

THEATRE ROYAL

The Home of Workington Playgoers for 89 Years



Bring this leaflet with you when you come to an event at the Theatre Royal and your name will be put in a draw for 2 complimentary tickets to Playgoers' next production



Photograph by Andrew Dale

Our theatre is not only used by the Playgoers, but by organisations from the local community. We are hiring out the theatre, much more, to small touring theatre companies, who find our small theatre perfect for their productions.

All seats in our Auditorium provide a clear view of the stage and have excellent acoustics.

There is well-stocked, licensed bar in the Foyer. We hold a Coffee Morning, with home-made cakes and scones, in the Foyer on the last Saturday in every month.

The bar opens half an hour before the start of each performance. Interval refreshments can be pre-ordered and drinks may be taken into the Auditorium. The theatre is run entirely by Playgoers' members and volunteers. Which ever event you come to see at the Theatre Royal we hope you have an enjoyable time and don't wait too long to come back.

ACCESS

There is Wheelchair Access throughout the ground floor. There are no steps from the front door through to the Auditorium. Assistance dogs welcome.

PARKING

Car parking is available at the Marks and Spencer car parks opposite the theatre. There is also a multi-storey car park on New Oxford Street which is open until 7pm

HEARING LOOP

The Main Auditorium has a hearing loop installed. If you use a hearing aid, switch it to the 'T' setting to amplify the sound from the stage.

Book online

Visit theatre-royal-workington.co.uk/ to book online. You can choose your seats, pay securely and have your tickets emailed to you. We don't charge booking fees.

Book with confidence

If you can't attend a Playgoers' performance for any reason, let's know before the show begins and we'll exchange your tickets for another evening or give you credit for another Playgoers' show. latecomers aren't eligible for a refunds or credits.

Season Ticket 2024

Four tickets for any of Playgoers' productions for the price of £48. You can use them all on one show or mix and match.

Theatre Gift Vouchers

Why not give one of our vouchers as a gift? Go to: thelittleboxoffice.com/workingtonplaygoers/ scroll to the bottom and click BOOK where it says 2 ticket voucher. It's £28 for 2 tickets. You will be sent a unique code. Vouchers can be used in one go or split between multiple performances.

Group Bookings

Make a booking for a party of 10 for the same date and get 10% discount.



MCDUGALLS IN TOYLAND

Wednesday 14th February | 1pm | £10

All aboard the toy land train! Join Max, Auntie Aggie and Morag the Rabbit as they go travelling on the Toyland Train, and help return the missing toys to their rightful owners back home. Don't forget - bring YOUR teddy bear along to the show!

The McDougalls will be back 16th December 2024 with their Christmas Show! Hooray!



Sold Out - Taking names for returns

DEBRA CHALMERS

An Evening of Mediumship

Thursday 21st March | 7.30pm | £10

Come along to heartfelt evening of messages from the spirit world with Debra Chalmers. Debra Chalmers has worked as a medium for many years now and is passionate about bringing forward the communication of loved ones in the spirit world.



Theatre Royal
Rising Stars
Youth Theatre is
holding the first
[Play in a Day](#)
[16th February](#)
[2024.](#)

There will be regular [Play in Day](#) workshops during 2024!

Follow Theatre Royal Facebook for dates and details

www.facebook.com/workingtonplaygoers



**I'LL BE BACK
BEFORE
MIDNIGHT**
by
PETER COLLEY

Wed 24 - Sat 27
April 2024

7.30pm | £14

*A Workington
Playgoers
Production*

Jan is recovering from a nervous disorder and has just been released from hospital. Her husband, Greg, brings her to an isolated farmhouse to recover and for them to rekindle their marriage. Immediately Jan finds that unnerving things are happening. Greg announces that his sister Laura is to join them. Jan has never liked or got on with Laura and she finds that her relationship with Greg is unnaturally close and somewhat secretive. Then there is George, the old farmer, who lives close by. Frightening things occur. Jan cannot understand what is going on and is terrified. Will you be too? We dare you to come and find out.



Jo-Ni & THE SOLWAY SOUND MACHINE
Friday 1 March | 7pm | £10

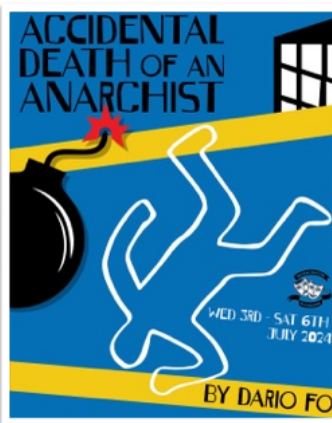
"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and life to everything." Plato.



**KING ARTHUR -
Happy Thoughts
Drama Company**
**Sat 1 & Sun 2
June 2024**

**6.30pm
£15 & £7.50**

Deep in the valleys of Cumbria is a hidden kingdom named Camelot, the historical seat of the House Pendragon. An original telling of the legends that surround us day-by-day living here, in the Lake District.



ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST by DARIO FO

Wed 3 - Sat 6
July 2024

7.30pm | £14

*A Workington
Playgoers
Production*

The action takes place on the upper floor of a police station where previously an anarchist has died after falling from an upper window. In an attempt to avoid a scandal, an investigation is planned to establish whether he was pushed, jumped or fell by accident. Into the police station is brought a fraudster known as The Maniac. When left alone in the inspector's office he intercepts a telephone call, finds out about the investigation, and decides to have some fun. He adopts several disguises and personas and leads the officers into more and more ridiculous reconstructions of how the incident occurred, exposing cover-ups and corruption.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CLUB

Our Golden Jubilee Draw has been paying out cash prizes since 1985 .

There are only 365 numbers available. With a small lottery of only 365 numbers, there's a very high chance of winning, so join this year.

Remember, you have to be in to win!

For only £12 a year, you could win prizes worth up to £1000!

There are 30+ numbers available for 2024

Visit www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk/golden-jubilee-fund-2/



SUMMER CIRCUS

A Show for all the Family - Live on Stage!
Saturday 27th July | 1pm & 4pm | £10

"Roll-up for a colourful summer circus show!
Join Ring mistress Betty Barnum and clown Silly Billy
in a Big Top Adventure for all the family.

This larger than life stage show is full of hilarious comedy capers, songs and giant puppets.



TREASURE ISLAND

Story by Robert
Louis Stevenson
Adapted for the
stage by Millie
Hardy-Sims

Wed 9 - Sat 12
October 2024

7.30pm | £14

*A Workington
Playgoers
Production*

Young Jim Hawkins lives with his Mother in their rundown inn along the Bristol Coast. They've seen better days, and just as things are looking desperate for the Admiral Benbow, a stranger appears seeking shelter. He is brash, tattooed, scarred and permanently drunk. His appearance in the inn quickly brings down bad fortune upon the Hawkins family. Their quiet inn is soon host to many bloodthirsty and brutal pirates who are in search of just one thing – a map to the treasure of the long dead notorious Captain Flint.

Little do they know Jim has already found the map and fled the inn, a warning ringing in his ears...

"Beware the one legged man."

A true-to-book adaptation for the stage suitable for all the family.



BLITHE SPIRIT by NOEL COWARD

Wed 4 - Sat 7
December 2024

7.30pm | £14

*A Workington
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Production*

When author Charles Condomine and his wife, Ruth, invite two friends for dinner they decide to spice up the evening by also inviting the local eccentric medium Madame Arcati. Neither couple believe she is genuine and expect a very amusing evening but when Madame Arcati accidentally manages to summon up Elvira, Charles' dead first wife, things change. Coward's witty dialogue, sparkling wit and farcical situations mean that it remains a popular play with audiences today so why not join us for a little séance. After all what could go wrong?



Happy Thoughts Drama Company CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

To Be Confirmed
Fri 20 & Sat 21
December 2024

GET INVOLVED



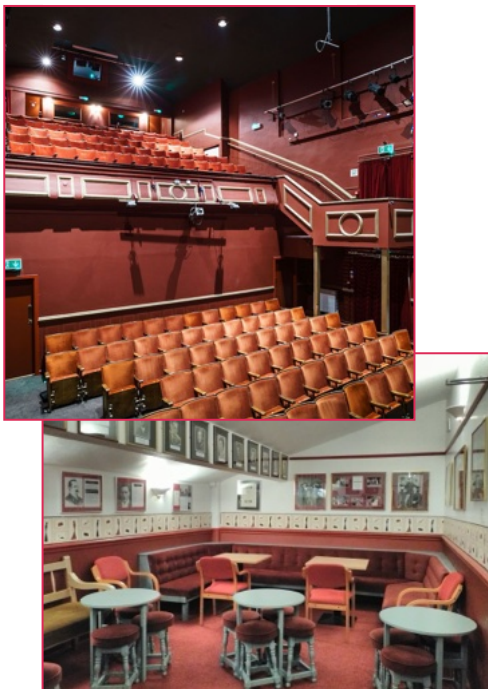
We're always thrilled to welcome new members, so we'd love you to come and join us. And don't be put off if you don't fancy treading the boards – there's lots to get involved with besides acting. Stage managers, box office staff, front of house staff and set painters are just as essential as actors and directors – and that's just to name a few of the jobs in the theatre!

We're a fun, friendly group and our members love sharing their skills and knowledge, so you don't need experience – just enthusiasm! Come along to a members' night for a backstage tour and a chance to chat to our members.

Please visit <https://www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk/get-involved-2/> for more details.

Cartoons by Sarah Delorme

VENUE HIRE



Whether you're looking for a space to rehearse or stage your own show, need somewhere to host a conference or presentation evening, or want a stunning venue for a party, you'll find it here at the Theatre Royal, Workington.

We have a variety of spaces available – our main auditorium seats up to 149. There is level access to the unraked stalls area and steps lead from the Foyer to the raked balcony seating area. All seats provide a clear view of the stage and have excellent acoustics. There is an induction loop for patrons who are hard of hearing.

We also have meeting/rehearsal rooms and our Mezzanine Bar available for hire.

<https://www.theatre-royal-workington.co.uk/theatre-hire/> for more details.

Photo of Theatre Auditorium Chris Lewis

PLAYGOERS' COFFEE MORNINGS

Held on the last Saturday of the month, in the Theatre Royal Foyer. 10.00am until Noon. Fresh filter coffee, homemade cakes and scones.

Probably the best in town!

Dates for Coffee Mornings 2024

27th January	27th July
24th February	31st August
30th March	28th September
27th April	26th October
25th May	30th November
29th June	21st or 28th December

PHOTOGRAPHY/ RECORDINGS AND MOBILE PHONES

The use of cameras and other recording devices is not allowed in the Theatre. Please switch off all mobile phones and tablets during performances.

THEATRE GIFT VOUCHERS

To book our Gift Vouchers visit

**[https://
thelittleboxoffice.com/
workingtonplaygoers/](https://thelittleboxoffice.com/workingtonplaygoers/)**

**An Ideal gift for a theatre lover.
Why not buy two and come with them!**