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DON'T PANIC! DAD'S ARMY COMES TO THE TOWER THEATRE

This September will see FHODS perform a stage adaptation of Dad's Army by the original writers, Jimmy Perry and David Croft, featuring some of the show's best-loved episodes. This follows our very popular production two years ago of 'Allo Allo' by the same writers, which drew the Society's biggest ever audiences for a play in its 115 history.

'Dad's Army' is one of Britain's best-loved sitcoms and television programmes, and has had a significant impact on British popular culture, with popular phrases like "Don't Panic!", "Don't tell him, Pike", "You stupid boy!" and "We're all doomed!" ingrained in the national psyche.

Although a comedy, 'Dad's Army' highlights an important aspect of our defence during the Second World War; the British Home Guard. This organisation comprised 1.5 million local volunteers who were otherwise ineligible for military service, including those too young or too old to join the services. Our local group was the Folkestone, Hythe & Saltwood Home Guard.

The production is already an award-winning success, with a special Dad's Army themed FHODS float winning Best in Class at the Hythe Venetian Fete in August. 'Dad's Army' will be performed at the Tower Theatre from September 20-23. Tickets are selling fast, so book soon!

Dates| 20th – 23rd September at 7.30pm and special matinee performance on the 23rd at 2.30pm

Tickets| £11.00 concessions £10.00 and children u10 £8.00

Box office 01303 223925 or on line at www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk



An Amateur production by arrangement with the Samuel French Co Ltd The Folkestone- Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society

Presents

DAD'S ARMY

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23rd September at 2.30pm

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Written by **Jimmy Perry
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Directed by Michael Manton

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The Crucible



THE CRUCIBLE

Rather excitingly, Arthur Miller's iconic play comes to the Tower Theatre, courtesy of FHODS, from Wednesday 1st November to Saturday 4th November at 7.30 pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30 pm.

The story told is of the Salem Witch Trials. It began in 1692, over an exceptionally raw Massachusetts winter, when a minister's niece began to scream and convulse. It ended less than a year later, but not before panic had infected the entire colony, nineteen men and women had been hanged and a band of adolescent girls had brought Massachusetts to its knees. Written in the 50's. Arthur Miller is also presenting us with a parable of the McCarthy communist witch hunts and the message of the play is still very relevant today.

To say that 'The Crucible' is a harrowing play is no exaggeration. To add that, as such, it is also written in such an engaging and thrilling way that it provides an evening unparalleled for and engrossing drama.

The cast comprises a mix of seasoned FHODS' performers, brilliant performances by members of

FHODS Youth Section and some newcomers to the Society, including Geoff Dale as John Proctor, the man who stands up for what he believes in, and dies for it and Kelly Yarrow as Mrs Ann Putnam, a haunted woman ready to blame the deaths of her children on witchcraft. Merewyn Forrest (Elizabeth Proctor), Nick Shread (Reverend Parris), Stephen Hawkins (Reverend Hale), Peter Raine (Deputy Governor Danforth and Natalie Cornish (Abigail Williams) head a marvellous cast in what promises to be an exceptional production.

The play is directed by Paul Sherman, his second production for FHODS, the first being the highly successful 'The Ladykillers' in February this year. His comment on 'The Crucible':

'If the audience go away shocked and stunned, then the play will have done its work.'

Dates | 1st – 4th November at 7,30pm and special matinee performance at 2.30pm on the 4th November

Tickets | £11.00 concessions £10.00 and Children U10 £8.00

Aladdin

This year's FHODS pantomime is Aladdin, the wondrous tale of the East, with magicians, a princess, a couple of genii, a camel and the lad himself.

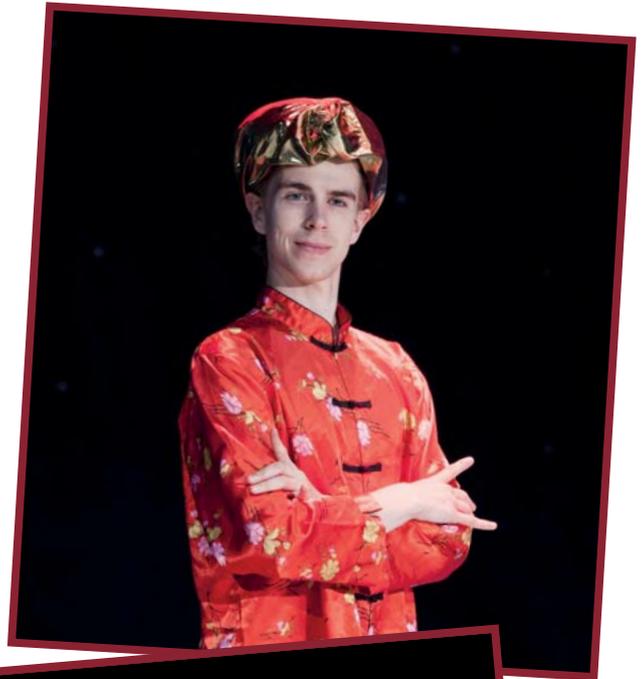
This year the lad putting the lad in Aladdin is Rupert Garnsey, last seen as Fagin in this year's FHODS summer blockbuster Oliver! He is joined by Natalie Cornish as Princess Jasmine and Beth Dixon as her handmaiden Chow Mein. Simon Gillan is playing the Genii of the Lamp and Michelle Hartley is the Genii of the Ring.

To make sure things go with a bang John Pritchard is back as Widow Twankey and Mike Nolan as Wishee Washee. These two have become firm favourites with the FHODS pantomime audience bringing a touch of pizzazz and joy. Mike has been very busy this year with the launch of Fizz the new band raised from the ashes of Bucks Fizz.

Tickets are on sale now with discounts for party bookings.

Dates| 14th to 24th December with performances at various times

Tickets| £15.00, concessions £14.00 and children u14 £10.00



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Friday 13th October at 7.45pm

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2017		Diary Dates
20th -23rd Sept	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>Dad's Army</i> FHODS Comedy Drama
27th Sept	7.30pm	<i>Railway Swing Band</i> Supporting RAFA Wings Appeal
13th Oct	7.45pm	<i>More Sounds of Stage Screen</i> Songs from the Shows
1st - 4th Nov	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>The Crucible</i> by Arthur Miller FHODS Drama
14th - 24th Dec	2.00pm & 7.30pm	<i>Aladdin</i> FHODS Pantomime

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Tickets £12.00 concessions £11.00
available from 01303 223925 or online at <http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk>
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proceeds to the RAFA's Wings Appeal.