

RAVING MAD

NO 24

"In the midst of life we are in debt"

A word from the Chair

Well another production 'under our belt' but a strange phenomenon seems to be occurring with MAD. We have gone from our most successful production in January 'Are You Being Served' to one of our least successful in last month's 'Cash on Delivery'. Don't ask me why because I don't know, all I do know is according to those who saw it, our standard has not dropped, in fact the feedback suggests the opposite. I have lost the will to be concerned as moral and energy are high, so roll on Music Hall 2 and thank you to all involved in Michael Cooney's great farce you did it and MAD proud.

Now for a silly little story, after most productions I often get the job of returning things we have borrowed, so this is the story of a stretcher. To shorten this saga it was arranged I drop off this item into the foyer of the Catholic Church in Fort Road, on a Saturday morning where it would be collected later that day by a gentleman from St John Ambulance.

Would you believe, yours truly forgot in the morning, and frantically turned up late afternoon at the Church, hoping I could still catch the gentleman. Imagine my relief, and picture the scene, there I was in working clothes, bright orange stretcher under my arm to find the door to the church at the top of the steps was

open, so I walked into the foyer. Oh God! (excuse the pun) how was I to know the glass wall of the foyer looked directly into the church itself and I could have sworn the Priest looked up and the entire congregation looked round. I blushed, smiled, did a swift about turn and came back out.

My embarrassment did not end there, as a lady came rushing up the stairs, and I thought in my haste I had outlined my predicament to her, until she turned before entering the church carrying the stretcher and said "Does anyone inside need this urgently?" I smiled sweetly and backed down the steps to my car. So if you were in the Catholic Church on that Saturday, I was that 'Mad' stranger, with the bright orange stretcher, who tried to gatecrash the Sermon.

Tony Gibbs

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for more pictures**



NEXT ONE UP!

Wednesday 26
to Saturday 29
September 2012

Meeching Hall
Fort Road
Newhaven

MAD MUSIC
HALL OF
FUN II

Tickets £8 at Meeching Estate Agents
01273 515566

***MAD MUSIC HALL of FUN 2* – Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 September.**

Last year we did it as an experiment to see what reaction would be forthcoming. Suffice to say, it surprised all of us how well it was received, so here is Music Hall No. 2. To me, as the director, it is so much fun to unleash a fusion of ideas, balancing comedy (often simple and original), with songs and music, for a night of high energy entertainment the likes of which, Newhaven and surrounding areas only now gets to see once a year.

I am also especially proud that one of last year's 'turns' has been asked to repeat their performance for part of a 'Seaford Live' show this year. However, we are keeping 'under wraps' our all new show, except to say we have extended the title to now read '*Mad Music Hall of Fun 2*'. So please do come along; all I would say is that if the Music Hall was alive and kicking in 2012 as it was in the 1850s this I am sure is what it would have been like.

THE FUTURE

For our January 2013 production we hope to bring *WIZARD OF OZ* to the Newhaven stage.....


Date for your Diaries

(Meeching Hall unless stated)

 **Saturday 7 July 1pm**
RNLi Fete Huggets Green

chair

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 **Friday 20 July 7.30pm**
MAD (Fund Raising Evening)
Greyhound Racing on Screen

Treasurer

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 **Friday 17 August at 7.45pm**
MAD AGM

Secretary

 **Friday 18 January to**
Saturday 26 January 2013
The Wizard of Oz

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RNLi FETE

We urgently need volunteers to help out at the MAD stall. Please let Tony know and if you have any ideas for fundraising on the day, we would love to hear them. The stall will be set up at 11am as last year many people were coming to the fete before the official 1pm start time. Even if its 15 minutes help so others can go on a break. It would be very much appreciated!

FINALLY

I would again like to thank all of you out there for your support, we have regulars now coming in from Hove, Brighton, Lewes, Hailsham, Eastbourne, Piddinghoe and Seaford, a few more from Newhaven would be the icing on the cake!!

Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxis or cutting hair – *George Burns*