

# TOWER NEWS

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## LADIES IN LAVENDER

*DIRECTED BY PETER HESELDEN*

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.

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.



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The Folkestone- Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society

Presents

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May  
at 7.30pm  
Matinee 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm

## Ladies in Lavender

Adapted for the stage  
by Shaun McKenna  
Based on the film written and  
directed by Charles Dance

From a short story by  
William J. Locke  
Directed by  
Peter Heselden

Tickets £11.00, Concessions £10.00  
and  
Children U14 £8.00

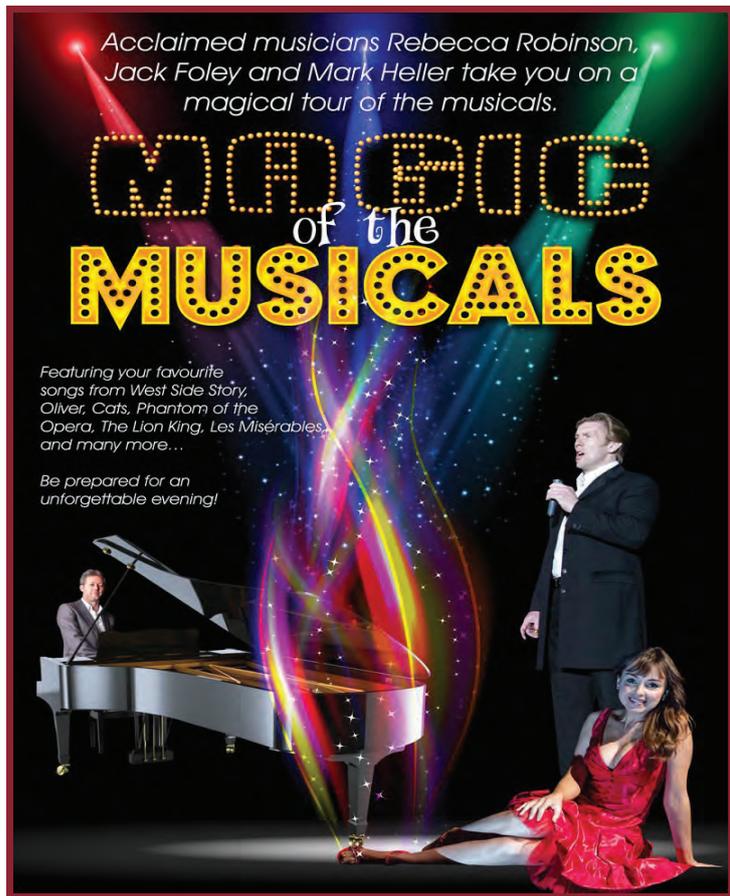
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## Magic of the Musicals

Nothing has the power to capture our hearts and imagination like the great West End and Broadway musicals. From ground-breaking shows like West Side Story and Oliver, to extravagant productions like Les Misérables and Phantom of the Opera, audiences across the world have been enchanted and captivated by epic story lines, spectacular sets, and unforgettable songs.

Now, the Tower Theatre gives you the opportunity to enjoy all your favourite songs from the musicals in one magical, emotion-filled evening. Acclaimed musicians Rebecca Robinson, Jack Foley and Mark Heller take you on an extraordinary journey, presenting beautifully crafted songs from West Side Story, Oliver, Evita, Cats, Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King, Les Misérables, and many more...

Come along and experience the magic of the musicals, and be prepared for an unforgettable evening!

**Date| 5th May at 7.30pm**

**Tickets|£12.00**



**Date| 26th May at 7.30pm**

**Tickets| £12.50 & Concessions £12.00**

## Some Enchanted Evening 11

They are back for another spectacular evening



## The Aus Territorial Youth Band

Hythe Salvation Army is proud to be hosting The Salvation Army's AUS Territorial Youth Band on the weekend of 27th and 28th May 2017, their first date (and only in the South East!) of a 10-day U.K. tour.

The AUS Territorial Youth Brass Band, average age of 24 years, is made up of enthusiastic and talented young players from all over Australia. Under the creative leadership of Bandmaster Ken Waterworth (of The Salvation Army's Melbourne Staff Band), the band will present an exciting programme of events over the weekend. An incredible addition to their tour is the presence of their special guest performer, Silvie Paladino, an award winning singer and musical theatre performer with a world wide following. Silvie has performed as both Eponine and Fantine in the West-End production of 'Les Miserables'. Her other theatrical credits include Hair, Cats, Miss Saigon, Mamma Mia and Chess.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dzn9gskQhoQ>

Both the AUS Band and Silvie are committed to high standards of music which will appeal to a range of audiences and tastes. Underpinned with a Christian ethos, this promises to be a weekend not to be missed

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

**Tickets | £8.00 and £4.00**

## Oliver! By Lionel Bart

Who can believe it? It is ten years since FHODS staged Oliver! at the Tower Theatre and to commemorate the fact that the Tower Theatre opened 10 years ago this year, this fantastic show is coming back. This time it will be a bigger and more powerful show. This production of Oliver! promises to be an absolute winner. Director Alice Hawkins, along with Musical Director Daniel Moulton and Choreographer Claire Beddow are along with the cast and crew working hard to make this commemorative production one to be proud of.

Oliver! is an English musical, with music and lyrics by Lionel Bart. The musical is based upon the novel Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens.

It premiered in the West End in 1960, enjoying a long run, and successful long runs on Broadway, tours and revivals, after being brought to the US by producer David Merrick in 1963. It was made into a musical film in 1968. Major London revivals played from 1977–80, 1994–98, 2008–11 and on tour in the UK from 2011-13.

A prominent musical in British popular culture, Oliver! received thousands of performances in British schools, particularly in the 1970s, when it was by far the most popular school musical. In 1963 Lionel Bart received the Tony Award for Best Original Score. Many songs are well known to the public.

**Dates| 30th June at 7.30pm, 1st July at 2.30pm & 7.30pm, 2nd July at 2.30pm, 6th July at 7.30pm, 7th July at 7.30pm, 8th July at 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

**Tickets| £14.00 full, £13.00 concessions and £10.00**

## The Tina Turner Experience

This fully live energetic show charts the life and career of one of the worlds iconic performers. Full of hits like "Private Dancer", "Nutbush City Limits", "Proud Mary", "River Deep Mountain High" and "Lets 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 Simply the Best.

**Date| Saturday 29 July 7:45 pm**

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

Licensed by Arrangement with Oliver!  
Productions Ltd. and Oliver! Promotions Ltd.

The Folkestone - Hythe, Operatic &  
Dramatic Society

Music, Lyrics and Book  
by Lionel Bart

Directed by  
Alice Hawkins

Musical Director  
Daniel Moulton



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

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Thanks to a series of grants from the DeHann trust, Shepway District Council and Folkestone Town Council the Theatre and the legacy from Mrs Pat Downs plus donations from others FHODS has been able to purchase a number of items for use in the Tower Theatre. This is particularly good news as this year FHODS is celebrating the original Tower Theatre opening 10 years ago in May 2007.

The main items purchased are a set of radio mics for use in FHODS productions and be available for hire to other groups using the Tower Theatre. This item alone is expected to improve the cash flow by £3000 - £4000 a year by not having to pay for mic rental and by outside hire income. The other main item is cinema equipment. The Tower Theatre now has a 10,000 lumens projector and a 20ft. by 15ft. screen thus enabling films to be shown, both by FHODS and by others.

FHODS chairman Tom Heselden, says that the Society is immensely pleased to have this new equipment and that all those who have assisted with this purchase deserve the FHODS heartfelt thanks. Further he states that as a charity, whose purpose is to put on plays and maintain a theatre in this area, any help given is always appreciated. Apart from some capital grants and donations the Tower Theatre does not receive any revenue funding and exists on 'show' income, hire fees and membership contributions.

2017		Diary Dates
5th May	7.30pm	<i>Magic of the Musicals</i>
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 Australian Band</i>
19th June	7.30pm	FHODS AGM
June / July	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>Oliver!</i> FHODS Musical
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
1st - 4th Nov	2.30pm & 7.30pm	<i>The Crucible by Arthur Miller</i> FHODS Drama
18th Dec	6.00pm	<i>Salvation Army Carol Concert</i>
14th - 24th Dec	2.00pm & 7.00pm	<i>Aladdin</i> FHODS Pantomime

## Folkestone Jazz Club Brings Top Class Jazz To The Tower Theatre Every Week

See The Website For Details

Book your tickets now on  
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# DAD'S ARMY

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
at 7.30pm with a matinee on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm

Tickets £11.00, Concessions £10.00  
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Written by **Jimmy Perry**  
and **David Croft**

Directed by Michael Manton

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