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EXCITING YEAR FOR FHODS AT THE TOWER THEATRE

2017 will prove to be a very exciting year for Folkestone- Hythe, Operatic & Dramatic Society at the Tower Theatre, as it will be the 10th Anniversary of the freshly converted Tower Theatre's opening performance. Ten years ago the opening production was Oliver! and to mark this FHODS will be presenting Oliver! again this summer. This production will be part of a grand package of shows and other events marking this special anniversary. This includes The Ladykillers in February, Jesus Christ Superstar in April, Ladies in Lavender in May, Dad's Army in September, The Crucible in late October and Aladdin in December.

FHODS pantomime Cinderella proved to be an absolute success both financially, with the biggest Tower Theatre audiences to date, and artistically. Theatre Manager Peter Heselden says, "we have never had such a success, we have been inundated with thank yous and expressions of gratitude. It is always a pleasure to receive applause but even more so when you are swamped by it. I think it is our turn to thank all those who came along, schools, Brownies, care homes

and our loyal audience for playing their part in making Cinderella such a memorable show. We think our mix of 'stars' and top-notch local talent is the right way to go. John Pritchard and Mike Nolan who have appeared in the last three shows have now become firm favourites with our audience. The last couple of years have seen local schools coming to the shows, during term time, and this is definitely something we hope to build on. Indeed, we already have some bookings for our schools' matinee performances. This year, in December, we shall be presenting Aladdin. Another much loved pantomime. Aladdin promises to be full of magic, colour and good ol d-fashioned fun." The Tower Theatre has yet to announce the full cast, as there are a number of auditions to take place.

School parties and other groups can book now and tickets generally will be on sale from 1st March. For further information about Aladdin and other Tower Theatre Shows please contact the Box Office on 01303 223925 or the website www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

An Amateur production by arrangement with the Really Useful Group Ltd. The Folkestone- Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society Youth Section
Presents

Lyrics by Tim Rice,
Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber

Directed by Claire Beddow,
Musical Director Daniel Moulton

**JESUS CHRIST
SUPER
STAR**

Thursday 6th – 8th April
at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

BOX OFFICE 01303 223925
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Tickets £14.00, Concessions £13.00
and Children U14 £10.00

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TITTER YE NOT

FRANKIE HOWERD

THE TOUR DE FORCE WHO
WAS FORCED TO TOUR

Frankie Howerd would have been 100 years old on March 6th 2017. To celebrate the centenary of the birth of one of Britain's greatest comedians Paul Harris tours his, one man, play about the man. TITTER YE NOT written and starring Paul Harris tells of the life both on and off stage of Frankie, a troubled but amazingly talented man who wowed audiences for almost fifty years. In the 1940's he was the biggest comedy star in the country, only to lose every-thing including his health before coming back to prominence and finding a new young audience in the 1980's From earning a thousand pounds a week he suddenly found that he had no work and only ten pounds a week to live on. Battling his nerves and depression he eventually fought his way back to stardom on television and in London's West End before his death in 1992.

TITTER YE NOT delves into the personal and professional life of this comedy icon and is at times both hilarious and heart-breaking as we explore the life and loves of a comedy legend. A play which very nearly didn't see the light of day when it was first written in 1999 owing to the demands of Howerd's manager and partner Dennis Heymer, and the legal eagles handling the estate who, some say gave the impression that they did not want his story told.

TITTER YE NOT is a lovingly crafted piece that will have audiences rolling in the aisles one minute and tearing at their heartstrings the next.

Paul Harris is a writer, broadcaster and performer who started writing for 'The Two Ronnies' television series and has since written for radio television and stage. He recreates the great man with eerie accuracy.

Date|17th March at 7.30pm

Tickets| £10.00 and £8.00 concessions



Jesus Christ Superstar is a 1970 rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. The musical started as a rock opera concept album before its Broadway

debut in 1971. The musical is sung-through, with no spoken dialogue. The story is loosely based on the Gospels' accounts of the last week of Jesus's life, beginning with the preparation for the arrival of Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem and ending with the crucifixion. It highlights political and interpersonal struggles between Judas Iscariot and Jesus that are not present in the Bible narratives.

The work's depiction offers a free interpretation of the psychology of Jesus and the other characters. A large part of the plot focuses on the character of Judas, who is depicted as a tragic figure dissatisfied with the direction in which Jesus steers his disciples. Contemporary attitudes and sensibilities, as well as slang, pervade the lyrics, and ironic allusions to modern life are scattered throughout the depiction of political events. Stage and film productions £14.00, Concessions £13.00 and U14 £10.00 accordingly feature many intentional anachronisms.

This FHODS Youth Section production follows on from previous productions of Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Miss Saigon. The Claire Beddow and Daniel Moulton team are back with this powerful show.

Dates| 6th April at 7.30pm. 7th April at 2.30pm and 7.30pm and the 8th April at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Tickets| £14.00 Concessions £13.00 and children U14 £10.00

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AVAILABLE**

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The Beddow & FHODS Easter Workshop

The workshop runs from the 10th—14th April daily from 9.30am to 4.00pm and is for children 8—18 and will be a song and dance spectacular.

For further details ring Claire on 07802260858.

The presentation show is at 7.00pm on 14th April.

Tickets | £10.00 Concessions £8.00

Brigadier Thomas Memorial Competition



The Youth Section drama completion held in memory of Brigadier Thomas is back, and the theme this year is 'You can't always get what you want'.

Dates | 22nd April at 7.30pm

Tickets | £7.50.

Ladies in Lavender

Based on the hit film screenplay by Charles Dance starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith, and on the original short story by William J. Locke, Ladies in Lavender tells the tale of two sisters Ursula and Janet who live in a close-knit fishing village

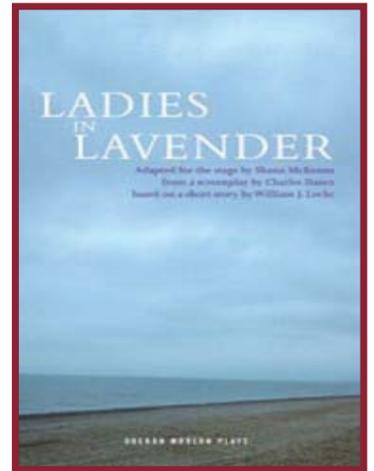
in picturesque Cornwall, in 1936. When a handsome and talented young Polish violinist bound for America is washed ashore, the Widdington sisters take him under their wing and nurse him back to health. However, the presence of the mysterious young man disrupts their peaceful lives and the community in which they live.

The original play cast was led by Hayley Mills as Ursula, Belinda Lang as Janet, Carol MacReady as Dorcas and Robert Rees as Andrea. Robert Duncan played Dr Mead and Abigail Thaw was Olga.

This is a delightful and moving play with some brilliant comic moments and all takes place in a composite set based on and around the sister's cottage.

Dates | 17th-20th May at 7.30pm matinee on the 20th May at 2.30pm

Tickets | £11.00, Concessions £10.00 & Children U14 £8.00



THE TINA TURNER EXPERIENCE

This fully live energetic show charts the life and career of one of the world's iconic performers. Full of hits like "Private Dancer," "Nutbush City Limits," "Proud Mary," "River Deep Mountain High" and "Let's Stay Together" to name but a few.



This show is the ultimate night out featuring a 7 piece band making this the only completely live touring tribute to this

multi award winning legend.

Powerful vocals, backing singers and fabulous professional dancers with electrifying dance routines make The Tina Turner Experience .

Date | Saturday 29 July 7:45 pm

Tickets | £12.50 Concs £11.50 U14's £9.50

SIMPLY THE BEST



They are back for another spectacular evening.

Date | 26th May at 7.30pm

Tickets | £12.50 & Concessions £12.00

Saturday 27th May 2017
 11:00 - Parade through Hythe High Street
 Followed by a free concert outside the Town Hall
 19:00 - Festival at The Tower Theatre, Shorncliffe.
 Tickets £9 (Adults) £3 (Children) available from
www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk/01303223925

Sunday 28th May 2017
 10:00 - Family Worship at Hythe Salvation Army

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2017		Diary Dates
8th March	7.00pm	<i>Oliver!</i> Get together
17th March	7.30pm	<i>Titter Ye Not</i> The Frankie Howard Story
19th March	1.00pm & 4.00pm	<i>Baby Ballet</i>
26th March	1.00pm	<i>Oliver!</i> Auditions
6th - 8th April	7.30pm	<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i> FHODS Youth Musical
14th April	7.00pm	<i>Colour</i> Song & Dance Workshop Presentation
22nd April	7.30pm	<i>Brigadier Thomas Competition</i> FHODS Youth Section
17th - 20th May	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>Ladies In Lavender</i> FHODS Drama
26th May	7.30pm	<i>Some Enchanted Evening</i>
27th May	7.30pm	<i>Salvation Army Event</i>
19th June	7.30pm	<i>FHODS AGM</i>
June / July	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>Oliver!</i> FHODS Musical

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The Folkestone - Hythe, Operatic & Dramatic Society

Music, Lyrics and Book by Lionel Bart

Directed by Alice Hawkins

Musical director Stephen Hawkins

With various performances at 2.30 & 7.30pm between the **30th June - 2nd July, 6th - 8th July**

Tickets £14.00, Concessions £13.00 and Children U14 £10.00

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