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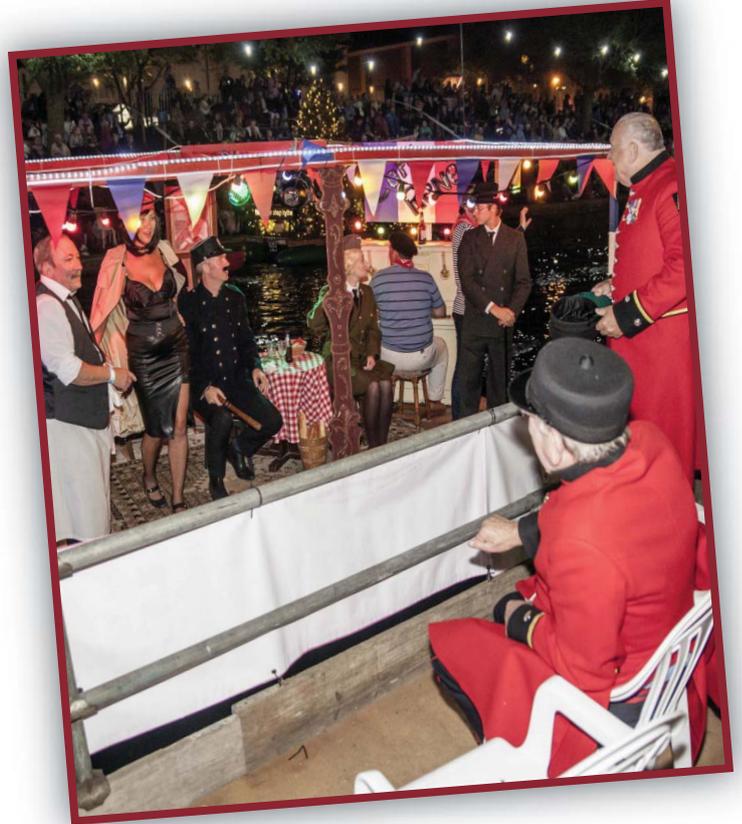
'Allo 'Allo

Directed by Pete Raine and Fanny Richmond

Listen very carefully – we will say this only once...

This is a very funny stage version of the much-loved television series, complete with the famous sausage, Edith's awful singing, and of course the Madonna with the big boobies. The passion of Nouvien and his merry chums just cannot resist having fun. Here are some illicit photos taken by the little spy master Dave Shackle of them enjoying themselves at the Venetian Fete.

You may ask yourself what will they do next, well come and find out at the Tower Theatre as their show runs from **Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm daily** and also on **Saturday 26th at 2.30pm**. Tickets are available online or by calling the Box Office.



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Photo DavidShackle



Love Games

Purple Dreams productions is a completely self-funded group formed in 2012 and during the last three years has been touring theatres across the country with original plays written exclusively for them by their founder and creative

director, critically acclaimed playwright Tobias Nicholls. The plays range from drama to comedy and have had audiences gasping and laughing from Cumbria to Colchester and from Bridlington to Brentwood. The play they will be performing at The Tower Theatre is called 'LOVE GAMES' a very funny and saucy comedy that has been amusing audiences around the country and has been very well received with its' skilful blend of love, lust, lies and laughter that had one critic quoting "the gags just keep coming" and another who described it as "a treat for those who love theatre" The play through the skill of the writer and a talented cast contains real humour as well as enough twists and turns in the plot to keep.

When Isaac Williams set off to catch his usual bus, little did he realise that he'd meet the most important people of his life... quickly falling for kind-hearted Sophie, he finds himself fighting for her affection with rival suitor Chris. It's not until Sophie's feisty friend Zoe shows up though that it becomes apparent that, ultimately, everyone is playing 'Love Games'. Purple Dreams Productions are back with their 'Next Stage' Tour, kicking off with this saucy comedy offering you plenty of love, lust with laughter and lies.

Dates| Saturday 24th October , 7.30pm
Tickets| £10.00 and £9.00 concessions

"Tartuffe" (Or 'Dirty Dog')

Theatrical Niche's hysterical new adaptation of Molière's famous work puts Physical Comedy centre-stage in this dynamic pro-duction. Can impostor Tartuffe seduce the proud Orgon so completely that he will surrender both family and fortune - or will this dog finally meet his day? A tale of Hypocrisy at its most extreme here sashays back onto the modern stage in a fantastic new guise.



Commedia Dell'Arte and excerpts of the original French dialogue ensure that this rejuvenated tale of extreme hoodwinkery is the unmissable theatre outing of the season.

Suitable for ages 12+
 "Superb... West End quality" – Kent Messenger

Dates| Friday 30th October , 7.30pm
Tickets| £12.00 and £10.00 concessions

Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years



Simon and Garfunkel met as youngsters in a school production of Alice in Wonderland. At this time neither Paul Simon nor Art Garfunkel could have imaged the career that lay before them. Although their time together as recording artists was short, their impact on the music industry was great and their music would live on for decades. Now, follow the story of the American duo from the first meeting, through the troubled waters and to huge worldwide acclaim in theatre show, 'Simon & Garfunkel – Through the Years'.

Written and performed by Bookends the show is most authentic sounding show of it's kind. With incredible live performances bound together with video clips, audio snippets and imagery the show is both moving and powerful. With narration taken from the Victoria Kingston book 'Simon & Garfunkel – The Definitive Biography', the show touches on the highs and lows of an incredible friendship and career.

Featuring interviews with Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, original movie footage and wonderful live performances by Bookends, the show has been described as a 'must see' by the BBC. Hear hits like Mrs Robinson, The Boxer and the unforgettable Bridge Over Troubled Water live on stage in the show, 'Simon & Garfunkel – Through The Years'.

Dates| Saturday 17th October, 7.30pm
Tickets| £14.00 and £12.00 concessions

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Being a Witch

"Real witches dress in ordinary clothes and look very much like ordinary women."

And this is true of the witches in David Wood's adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic story. Although the witches have mostly no individual lines, they form something akin to a chorus; chanting, reacting and cheering at their AGM and acting with general witchiness!

Dick Whittington

The family pantomime adventure

Canadian singing sensation Andy Laine joins Bucks Fizz superstar Mike Nolan and the star of last year's pantomime John Pritchard for this year's the Folkestone-Hythe, Operatic & Dramatic Society's pantomime **Dick Whittington**. As last year the FHODS annual pantomime will be a mix of professional and amateur talent combining together to present an exceptional show. The professional actors and singers add additional gloss, style and panache lifting an already incomparable show to an even higher level. Whilst the wonderful local actors and children position the production firmly as a traditional community show. FHODS a local charity, has been presenting pantomimes locally for over 40 years and is noted for the quality of its productions. However, last year's **Jack and Beanstalk** was thought by many to be the best ever. The balance between spectacle and comedy was just right. Most certainly, John Pritchard's Dame Trott will live on in the memory of those who saw it, and it is anticipated that his Sarah the Cook, the dame in **Dick Whittington**, will wow audiences in just the same way. Mike Nolan, will be playing Claude Clot, the dame's friendly but useless assistant a role he makes his own. Andy Laine will be King Rat, the archetypal baddie, trying his best to ruin everything and make poor old Dick Whittington's life a complete misery.

The Witches is a fantastic play and, as is typical of Roald Dahl, it is full of pathos and wicked humour. There are illusions, special effects and puppetry as we tell the story of a young boy and his battle to defeat the Grand High Witch after she turns him into a mouse. And in the final scene, the witches are all themselves turned into mice during their annual dinner!

We have a strong principal cast, with plenty of witches! This is a great opportunity to enjoy a really fun show, which is enjoying lots of interest from potential audiences already.

**Dates | 25th - 28th November at 7.30pm
plus 27th & 28th November at 2.30pm
Tickets | £10.00, Concessions £9.00 and U14 £6.00**

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This year the FHODS pantomime will be running for an unprecedented number of shows following the high demand for tickets last year. However, **Dick Whittington's** Director Peter Heselden says, "not only shall we be doing more performances we are able to offer some performances at the same ticket price we have been selling them for the last three years. FHODS pantomimes are not only excellent shows to watch but remain incredibly good value. So you get quality Stars in a fabulous show, comfortable seats and a free car park, could it get any better?"

**Dates | 12th -24th December with both matinees and evening performances at 2.00pm and 7.00pm (not everyday so please check)
Tickets | from £10-00**



'Doing It for Danny'

A charity show raising money for local teenager Danny Joynes who has been diagnosed with Leukaemia. All proceeds go to the family of Danny Joynes.

Phil Hoyles from Laughing Buddha Productions is again producing this show which features the very best of entertainment from around Kent. The show will be compered by the brilliant comedian PAUL TRAYNOR, who recently appeared in the West End. He will be joined by vocal entertainer MANDY WINTERS who is a success with her own one woman shows and summer seasons. We have also secured the vocal talents of JULIA BURNETT and ROB HANCOX. SUE MORRISSEY will be back, after her success playing Bloody Mary in the FHODS production of South Pacific, in her guise of Lady Susan, she will be joined by her son, S Dot Street. Young singing sensation MACIE will be making a welcome return to the Tower Theatre stage, after an appearance in 2014 she has gone from strength to strength winning talent competitions and performing at various festivals. There will also be comedy from ventriloquist ALAN SIMMONS & DENNY who is a much loved performer on the cabaret circuit. Alan is one half the popular duo The Simmons Brothers. Also joining the line-up will be BEN MALCOLM MILLBERY who will astound the audience with his superb singing voice.

Tickets | £10.00 with concessions £8.00
Dates | November 7th at 7.30pm

Race Night

12th September at 7.30pm

Tower Theatre Bar/Foyer



As a first for FHODS, we shall be holding a race night raising money for Alice Hawkins' radio mic fund. Those who have not been to a race night before there will be a number of horse race recordings, randomly selected, on which you can bet. Part of the money bet will be distributed to the winning horses and the remainder goes to the fund. This is a fun night with the bar open and tables set up for a party. Bring your own picnic. Oh, and ladies why not wear your finest Ascot Hat? There will be a prize for the best hat.

For more information contact Tony on 01303 223925. Entry will be limited to 120 for health and safety reasons, so get in early.

2015		Diary Dates
2nd & 3rd Sept	7.00pm	<i>Dick Whittington Get-Togethers</i>
6th Sept	12.00pm	<i>Dick Whittington Auditions</i>
12th Sept	7.30pm	<i>Race Night Fund Raiser</i>
23rd-26th Sept	2.30pm & 7.30pm	'Allo, 'Allo! FHODS Comedy Play
30th Sept	7.30pm	<i>Railway Swing Band</i> In Support of the RAFA Benevolent Fund
17th Oct	7.30pm	<i>Simon & Garfunkel</i> Tribute Act
24th Oct	7.30pm	<i>Love Games</i> Saucy Play by Purple Dreams Productions
30th Oct	7.30pm	<i>Doing It For Danny Fund Raiser</i> For Danny Joynes who has Leukaemia
7th Nov	7.30pm	<i>Tartuffe Return</i> By Theatrical Niche Ltd
25th-29th Nov	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>The Witches</i> FHODS Children's Show
12th-24th Dec	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>Dick Whittington</i> FHODS Pantomime
21st Dec	5.00pm	<i>FHODS / Salvation Arm Carol Concert</i>

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