

TOWER NEWS

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JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Plans for this year's bumper FHODS pantomime **Jack and the Beanstalk** are going well. Peter Heselden, director of this year's show says, "I am really proud of all involved, it has been a delight so far. This promises to be a fabulous show. Having directed ten of the 40 FHODS pantomimes I feel qualified to say, that this is going to be the best yet. I know we have professionals in the show and you expect them to be good but I feel their presence has lifted the whole rehearsal process. Funnily enough we are having fewer rehearsals but achieving more in them. Daisy the Cow arrived this week and if she does not win over the hearts of the audience nothing will.



We have top class dancing, singing and comedy from John Pritchard, all wrapped in the usual FHODS style. Last weekend we rehearsed 'Making your Mind Up' the Bucks Fizz Eurovision winning hit song, with the cast and having Mike and Cheryl there, coaching the others, was a joy and something I shall always remember". Above, Mike rehearses with some of the Juniors under the watchful eye of Claire Beddow the show's choreographer. Christine Hoveman, long serving member of the chorus says, "I am thoroughly enjoying '**Jack and the Beanstalk**', especially the male dancers, they are stunning, never been known to have so many in one show". Tickets are going well for all the performances and it is hoped that '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' will break box office records for a Tower Theatre show.

**Book your tickets now on
01303 223925 or on line at
www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk**

Folkestone - Hythe, Operatic & Dramatic Society Presents

Jack and the BEANSTALK

From Bucks Fizz

Mike Nolan

Cheryl Baker

John Pritchard as Dame Trott

Top Comedy Entertainer

**5th - 6th - 7th - 12th - 13th
14th - 18th - 19th - 20th**

December 2014

The Tower Theatre, North Road,
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Tina Turner Tribute Act



The Vintage Corporation in support along with dancers . Live 9 piece band playing songs from the unforgettable era of the 60's and 70's. Come and tap your feet, clap your hands and sing along to many of your favourite songs.

Tickets £8.00
Saturday 8th November
at 7.30pm

Rat Pack as seen by Steve Hawkins



Enjoy a friendly evening in the Tower Theatre Foyer listening to smooth crooner Steve Hawkins bringing his own particularly version of the famous Rat Pack group songs. It will be a brilliant night to remember.

Tickets £5.00
Saturday 22nd November
at 7.30pm



FHODS Christmas Party

Come along to annual FHODS Christmas party for mince pies, mulled wine, games with a special attraction, The Blues Bros (Duncan Moris and Steve Hawkins) will be entertaining us ensuring that we are not going to have a Blue Christmas but a Merry One. Bring your friends.!!!

Tickets £5.00
Wednesday 17th December
at 7.30pm



Christmas Spectacular

FHODS and the Salvation Army join together for a special Carol Concert for all the family.

Entrance Free
Sunday 21st December
at 6.00pm

RICHARD DIGANCE

Christmas Show

TOWER THEATRE

Folkestone

8pm Tuesday 23rd December 2014



Coming In 2015

Macbeth by William Shakespeare

Shakespeare returns to the Tower Theatre in January in the sinister shape of Macbeth, one of the Bard's darkest tales. Driven to one bloody deed after another by their lust for power, Macbeth (played by Rupert Garnsey) and his Lady (Merewyn Forrest) find their marriage torn apart as they tragically struggle to hold on to their sanity. The play is a timeless cautionary tale that invites the audience to examine the horrifying extent to which political power can corrupt. The Macbeths do not set out to become tyrants, but by taking the view that the ends will justify the means they set out on a road that becomes a downward spiral to Hell. Fortunately, though, there are good men with true moral character who (eventually) stand up to the tyrant, and the play ends with a glimmer of hope. This modern-dress production opens at the Tower Theatre on Wednesday 28th January 2015 and runs to Saturday 31st January 2015, when there will be two performances. Following the Saturday matinee performance there will be a Q&A session with the director and members of the cast. Tickets are on sale now.



DRAUPADI

A tale of conflicts in kinship met with fiery strength and courage inspired by tales from the Indian epic Mahabharata. Born of fire into a royal dynasty, the life imagined for Draupadi is one of privilege and advantage, but challenges come her way when she is torn between duty and justice. Will our fiery heroine prevail?

In this modern interpretation of an Indian classic, Draupadi's world is magically brought to life through dance, music, song, storytelling and shadow puppet theatre. Suitable for all ages from 7+



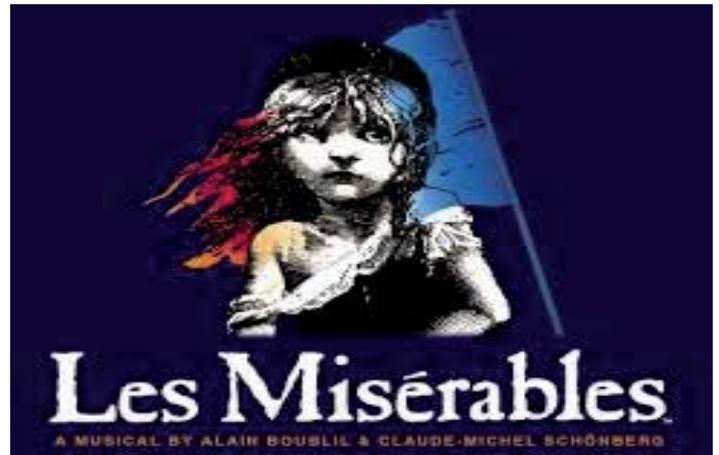
Children: £6.00
Adults: £8.00

Performances: Thursday 12th February, 13:30, Friday 13th February 10:30 & 13:30, Saturday 14th February 10:00am

Les Miserables

Those of you who were lucky enough to have seen the Youth Section's production of Miss Saigon will know they are in for a treat when in February 2015 they YS bring us Les Miserables. This fabulous musical has played for over 30 years on the West End stage and is now a block buster of a movie. The writers along with Cameron Mackintosh allow junior productions to be staged with all the participants being 18 or under.

Les Misérables® School Edition



Auditions are open and will be held on Thursday the 20th November at the Tower Theatre at 7.00pm. If you would like to take part or know of somebody who would like to be involved then contact peter Heselden on 01303 223925 or pjwh15@msn.com



MORE FOR 2015

Theatrical Niche Ltd Presents *Lysistrata*

A Stunning New Adaptation of Aristophanes' Famous Comedy

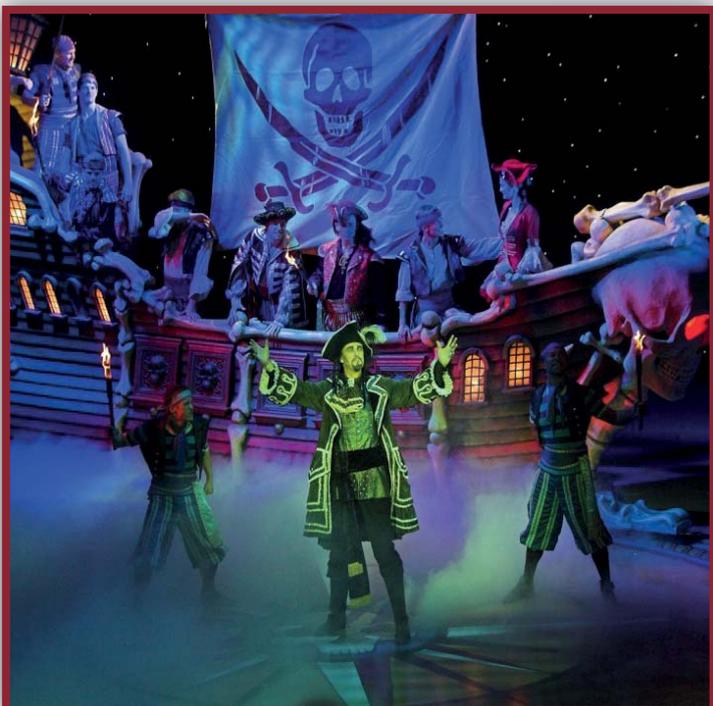
Direction and Puppet Direction by Alice Sillett

Adaptation by Venetia Twigg



Pirates in Pantoland

As a special Easter treat The Tower Theatre and The Laughing Buddha Company will be putting a Easter Pantomime.



LYSISTRATA - The one female brave enough to take men on at their own game: outright war. The battle of the sexes commences as Lysistrata per-suades all Greek women to withhold all sexual practices from their menfolk, in return for an end to the ongoing Peloponnesian war. Will brute force or sexual persuasion win the day? Join Theatrical Niche as we stage this outrageous and visually stunning new version throughout the regions and London in Spring 2015. Physical Comedy, Pup-petry and Mask Work take centre-stage in this scintillating modern update of Aristophanes' famed comedy; an irresistible theatrical treat for ages 14 and upwards.

Critically acclaimed London Director Alice Sillett uses full-tilt physical comedy and her unique mul-tidisciplinary vision to incorporate both Puppetry and Mask into this freshly adapted work. Following stellar reviews from her adaptation of Lorca's Blood Wedding, Venetia Twigg here adapts Aristophanes' classic to stimulate and thrill modern audiences across the regions and London.

As the production is both multidisciplinary and on several syllabuses, we will also be providing bespoke workshops to accompany the piece. **Suitable for Ages 14+**

2014/2015		Diary Dates
8th Nov	7.30pm	<i>Tina Turner Tribute with the Vintage Corporation</i> Tickets £8.00
22nd Nov	7.30pm	<i>Rat Pack Tribute as presented by Steve Hawkins</i> Tickets £5.00
5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th & 20th Dec	Various	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> FHODS Pantomime
17th Dec	7.30pm	<i>Blues Bros FHODS Christmas Party</i> Tickets £5.00
21st Dec	6.00pm	<i>Salvation Army Carol Concert</i> Entrance Free
23rd Dec	8.00pm	<i>Richard Digance Christmas Show</i> Tickets £15.00 & £11.00 Concessions
28th - 31st Jan 2015	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>Macbeth by William Shakespeare</i> FHODS Drama
3rd Feb	6.30pm	<i>Breaking Waves</i> <i>Local Schools Dance Show</i> Tickets £6.00 & £3.50 Concessions
12th, 13th & 14th Feb	Various	<i>Drapadi</i> <i>Bengali Dance Show</i> Tickets £8.00 & £6.00 Concessions
19th - 21st Feb	Various	<i>Les Miserables</i> Schools Edition
27th Feb	7.30pm	<i>The Big Laughter Show</i> Tickets £12.50
6th March	7.30pm	<i>Some Enchanted Evening - A Musical Revue as part of their National Tour</i> Tickets £12.00
Easter	Various	<i>The Pirate Pantomime</i>

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

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