



Newsletter – April 2008



Harriet Roberts CEO

Fool's Paradise

I look forward to welcoming you to the theatre for our Open Evening on Tuesday 1 April. This will be a chance for newcomers to find out more about the venue and the different groups who operate here. Between 7-8pm Michael Berry will be conducting an optional guided history tour of the building. The theatre bar will be open from 7pm to pop in for a drink and chat.

At 8pm there will be a brief update on developments at the theatre over the last 12 months and plans for the future. Howard Raw, who is directing our fundraiser, Fiddler on the Roof will be talking about the project at around 8.30pm. This is a chance for those who would like to be involved to come along and find out more information. The musical will raise money for Derian House Children's Hospice and the theatre. It's a date you can't forget – unless you're a fool! - 1st April 2008.

Happy Monday Club 100

Our Monday Club reached 99 in March and we'll be welcoming our 100th member at our April event on the 21st. The Monday Club is a programme of daytime events for those looking for an alternative to our evening activities. Our members are mainly retired with leisure time to spend and our events are always of a high quality. This month is a trip down memory lane as Jill Daniels presents a World War Two sing-a-long. Annual membership to the Monday Club is £5 – and then entrance to all our events is just £2.50 including refreshments. The Monday Club is sponsored by Larmenier Care Village. Join us on the 21st April, and share the big 100 celebration cake!

Reach for the Stars

Theatre Volunteer, Kenneth Sharples is organising a programme of additional daytime events, 'Silver Stars'. Described as a 'sparkling afternoon's entertainment' featuring the cream of local talent. Our first Silver Stars takes place on Monday 7th April at 2pm. Admission is just £2.50 and includes refreshments. Michael Berry and Margaret Greenhalgh will feature in the line up.

Raise the Roof



We need to raise £5K to repair the roof of the Capita building and so we are staging a concert this month aided by the man with the wellies, Jimmy Cricket. We are being supported by the professional cast of Cinderella who will be donating their services free of charge, along with the Bernese School of Theatre



Dance and Drama. 'Raise the Roof!' is on Sunday 20 April at 7.30pm, compered by Ben Thomson and Sally Nadan from BBC Radio Lancashire.

Choirs – sing out for Make a Wish

Please support the Mayor's charity, Make a Wish by coming along to our event, A Night of 100 Voices on Saturday 5 April. Blackburn's Peoples' Choir will be singing along with the young people from the Lantern Children's Choir in the first half. After the interval James Loynes and the United Voice choir entertain. Tickets are only £8.

Home-Grown Entertainment

The Fireside Fusiliers return to the theatre bar for FREE acoustic entertainment on Tuesday 8th April 2008. This is a chance to have a drink at the theatre and enjoy high quality Lancashire entertainment, song, prose, and poetry.



Food for Thought



Inspirational storyteller, Vera Waters will bring her uplifting message to the theatre on the 4th April. Vera's recent book, Strong Tea and Biscuits is a collection of tales about the people that she has worked with in her long and varied career, from policemen, to lighthouse keepers, actors and bankers. This is an evening laced with humour and down to earth common sense. Tickets are £8.

Two for One – Today's Teardrops

An unusual event that was a big hit last year and promises to be a great night out for fans of Roy Orbison and Gene Pitney. The tribute show takes place on Friday 25 April and tickets are £10.

Buzz Hawkins and the Bradshaws

We're expecting a good house for this one on Saturday 26th April. Tickets have been selling fast for months. So get yours now to avoid disappointment.

Best wishes

Harriet Roberts – Chief Executive

Ps: join me at BBC Radio Lancashire's Ladies at Lunch with Sally Nadan (right) on Monday 14th April – from 11am – broadcasting live on 95.5 and 103.9 fm and online at www.bbc.co.uk/radio/aod/lancashire.shtml



Next Month

Shearer or Me!

Presented by Blackburn Drama Club in association with the Thwaites Empire Theatre
Tuesday 27 – Saturday 31 May 2008

Tickets £10 and £8 or £30 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 concessions or 1 adult and 3 concessions)

Annie!

Presented by Blackburn Musical Theatre Company

Monday 5 – Saturday 10 May 2008

Tickets £12 and £10