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DEAR MEMBERS,

Hope you all enjoyed your summer break - it feels as though the theatre hasn't stopped all year! The Tom Owen production in July was thoroughly enjoyable. Tom entertained us and then chatted with members in the bar afterwards. Sadly, audience numbers were lower than expected and many of you missed a great evening.

We are proud to announce that in the recent North East Essex Theatre Guild awards the Manifest was nominated eight times. 'Oh What a Lovely War' was nominated for Best Musical, Best Technical Achievement Light/Sound, Front of House and Best Young Actor, Ryan Maslen. Other nominations were Best Supporting Actress, Gloria Streames (Humble Boy), Best Supporting Actor, John Roberts (My Friend Miss Flint) and Best Set (Humble Boy & My Friend Miss Flint). On the night we were up against some stiff competition and whilst we only won Best Set for Humble Boy, we were delighted that the Guild decided to honour Rene Hacon for her long service and dedication to the Manifest Theatre by awarding her the Jan King Trophy for Unsung Heroes.

Oliver is now cast and it looks set to be another great production, so book early to avoid disappointment. See you at the theatre!

BOX OFFICE

Box office for Oliver will open on Saturday 7th October and then be open each Monday and Wednesday between 7.30-9pm and Saturdays 10.30am-12noon

Tickets will be £6 for adults and £4 for under 16s

Performance dates 23rd to 28th October

SOUND MIXER

Your theatre is desperately in need of a new Sound Mixer to keep the technical equipment up to standard and this will cost around £350. We have a collection tin on the bar and any donations/contributions will be gratefully received. Many thanks for your help.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Enclosed with the newsletter is a form for renewal of membership. Changes have been made which were approved at the AGM, in that, acting members will now pay an annual fee of £10. Anyone who is not an acting member, but who has previously paid an annual fee of £5 is invited to continue to pay this sum and will, in future, be called a Friend of the Manifest. This is not obligatory but, of course, we are extremely grateful to those people who support the theatre in this way. Associate membership will remain at £2 per annum. A new fee is introduced of £1, for one production, this is for the occasional visitor who is unlikely to attend again. Life membership will now be a one-off payment of £150.

If you are intending to renew your subscription, could you please do so as soon as possible and not leave it until you come to purchase tickets for the next production. This helps the box office staff and the membership secretary. You can put more than one name on the form, so if you are intending to bring a whole family to see 'Oliver' please join them all now. Many thanks for your assistance.

SONS OF THE DESERT

The 'Sons of the Desert' club will be holding a Laurel & Hardy film night on September 23rd at the Manifest Theatre. Manifest members are welcome to attend but ticket prices will include a fee to join the 'Sons of the Desert'.

NEW COMMITTEE

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM. We are pleased to welcome some old and new members to the committee which now consists of: Roger Licence, Chairman; Patience Ling, Treasurer; Mary Powell, Secretary; Viv Wheatley, Membership Secretary; Caroline Roberts, Publicity Officer; Mike Johansen, Social Secretary; Yvonne Cobbold, Bar Manager. Ordinary Members: Andy Terry, Gordon Prior, Daniel Humphreys, John Roberts, Jo Cobbold and Chris Sadd.

As you can see we now have an official Social Secretary and look forward to even more events and outings with the group.