

Spotlight

Theatre Craft Herne Bay

★ October 2026 ★

Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter! As the leaves start to fall and the nights draw in, Theatre Craft Herne Bay is full of exciting plans, new opportunities and wonderful people working behind the scenes to keep our theatre family thriving.

From pantomimes and plays to murder mysteries and social events, there's so much to look forward to over the coming months.

Whatever your role, on or off stage, thank you for being part of our amazing Theatre Craft family.



Meet the Cast



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Our next pantomime

9 & 10 January 2027

The Bay Theatre, Herne Bay High School.

We're delighted to announce that Norman Holness will be directing our 2027 pantomime, **Beauty and the Beast!**

Get ready for all the magic, music, humour and sparkle you'd expect from a Theatre Craft panto, as we bring this much-loved classic to life.

Get your tickets here:

ticketsource.com/theatre-craft/ticket/e-jpogoj

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DRAG BINGO!

What a night!

Our Drag Bingo event was an amazing success! A huge thank you to everyone who came along, joined in and helped make the night so much fun. It was fantastic to see so many of our members, friends and supporters enjoying themselves.

Thank you Heidi, Callum and all those involved.

And the good news? We're already looking at doing another Drag Bingo early next year. Watch this space for more details!



Old Actors Never Die...

THEY SIMPLY LOSE THE PLOT!

We are excited to let you know the dates for our 2027 play. Expect plenty of laughs in this comedy, set in a care home for retired actors, where the drama never stops!

Read-through: 25 November 2026

Auditions: 6 & 9 December 2026

Performances: Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 April 2027

The Playhouse, Whitstable

MURDER MYSTERY...

*Shhh...
It's a secret!*

Something mysterious is on the horizon... We're excited to be working on a new thrilling Murder Mystery event. This will be a great opportunity to get involved in a fun and different kind of performance, with plenty of chances both on and off stage.

Friday 16th April. More details will be revealed soon, so keep your eyes peeled. There may be some suspicious characters appearing before you know it!

THEATRE CRAFT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL & PANTO PARTY!

Join us for a festive get-together to celebrate the end of the year and the start of panto season!

We're delighted to have some fellow thespians joining us with their touring panto, who will be putting on a special performance just for our Theatre Craft family and friends.

**Saturday 19 December 2026,
Herne Institute Hall. 7-10.30pm**

Expect festive fun, games, laughter and a chance to catch up with your Theatre Craft friends.

More details will be shared nearer the time. We'd love to see you there!

CONNECT WITH US

Find us online!

Shows, tickets, news and ways to get involved, all on our brand new website. Follow us for the latest from rehearsals and behind the scenes.

Website: theatre Craft.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/Theatre CraftHerne Bay

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BACKSTAGE HEROES WANTED!

Our productions wouldn't be possible without the amazing people who work behind the scenes. We're always looking for volunteers to help with:

Set building, Painting & decorating,
Backstage support, Costumes,
Props, and more!

Whether you're experienced or just want to learn new skills, there's a place for you. It's a brilliant way to get involved, meet new people and be part of the magic that happens behind the curtain.

Tea and biscuits supplied!

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS:

Following our fantastic summer musical, *All Shook Up*, we asked our cast and crew to share their thoughts and feedback on the production. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.

We've read through your comments and suggestions and have taken them on board. We're looking at how we can use your feedback to help shape future productions and make the Theatre Craft experience even better for everyone involved.

Your feedback really does matter, and we're grateful to everyone who shared their thoughts with us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

25 November 2026

Old Actors Never Die... Read-through.

6 & 9 December 2026

Old Actors Never Die... Auditions.

19 December 2026

Theatre Craft Christmas Social.

Come and see us!

We will be out and about promoting *Beauty and the Beast* over the next few months. If you're at any of these events do come and say hello. And if you'd like to lend a hand with publicity, we'd love to hear from you.

Saturday 14th November, 10.00 until 2.00 – Herne Centre Craft Christmas Fair

Sunday 22nd November, 1.00 until 6.30 pm – Herne Bay Christmas Light Switch On

Saturday 28th November, 10.00 until 1.00 – Christmas in the Park, Strode Park

Meet your committee:

Chairman Sarah Williams

Hon Secretary Estelle Short

Hon Treasurer Ann White

Hon Publicity Jacqueline Francis

Acting Business Manager
Paul Stanbridge

Social Secretary Heidi Gilmour

General committee

Ruth Oliver, Paul Tracy, Bekki Howell