

The Prompter

The newsletter of Workington
Playgoers and the Theatre Royal



Here it is! Your new look prompter newsletter. With more of interest than the first folio and a higher sense of drama than Mr Stanislavski, The Prompter is your guide to all that's going on in our wonderful theatre. We'd love to hear from you about all things Theatre Royal. Let us know what you'd like to see in the theatre and read in these pages. Finally a big thank you to outgoing editor Gillian Scholey. She has moved on to concentrate on writing and acting. We wish her every success! BOX OFFICE: www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk (see page 3 for details)

Our next Playgoers production!

Theatre Royal 9th-13th October
Tickets £10-£11
7:30pm—10:00pm

A divorcee with a young child to care for, Ruth Ellis works in the kind of night clubs where more than just drink is on offer. The girls work hard, play hard and dream of living like movie stars. Then Ruth meets wealthy, womanising racing driver, David and she achieves fame, but not in the way she imagined.

Amanda Whittington's gripping play tells the true story of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain.



Pictures: The cast of The Thrill of Love in rehearsal. Photographs by: Chris Lewis
www.chrislewisphoto.co.uk

Visit our website for a full list of productions, events, groups and fun things to do!

www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk



2018 Programme of plays

FEBRUARY:

Thursday 22nd - Saturday 24th

Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas

A Playgoers Production

MARCH:

Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th

The Lady Killers by Graham Linehan

A Playgoers Production

APRIL:

Friday 20nd - Sunday 22nd

Alice In Wonderland

adapted by Millie Hardy-Sims

A Theatre Royal Second Star Youth Theatre Production

MAY:

Tuesday 22nd - Saturday 26th

Snake in the Grass

by Alan Ayckbourn &

Bosom Pals

By Carol Donockley

A Playgoers Production

JULY:

Tuesday 17th - Saturday 21st

The Tempest by William Shakespeare

A Theatre Royal Shakespeare Players Production

AUGUST:

Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th

**SUMMER PROJECT: OLIVER
TWIST**

adapted by Millie Hardy-Sims

A Theatre Royal Second Star Youth Theatre Production

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 16th - Saturday 20th

Murder in the Studio

by Agatha Christie

(A collection of three spine-tingling radio plays)

A Playgoers Production

NOVEMBER:

Friday 9th—Sunday 11th

A Christmas Carol

adapted by Millie Hardy-Sims

A Theatre Royal Second Star Youth Theatre Production

DECEMBER:

Tuesday 4th - Saturday 8th

TBA

Email: tickets@theatre-royal-workington.co.uk

Bookings: www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk

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Need to send us a cheque?

Do you need to pay your subs? Fancy coming to the annual dinner? (see page 4) Or generally just if you want to send a donation to support the theatre, here's how:

Please make cheques payable to:
Workington Playgoers

And send to:
Theatre Royal
Washington Street
Workington
CA14 3AW
Tel: 01900 603161 (Answer-phone)

Email:
membership@theatre-royal-workington.co.uk
Prompter Email:
news@theatre-royal-workington.co.uk
Don't forget to tell us what you are paying for in any correspondence!

AGM Feedback

Election of Officers

President.....Geoffrey Hall
Chairman.....Pat Brinicombe
Treasurer.....Gilda Wells
Secretary.....Val Brown
Assistant Treasurer.....Anne Hindmoor
Company Auditor.....Glynis Hayton.
Company Secretary.....Geoffrey Hall
Chair of TMG.....Gilda Wells
Technical Director.....Geoffrey Brinicombe
Productions Director.....Morgan Sweeney
Publicity and Marketing Director..Pat Brinicombe
Membership Secretary.....Jenni Rushton
Wardrobe Convenor.....Helen Earl
Maintenance Manager.....Tony Maggorian
Second Star Facilitator.....Paul Adams
Properties Convenor.....Jane Douglas
Front of House Manager.....Glynn Scurr
Licensed bar Manager.....Heather Scholey
Prompter Editor.....*Gillian Scholey

Amendment:

*Since the election of Officers there has been one change. The Prompter Editor, Gillian Scholey has resigned from the post due to personal reasons. Ben Brinicombe has agreed to assume the role.

Booking tickets now couldn't be easier!

The screenshot shows the website <http://www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk/thrill-of-love>. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'What's On', 'Our Theatre Companies', 'About', and 'Play Archive'. The 'What's On' section is highlighted, showing details for 'The Thrill of Love' by Amanda Whittington. A large red heart graphic contains the title 'The Thrill of Love'. Below the graphic is a 'Book Tickets' button. The 'Show Details' section lists: Doors open: 6:45pm, Performance: 7:30pm, Running Time: 2.5hrs with intermission, Date: Tues 10th - Sat 14th Oct. Four black and white portraits of the cast members are shown below the details.

1. Go to the website
2. Find out what's on
3. Choose the event
4. Click on "Book Tickets" and follow the instructions

Workington Playgoers Annual Dinner

After a few years of not having a dinner, Viv and Jenni have arranged with Pascal Delorme to hold a dinner at Hunday Manor, Winscales, Workington on 13th January 2018. Viv and Jenni (membership@theatre-royal-workington.co.uk) ask that names, menu choices and payment reach either of them no later than the 30th November. Cheques payable to Workington Playgoers (see page 3). See the menu below.



Saturday 13th January Menu £19.95

Vegetable and Lentil Soup

Herb Croutons

Pressed Ham Hock and Apricot Terrine

Fruit Chutney, Watercress and Roasted Walnuts

Salmon and Prawn Croquettes

Potato and Spring Onion Salad, Pea Shoots and Tomato Salsa

Rosette of Parma Ham, Melon Pearls

Feta Crumb, Rocket, Raspberry Sorbet and Herb Oil

Roasted Chicken Breast

Wrapped in Pancetta with a Creamy Leek Sauce

Slow Cooked Lakeland Feather Blade Steak

Port and Red Wine Jus, Parsnip Crisps

Oven Roasted Trellis of Salmon

Buttered Greens, Tarragon and Wine Cream

Pan Roasted Breast of Pheasant

Wrapped In Pancetta, Wild Mushroom Fricassee and Marsala Jus

Butternut Squash and Courgette Orzo

Mushroom Veloute and Beetroot Linguini

Passionfruit Cheesecake With White Chocolate Ice Cream

Rich Dark Chocolate Torte With Hazelnut Ice Cream

Glazed Lemon Tart With Fruit Compote And Eton Mess Cream

Fresh Fruit Salad With Cream

Fresh ground coffee with mince pie £2.95 Extra

Dancing-Light Film Club

Did you know that if you are a member of the Playgoers' Club, from now on you are automatically a member of The Dancing-Light Cinema Club?

The Club screens films every other Sunday night in the Theatre Royal's auditorium starting at 7:00.

Playgoers Non-Members are welcome to join the Dancing-Light Cinema Club.

One year's subscription is £20 giving entry to over twenty films with the single annual payment on the door.

Details of the films will be sent out via MailChimp and will be advertised on the Playgoers website under Events Calendar:

<http://www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk/event-calendar/> **Morgan Sweeney**



Members' Nights

Over the last year we have had several very enjoyable members' nights, some more successful than others, depending mainly on the number of attendees. Following discussions at the recent AGM it was decided that rather than stick to the last Wednesday of each month, which often clashed with rehearsals, or other events, we would choose a night during the last week of each month and see if that was more successful. In addition, Morgan has begun the Dancing-Light Cinema Club. Films are shown on alternate Sundays.

Originally, it was envisaged that any Playgoer member could suggest ideas for these evenings and help to organise it, and the Socialite team would be there as back up, alongside the front of house team. This month, we have a rehearsed reading, but to my knowledge, at the moment there have been no ideas for October or November. Halloween falls on Tuesday this year so that might be a possibility? If anyone has any ideas of evenings they would like to share with the membership please contact either Viv or Jenni and we will do our best to help you sort it out.

Viv Young

THANK YOU!

An extra special thank you to Anne Bowmer who has stepped in at short notice to take over box office duties. With another play imminent it's great that she has taken the task on!

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Coeliac UK Coffee Morning

Another successful coffee morning was held in the foyer on Saturday September 2nd when the group demonstrated that life

without gluten is not as miserable as we might think. They present a plethora of ideas and evidence of how to tickle the palate with extreme goodies which are delicious, not only to those who are diagnosed with the disease but to those of us who are not. Our thanks go to Jean & Peter Foster, Rachel Brinicombe and Olivia Blackburn [and their husbands] for their continued support of our theatre - On this occasion with a generous donation of £75.00. Their next event is scheduled for Saturday 4th November.

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A party organised by Workington Town Council was held in the auditorium and the foyer on Friday 8th September to thank the Workington Paint the Town Team for their work to support and promote the town. Helen Fowler and her team together with Theatre Royal volunteers made sure the event went with a swing. Patricia Hoggarth provided the tasty finger buffet and Jenni Rushton organised and presented a lovely display of vintage clothes and iconic pieces of furniture on the stage.

The Vintage display in the theatre heralded the start of Workington's planned VINTAGE DAY the following morning. The town was abuzz with musicians and visitors on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day.

Many of the performers, musicians and dignitaries used the theatre as a dressing room including the group, The Fortunes.

Theatre tours proved to be very popular and were well attended with 21 group tours taking place. The most repeated comment was, "Well, I'm ashamed to say, I have never been in here before" and the second most heard comment had to be, "I thought it had been pulled down". **Pat Brinicombe (El Capitan).**

Whispers from the wings: Other news



The film "Definitive Therapy" made by some members of Playgoers and friends of the club has

pushed back its opening night to December 2017. The dark, spooky thriller has been filmed and edited and is now having an original score produced in time for the December showing. More details will follow in the next newsletter. In the mean time, you can visit the film's facebook page at @definitivetherapy. (Note: is it wrong for the editor to plug his own film? Ed.)

July saw the theatre play host to a lavish production of Macbeth produced by Morgan Sweeney. The Shakespeare tragedy was brought to life using filmed sequences alongside live action. The Times and Star said it had "passion" and "clever engineering" and described Nicola Woodier's Lady Macbeth as "outstanding."



We were saddened to hear the news that Marjorie Hool died on 30th July 2017. Marjorie was an excellent actress and a great supporter of Playgoers.

