroline Roberts on  
01206 391354

Many thanks!

### Daytimers

Are there any MEN who would like to join our entertainment group? We meet every Tuesday (except the fourth in the month) from 2.15-3.30pm at the theatre to rehearse well-known standard songs. Once a month we usually go out to different venues to entertain (over 60 clubs, WI, retired Associations, etc) in Clacton, Colchester, Ipswich and villages all around. At the moment we have 12 ladies and 4 men so more male voices would be welcome. If interested come along to the theatre on a Tuesday afternoon, or ring Patience on 01206 393171.

### Oliver!

Our Autumn production will be the musical 'Oliver!' directed by Kerry King  
More news to follow!

**Happy New Year to all our members!** Many thanks for all your support over the past year and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the theatre again in 2006. The Christmas party was a great success, thank you to all who came along, and to the Daytimers for performing their medley of festive songs.

'Oh What A Lovely War' was a wonderful and moving production and we had a full house almost every night! The bar staff did us proud once again; decorating the theatre in First World War memorabilia to get us in the spirit.

This year the Manifest Theatre celebrates its 21st birthday and we have another busy year ahead. Rehearsals are underway for 'Humble Boy' at the end of February and two more productions are planned. 'My Friend Miss Flint' for June and the ever popular musical 'Oliver!' for the Autumn. We hope there will be something there to appeal to everyone and that we will see lots of new, (and old) members coming along to take part.

Finally, a note about subscription renewals. Sorry if we confused some of you by sending out reminders to everyone, regardless of whether you had already re-joined. We won't use that system again! Our Box Office answer machine is also now working! **See you at the theatre!**

### 'Humble Boy'

**28th February to 4th March 2006 7.30pm**

Directed by Val Taylor

Our next production is the critically acclaimed new play by Charlotte Jones. Originally staged at the National Theatre, it is a dark comedy about broken vows, failed hopes and the joys of bee-keeping set in a beautiful Summer garden.



### Box Office

Box office for Humble Boy opens on Saturday 12th February at 10:30  
It will then be open Monday & Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm  
and Saturdays 10.30am - 12noon

### Spring Production 'My Friend Miss Flint' by Donald Churchill & Peter Yeldham

When Tom Lambert, botanist and TV gardening personality, receives a call from Inland Revenue enquiring about his public relations consultant Joanna Flint, he can honestly say he has never heard of her.

By lunchtime, he knows all about Miss Flint: his accountant and ex wife confesses that she invented Miss Flint as a tax dodge.

This tricky situation sets the stage for a sparkling comedy. To be directed by Roger Licence. Characters needed Tom Lambert 30-40 Lucy 20-40, Albert 50 Sarah 30-40, Mr Dodds 50+, C.P. Lens (F) 45-50

**Date of production**  
**6th to 10th June**  
**2006**

**Auditions**  
*16th February. No planned read through, scripts available from Roger*

*First Rehearsal*  
**Monday 6th March**