



BERKHAMSTED THEATRE COMPANY



Greetings from the chair

Well, Christmas 2009 is almost upon us and it only seems 5 minutes since we were saying this last year! This will be our last newsletter of 2009 and reflects on this year and gives details of events for 2010.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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FALLEN OUT OF LOVE?

This year's autumn production was due to be a musical revue – Strictly Love. Unfortunately after a really promising start, the committee was forced to cancel this production due to a lack of cast members. It was impossible to produce a full scale musical revue with a cast of only ten!

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

August Bank Holiday saw the committee once again manning a tombola stall at the Lions fete. Our bottle stall was a great success again raising £427 – our thanks to all those who helped and for the donations



Photo by Roy Mathers

FACTS, FIGURES AND FESTIVE FROLICS!

At the end of November our annual President's Quiz took place. Teams of eight gave battle in quiz rounds ranging from Musicals to States of the USA. In the end the winning team was from Radlett Light Operatic Society. A great time was had by all and the society benefited by raising just under £600 for society funds.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will take place at Northchurch Social Centre on 9th February 2010 at 8.00pm. Nomination forms for officers of the Society are available on the website at:-

www.berkhamstedtheatre.co.uk

Your opinions count – please make every effort to attend!



PRODUCTION DATES FOR YOUR 2010 DIARY

NOISES OFF

This hilarious play will be performed at
Pendley Court Theatre
from 18 - 20 March 2010.

FOLLIES

Stephen Sondheim's imaginative musical
will be performed from
23 - 27 November 2010,
also at Pendley Court Theatre.

SPRING 2010

In March 2010, BTC will present the fantastic farce 'Noises Off' by Michael Frayn. Auditions were held in November – there was a great turn out with wall to wall talent!

The cast is as follows:-

Lloyd Dallas – Steve Davies

Dotty Otley – Maggie Harvey

Garry Lejeune – Colin Tovee

Frederick Fellows – Robert Peacock

Belinda Blair – Gisele Yoh - Fowles

Poppy Norton-Taylor – Lucy Palmer

Selsdon Mowbray – Malcolm Foster

Timothy Allgood – Kevyn Connett



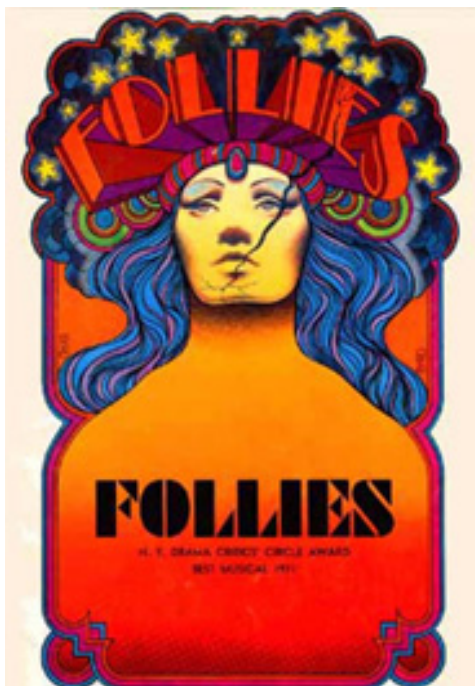
AUTUMN 2010

The autumn production sees us return to the golden age of the Follies show.

For those of you who don't know the show, this is another gem from Stephen Sondheim, full of wonderful music, including 'Broadway Baby', 'Losing my mind' and 'I'm still here'

The story revolves around the reunion of the Weisman Follies Girls and recounts their loves and lives since they left the show. During the show each of the Follies girls sing their signature song – we also see the ghosts of their former selves.

This is a fantastic show for Ladies and Gentleman, young or old alike – rehearsals will start in May. Further details will follow soon



Chairman's Round-up

Well, it's been a funny old year; it's been up & down; there's been good news & bad; so which do you want first?

Well, the year started with *A Tomb with a View* and, although audiences were small, those who came saw a great play and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sadly, the revue, *Strictly Love*, had to be cancelled, but it's been put 'on ice' to be brought out for another time - so the hard work isn't all wasted.

On a more positive note, our fund-raising and social activities have been really successful. The bottle tombola at the Lions Fete was a big hit and the quiz night was too, together raising around £1000!

So onto the main news. For the last few years, performing at the Civic Centre was proving to be difficult, as they were imposing more and more restrictions, reducing the available facilities and increasing the price for the privilege! So, after a long association with the Civic Centre, the Committee decided it was time to look around for a new venue and so The Court Theatre at Pendley it is! Our next two productions will be performed there, so make sure you tell all your friends of the venue when selling tickets! We think it will be a change for the better and look forward to seeing you all there.

All that's left is for me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a hugely successful New Year

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Congratulations.....

Our congratulations go to Hannah and Stuart who tie the knot on December 17th

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