

BRASS NECK theatre

NEWSLETTER

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BrassNeck Theatre is not only about Acting, Singing and Dancing



Avenue Q

BrassNeck has a small band of back stage crew who take great pride in the staging of our productions. We design, construct and erect our stage sets, so there's always plenty to do. If you have a passion, interest or desire to "Make Theatre" then why not join us.?

Interested, then email info@brassnecktheatre.com

A couple of comments from others:-

Finally got to drive to Melton Mowbray yesterday to collect your "Our House" set, and again a magnificent set

Chris Streater Day8productions



Fiddler On The Roof

You might like this... your set described as "West-End worthy" in the York Press review of "Avenue Q"...

David Pumfrey
York Light Opera Company Limited



The Wedding Singer



Come on, join us and help make it happen.



Our House



BrassNeck Theatre supports the Race for Life



'Tickled Pink', a three person team, Janet Wilson, Barbara Catton and five year old William Simpson completed the race at Temple Newsam in Leeds. This was William's second year entering the Race for Life and by the time this goes to print, he will have joined his Mum for another bite of the cherry where they will walk/run the Ikley race. What was the best moment for me, said Barbara? As William ran to the finish line he stopped then ran back and took Janet and myself by the hands so we could all cross

together- one very proud and emotional Grandma.

'Tickled Pink' would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped them raise a massive £320.



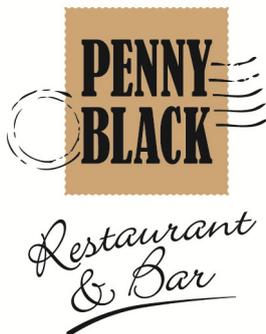
A contingent of ladies from BrassNeck Theatre made their annual trip down to Ikley to take part in this year's Race for Life event to raise money to fight Cancer. Many of the participants had their own personal reasons for taking part whilst others simply showed the team spirit of BrassNeck by joining in the fundraising. The sun shone and good fun was had by all, but more importantly the BrassNeck ladies have so far raised over £1000 which is a fantastic effort and a great contribution towards the ongoing fight against Cancer.

Well done all, especially the children Isabelle Sowerby, William Simpson, Chloe and Amelia Monte, Llewyn Mackay and Bertie the dog!!

We are delighted to announce the following roles have been cast for our November 2014 production of Little Women:

Meg - Helen Wrigglesworth
Jo - Lisa Simpson
Beth - Brogan Hollindrake
Amy - Lydia Bradd
Marmee - Laura Judge
Aunt March - Christine Castle
Laurie - Ben Tomlinson
John Brooke - Chris Slater

We have a number of parts still to cast including a small company. We are particularly keen to hear from any men who are interested - despite the name, Little Women also has some great parts for men - please email info@brassnecktheatre.com to express your interest.



We are delighted to announce that our Production Sponsor for Little Women is Penny Black, Restaurant and Bar, Yeadon. Situated on the site of the Old Post Office, almost opposite the Town Hall, it is the ideal location for a pre theatre meal. The food is highly recommended and a meal at Penny Black will be the perfect start to an evening at Little Women.

Forthcoming Productions

11-15 November
2014



12-16 May 2015

17-21 November
2015



The Addams Family



May 2016

Watch this space

Have you checked out our new website yet

www.brassnecktheatre.com

Meet the committee

Barbara Matthews

Extract from ALL my school reports 1962 - 1967.

"Conscientious and hardworking but far too quiet, far too reserved and needs to join in more with class activities".

You can therefore imagine how shocked my parents were when I announced that I was "going on the stage" and subsequently joined Horsforth Grove as a chorus girl. I was assured by my good friend Irene Cluderay that it was great fun and that if I stayed on the back row and mimed, nobody would notice....!

Little did I know that this would be the start of a lifelong love affair with the theatre both on and off stage. My secret ambitions were soon fulfilled: I danced in West Side Story, can- canned in Gigi, stripped in Guys and Dolls and enjoyed a wonderful week at the Grand with Glenn Miller. I have sung, acted and danced in many wonderful shows, however I haven't quite fulfilled my dream - that of becoming a "Tiller Girl". I am still waiting for the call, fishnets and feathers at the ready.

Many friendships were formed, squashed together in the wings at Yeadon Town Hall, and these are still going strong 45 years on. Memories are relived and laughed about when we get together. Who could forget that fearful night in Superstar when Jesus nearly fell off the Cross, and the time in Half a Sixpence when the whole of the chorus could not get onto the stage because someone's umbrella had got caught in the ropes. And of course in Fiddler when we were leaving Anatevka and someone's suitcase fell open and a load of beer cans rolled out onto the stage - and we were Methodist too! Did I mention the incident of the striped underpants in Camelot? Sorry Dave.

When my son Robbie was born, I decided to concentrate on backstage and Committee work and I have enjoyed 30 years overseeing make up and wigs for many local societies. My team is affectionately known as "Big Slapper and the Slapperettes" - we must have slapped up 1000's of faces in our time and it is surprising what is divulged in the make up chair.....!

I currently work in Resources at Horsforth School but my working career started many moons ago at the GPO (now BT) where I trained in the Records Drawing Office. The work was very detailed and this is why I enjoy my current role as Box Office Manager. The detail of the job suits me down to the ground.

This leads me nicely onto my other passion.... Gardening. I can get quite excited about the thought of a big pile of manure. Heaven. I am now heading for retirement and looking forward to spending more time pottering about with spade in hand. Oh... and also learning to play the ukulele. I've always loved George Formby

My partner Andrew has now ventured down the Thespian route and I hope that he finds it as exciting and fulfilling as I have. I'm sure he will.

One final note - thank you Irene for introducing me to the joys of the back row - I think I owe you a Barley Wine.

Little Women

11 - 15 November 2014 - Yeadon Town Hall

We're getting ready for our next amazing production. Are you ?

For the best choice of seats

book now!

Contact the box office by email or phone, or follow the link below to book

Online: Email: boxoffice@brassnecktheatre.com

Members Online: <http://brassnecktheatre.com/box-office/cast>



Congratulations from BrassNeck



Ed Stewart and Rebecca Matthews
(now Stewart).

Chris Slater and Beth Tonkin
(now Slater).

Married on 23rd April 2014

12th July 2014

Blessing and reception on 22nd June 2014
at Holdsworth House.

Holy Name of Jesus Church
Ireland Wood
Cookridge

Yeadon Town Hall Users Committee
will be holding a

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

at YEADON TOWN HALL
on **SATURDAY**
16 AUGUST 2014
9.00am to 4.00 pm
(REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY)
for full details contact :
07739 189589

Help support our theatre venue

BrassNeck is proud to be part of a
wider community.

Here is an ideal opportunity to help
maintain and improve our theatre venue

The cost of a table is £10



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