

Welcome to the return of our newsletter!

Our theatre family, known to many as Theatrecraft Herne Bay, has been entertaining audiences for almost 80 years.

We are proud and excited to share our upcoming shows, events and news with you over the coming months.

This newsletter is the perfect opportunity to see what we're working on, what we have planned and how you can get involved. Whether you're interested in performing on stage, helping backstage, building sets, creating costumes, directing a production or supporting us in other ways, there are plenty of opportunities to become part of our theatre family.

We look forward to sharing our journey with you and hope to see many familiar and new faces getting involved in the exciting months ahead.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THEATRE CRAFT

-  All Shook Up
-  Beauty & the Beast
-  Directors Wanted
-  Murder Mystery
-  50s Jive Night
-  Get Involved

and lots more inside...

Congratulations!

KDA AWARD NOMINATIONS

Following the success of *Out of Order*, we are proud to announce three nominations at this year's KDA Awards on 27th June.



★ Dan Coles
Best Actor

★ Steve Mount
Best Actor in
a Cameo Role

★ Ruth Oliver
Best New
Festival Director

We are all incredibly proud of you and wish you the very best of luck!

Meet Your Committee

Behind every production, event and fundraiser is a dedicated committee working throughout the year to help keep Theatrecraft running smoothly.

Chairman Sarah Williams

Hon. Secretary Estelle Short

Hon. Treasurer Ann White

Hon. Publicity Jacqueline Francis

Social Secretary Heidi Gilmore

Acting Business Manager Paul Stanbridge

General Committee

- Paul Tracy
- Ruth Oliver
- Bekki Howell

Thank you to all our committee members for their continued hard work and dedication to Theatrecraft.

ALL SHOOK UP!

Rehearsals are going great, and the excitement is definitely building as show week gets closer.

The harmonies are sounding amazing, the choreography is energetically electric, and the cast and creative team have been working incredibly hard to bring you a fantastic show.

Featuring a live band and packed with the songs of Elvis Presley, *All Shook Up* promises to be a fun-filled evening of music, laughter and rock 'n' roll.

Even more exciting, we'll be returning to the beautiful Open Air Theatre at Strode Park House, giving audiences the chance to enjoy the show in a unique outdoor amphitheatre setting.

We can't wait to share this production with you and hope you'll join us from 16th – 18th July for what promises to be a fantastic few nights of theatre.



MEET THE CREATIVE TEAM



DIRECTOR
Paul Tracy



MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Jacqueline Francis



CHOREOGRAPHER
Courtney Jones

Together, they have guided the cast through rehearsals, helping to create what promises to be a fun, energetic and entertaining production.



DIRECTORS WANTED

Following the success of *Out of Order* and with *All Shook Up* almost ready to take to the stage, we're already looking ahead to our next production.

We are excited to announce that the play chosen for April 2027 is:

Old Actors Never Die: They Simply Lose the Plot

We're now looking for anyone who may be interested in directing this production. Whether you've directed before or have always fancied giving it a go, we'd love to hear from you.

At this stage, we're simply looking for expressions of interest. Those interested will then be invited to discuss their ideas and pitch to the committee.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please contact us.

We can't wait to see what ideas you bring to the table!

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Our January pantomime brings the much-loved fairy tale of Beauty and the Beast to the Theatrecraft stage.

Whether you love performing, singing, dancing, helping backstage, building sets or creating costumes, panto season is always one of the most exciting times in the Theatrecraft calendar.

If you've ever fancied getting involved, now is the perfect time.

KEY DATES

18
SEPTEMBER
READ-THROUGH

22 & 25
SEPTEMBER
AUDITIONS

More information will be released closer to the dates, but for now, get those diaries out and save the dates!

We can't wait to see another fantastic cast and crew come together to bring this classic fairy tale to life.

MURDER MYSTERY

We are honoured to have been approached by an organisation outside of Theatrecraft and asked to perform a Murder Mystery event.

This exciting opportunity will allow us to take Theatrecraft out into the community and bring an evening of mystery, intrigue and entertainment to a new audience.

We're still in the early stages of planning but we'll be keeping everyone updated as things progress, including information on auditions and how to get involved.

Watch this space... there may be some suspicious characters heading your way soon!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 June	KDA Awards
16 – 18 July	<i>All Shook Up</i>
24 July	50s Jive Night
18 September	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> Read-through
22 & 25 September	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> Auditions
September	Drag Bingo
January 2027	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>
April 2027	<i>Old Actors Never Die: They Simply Lose the Plot</i>
April 2027	<i>Murder Mystery</i>

50s. JIVE NIGHT

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of 1950s fun!

We're keeping the rock 'n' roll spirit alive with our 50s-themed Jive Night on 24th July at the Herne Institute.

- 1950s-themed Dance-Off
- Fun Awards for the All Shook Up Cast
- American-themed Games
- Complimentary Nibbles
- Bring Your Own Food & Drink

ENTRY
£5
PER PERSON



GET INVOLVED



Just a few of our amazing volunteers helping to bring Theatrecraft productions to life.

We would love to hear from anyone with skills or experience in:

- Carpentry & Set Building
- Painting & Decorating
- Upholstery
- Costume Making & Alterations
- Backstage & Technical Support



From our theatre family to yours... Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at one of our productions or events very soon!

