

# TOWER NEWS

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## Pack Up Your Troubles

This summer sees the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One and as part of the Hythe Festival, the Folkestone–Hythe, Operatic and Dramatic Society is presenting **Pack Up Your Troubles**. This is a revue style show devised and directed by Anne Mortimer, featuring Songs, Poems and Sketches commemorating 1914. It is also intended to tell the local story and how this region fitted into the bigger picture. Although this was obviously a sad time it is thought that **Pack Up Your Troubles** will tell the story with both humour and humility. Local top notch and much loved musician Richard Baulch is assisting Anne with the production in his capacity as Musical Director. He will be at the theatre for every show sitting at a piano leading the 30 strong cast and band in the songs and music of the times. Richard says "please make sure you bring your singing voice along as we shall expect the audience to join in these much loved songs for the period".

Since the commencement of the Hythe Festival the FHODS has tried to arrange its annual programme so that it fits in a complimenting production. Two years ago, during the last festival, the Society staged, **When the Lights Go on Again**, and it is hoped that this show will be as big a block-buster as that proved to be.

FHODS Chairman Grahame Wickenden says, "FHODS always puts on a terrific show and this promises to be up to our usual standard and one not to be missed".

**Dates** | 26th, 27th & 28th June 3rd, 4th & 5th July at 7.30pm nightly

**Price** | Tickets £12.00 Concessions £10.00  
(Party Bookings - 1 in 10 goes free)

**Box Office** | 01303 223925 or online at [www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)



BAROQUE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS  
**MILES TREDINNICK'S**  
**UP POMPEII**  
 BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED BY  
**TALBOT ROTHWELL & SID COLIN**  
 DIRECTED BY **ADAM MORLEY** SPONSORED BY *Clarian* PRODUCED BY **CLAIRE BIBBY**  
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**FRIDAY 16TH & SATURDAY 17TH MAY 7.30PM**  
**TICKETS £11.00 (FULL) £10.00 (CONC)**  
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## Up Pompeii

Baroque Theatre Company is delighted to announce that its next national tour will be "UP POMPEII"! The much loved comedy classic.

We like to kick things off with the "Prologue." Titter ye not! Based on the original characters devised by Talbot Rothwell and Sid Colin for the Frankie Howerd BBC comedy, this hilarious romp through ancient Pompeii brings back all the television favourites in this racy theatrical treat. As Lurcio attempts to deliver his prologue and begin proceedings, he's quickly caught up in the myriad of sexual liaisons in all quarters of his master's house. Why does Ludicrus not leave for the Senate meeting in Rome? Why does his wife return so quickly from the country? Who will take care of the escaped slave girl, Voluptua, and will Nausius's love poetry improve? Whilst growing chaos ensues, an increasing rumbling is heard in the distance – what could that possibly be? A riot from start to finish! Adapted for the stage by Miles Tredinnick and directed by the award-winning Adam Morley this is a show not to be missed!

Clive Greenwood plays Lurcio, the iconic role made famous by Frankie Howerd. Clive Greenwood has played a

character originally written for Frankie Howerd before, when he played "Gossipus" in "Not Tonight Caligula!" by comedy legends Ray Galton and John Antrobus at Leicester Square Theatre it was also recorded by Wireless Theatre, a first attempt to create a stage play based on Frankie's "Lurcio" character as a long term Frankie fan he is delighted to be again stepping into his sandals! He also played Frankie as well as Peter Sellers, Tony Hancock, Leonard Rossiter, Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtrey in his own co-written play "Goodbye, the (after)life of Cook & Moore" which played to packed houses at the Gilded Balloon Edinburgh, and London's Leicester Square Theatre, he also writes scripts for Spectrum Drama.

He has just filmed a new children's TV show "Little Fergie" as the comedy character "Heronimus", and he will be seen in two upcoming feature films "Mob Handed" and "Young Pretender".

Recent TV includes "Family Court" (Channel 5).

A regular in Music Hall with the Players Theatre, and a skilled mimic, he recently completed his third season for Kent Rep at Hever Castle, playing "Tranio" in "The Taming of the Shrew" and appeared in the critically acclaimed "Enchanted Palace" for Wildworks at Kensington Palace.

His ambition is to be handed the keys of the TARDIS one day as a future "Doctor Who!"



**Folkestone Jazz Club Concerts  
 at The Tower every Thursday.**

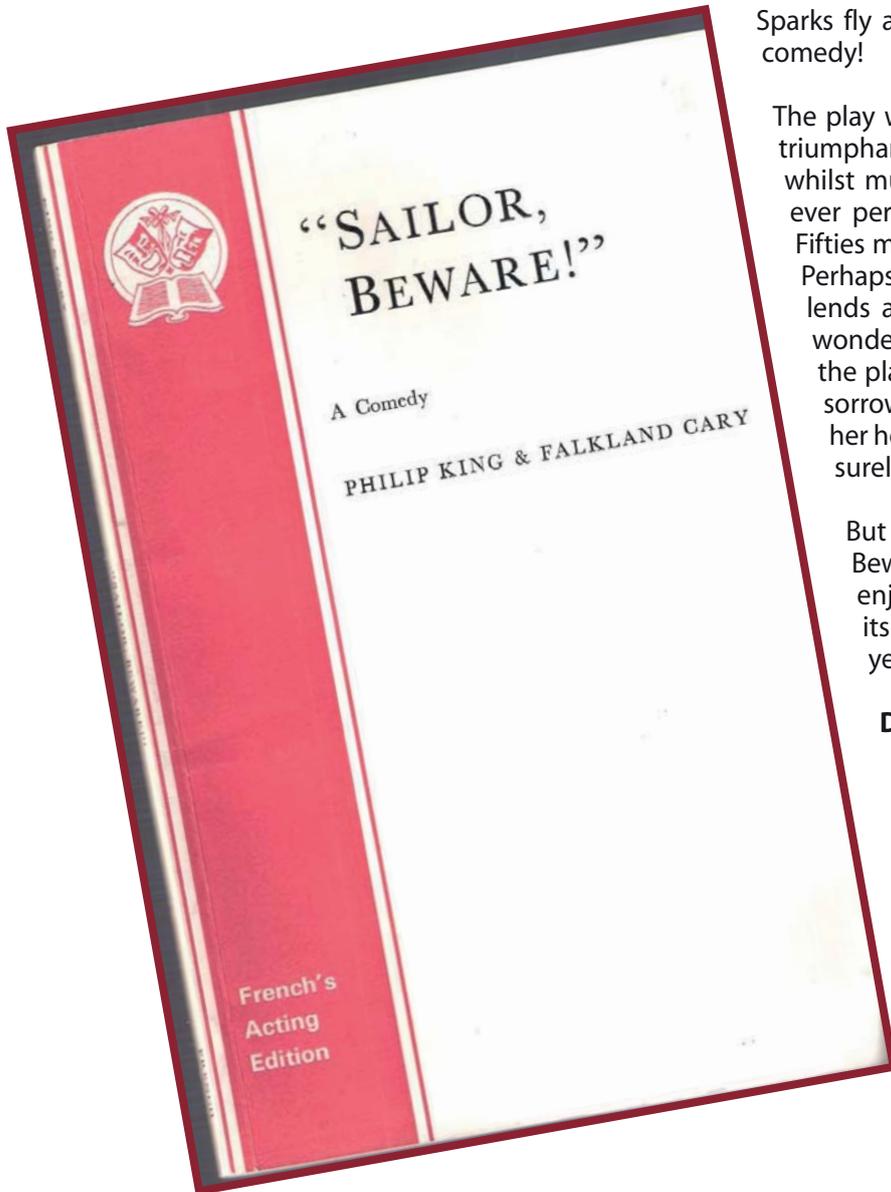
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## FHODS Present Sailor Beware

Emma Hornett, a domestic tyrant, domineering, house-proud, self-righteous to a fault, continuously bullies her ferret-fancier husband Henry and his live-in spinster sister, Edie. Worst of all, she is not amused when her precious daughter chooses orphan sailor Albert Tufnell as a prospective husband... Further complications arise for Albert, when due to a misunderstanding, Shirley suspects him of having a flirtation with her bridesmaid, and for the first time poor Albert becomes aware that there is a good deal of her mother in his bride.



Sparks fly and worms turn as they battle it out in this classic comedy!

The play was originally performed in 1955, and has survived triumphantly as the staple fair of many theatre companies, whilst much contemporary work of the time is now hardly ever performed. It is certainly true that the morals of the Fifties may, to a modern audience, now seem rather quaint. Perhaps it is the effect of our changed perspective that lends an extra fascination at this distance? However the wonderful comic creations of Emma herself at the heart of the play, her fate-torn sister-in-law Edie, nursing her great sorrow, as well as her archetypal hen-pecked husband and her honest and much-abused prospective son-in-law, that surely account for the play's enduring fascination.

But after all, excessive intellectual analysis of *Sailor Beware* is really unnecessary. Rather, should we not just enjoy one of the enduring works of the British stage on its own terms – as audiences have done for almost fifty years?

**Director| Maxine Burrows**

**Dates| 10th –13th September 2014  
7.30pm nightly**

# *Britain's Got Variety*

## Friday 20th June 2014

Tickets £12 for adults & £6 for children,  
from the theatre box office on 01303 223925  
or email [info@towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](mailto:info@towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)

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The Tower Theatre Foyer Bar is delighted to welcome popular Kent & International entertainer Martin Farbrother, AKA Martin Croones, for his fabulous cabaret show 'An Evening With Frank Sinatra &

Friends'. Tonight's show is the second one in his 3 night mini tour. Whilst not claiming to be a sound-a-like tribute Martin's great vocals and natural and easy style has made him a real hit not only in Kent but also on the continent. He will delight you with his ability to engage with his audience and bring you into his show.

The beginning of this year saw Martin establish himself on the international circuit in a two-man show called Two of a Kind at the very prestigious Casino Roman Palace in Rotterdam with top Dutch cabaret artist Ray Martin. The show was so successful that he and Ray Martin now have a 6 date tour later this year taking in 2 shows in Kent in August and 4 dates in The Netherlands in October.

Tonight you can join Martin for an evening celebrating the life and music of the one and only Francis Albert Sinatra, starting with his early years through to the Capitol and Vegas, bringing you songs made famous by Frank and some of his many associates.

**Date| 30th May 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Tickets| £10.00**

## Breaking News

FHODS are going back to doing a pantomime. Despite the overwhelming success of **A Christmas Carol** performed last December, the Society has decided to go back to its first love and something it just cannot resist doing, putting on a pantomime. This time round FHODS have chosen to do **Jack and the Beanstalk**. This production will be very different in many ways. First, the production will not be happening in January as in previous years, but will be on in December. It will be on for the three weekends that fall from the 5th to 20th December, making a total of 12 performances, five of which will be matinees. It is hope that this will suit their audience better as a visit to the show can be classed as a true Christmas treat, as the show will be on at an appropriate time. Secondly, the amateur cast will be assisted by some professional performers. Although still in negotiations at present, the FHODS and the Tower Theatre intend to add in the sparkle of a star or two to the mix ensuring a top quality and well balanced show.

As they say watch this space for more information but it can be revealed that Daisy has already arrived.



THE OUTSIDE TRACK were awarded 'Best Group' in both the 2012 Live Ireland Awards and the Chicago Tradition in Review Awards, Live Ireland has called them 'Among the top bands in the world - stunning on every

cut!'. The won the German Radio Critics Prize in 2013, and were nominated for 'Live Act of the Year' in the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards.

Hugely popular young ambassadors for roots music, The Outside Track's marriage of celtic music and song has been rapturously received around the world. Hailing from Scotland, Ireland, and Cape Breton, its five members are united by a love of traditional music and a commitment to creating new music on this as a foundation. Their blend of boundless energy and unmistakable joie de vivre has won them a large following and they have headlined festivals all over the globe.

**Date| 27th May 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Tickets| £10.00**

<b>2014</b>		<b>Diary Dates</b>
16th & 17th May	7.30pm	<i>Up Pompeii</i> Baroque Theatre Co
25th May	7.20pm	<i>Romping through the Musicals</i>
27th May	7.30pm	<i>Outside Track</i> Folk Music
30th May	7.30pm	<i>Martin Croones</i> Cabaret Show
20th June	7.30pm	<i>Britain's Got Variety</i> Fund Raising Evening
26th-28th June 3rd - 5th July	7.30pm	<i>Pack Up Your Trouble</i> WW1 Review
28th July - 9th August		<i>High School Musical</i> FHODS / Beddow Workshop
10th, 11th, 12th & 13th Sept	7.30pm	<i>Sailor Beware</i> FHODS Comedy
24th Sept	7.30pm	<i>Railway Swing Band</i> Wings Appeal

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