

8 Leader Times Stage Awards

Saturday 26th June 2010..... 7.15 pm start

The glittering Leader Times Stage Awards evening will be held at the Theatre on 26th June 2010 when the Awards will be presented to the best amateur productions and performers who have graced the local stage in the last 12 months. Not just productions that have taken place at the Hippodrome Theatre but in the whole of Pendle.

The multi-talented Richard Sanderson will comper the show. Richard was a member of the Award winning cast of last year's play 'Don't Dress For Dinner' He directed Pendle Hippodrome Theatre Company's 'Crazy For You' and also playing the part of *Bella Zangler* in the show. He has also been cast as *Basil Fawly* in the Company's trilogy of plays 'Fawly Towers'.

Well known local actress Hannah Hobley will present the prizes. Hannah plays *Bertha*, *Miss Pole's* (Imelda Staunton) maid in the BAFTA and EMMY winning BBC Costume Drama 'Cranford' and *Chantelle Garvey* in the BAFTA nominated ITV series 'Benidorm'. Last Christmas she starred as *Fairy Nuff* in PMA's pantomime production of 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Municipal Hall.



The nominations for the Awards to be presented by Hannah will be announced in The Nelson Leader/Colne Times the week before the Awards Night.

Note; The other Awards directly connected with local amateur Theatre groups, will not be listed in the newspaper.

Tickets are just £6 but you need to book early as only seats in the stalls are available for public use. (The circle is reserved for performers only).

See page 9 for ways to book your tickets

An Evening of Mediumship

Saturday 12th June 2010..... 7.30pm start

If you have ever wondered if there is 'something on the other side' and the thought of our 'Ghost Hunting Night' was just a bit too scary (it was definitely not for the faint hearted) then the gentler approach to the spirit world presented by our very own Medium, Andrea Jackson, will provide a great alternative for everyone. This year, Andrea has invited a guest Medium to join her on stage, which will add even more intrigue to the evening as they are contacted by their spirit guides who will hopefully convey messages to members of the audience.

This is an open event, including the general public, and due to the ever increasing number of people wishing to attend an 'Evening with Andrea' the event will be hosted in the Theatre Auditorium and booking is to plan.

Tickets are £9 and can be booked online at www.phtheatre.co.uk or booking arrangements are as 'Fawly Towers' on page 4 of this issue.

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16th to 19th June..... 7.30 pm start

The name 'Fawly Towers' will conjure up memories of hilarious good clean family entertainment. No bad language, definitely no sex and the only violence was Basil giving Manuel a quick slap around the head. You could watch with your granny and not feel the least bit embarrassed, in fact she'd be laughing as loud as you were! That is exactly what you will get when Pendle Hippodrome Theatre Company stage a trilogy of episodes from the 1970's BBC TV sitcom on the 16th to 19th June 2010.



'Basil!' will be the word echoing around the rafters as everyone's favourite Hotel owner digs ever deeper and deeper into the hilarious holes he gets himself into with both his staff and the hotel guests. You will need to have your 'chuckle muscles' well tuned and your 'laughing gear' intact when you come along to see these three episodes of one of the best-known, and most loved, quintessentially English sit com's ever, written in the halcyon days of British comedy of the 1970's.

The three episodes are 'The Hotel Inspectors', 'The Anniversary' and 'Communication Problems' in which *Manuel* utters the never to be forgotten phrase "I know nothing".

The play is now cast and the multi-talented Richard Sanderson will play the part of Hotel owner *Basil Fawly*. Marina Butterworth will take on the role of his long suffering wife *Sybil*. Both Richard and Marina appeared in the award winning 'Don't Dress for Dinner' last year. *Polly* will be played by Vicky Royle and newcomer to the Company, Danny Eddison, will take the part of everyone's favourite Barcelonan *Manuel*.

Other parts will be played by some very well known local actors and actresses and some you may not have seen before in this kind of role. Hotel resident *Major Gowen* will be played by Denis Royle while Milly Greenwood and Liz O'Connell take on the roles of *Miss Tibbs* and *Miss Gatsby* the two little old ladies, all characters who appeared in every episode.

Other parts will be played by Dorothy Broughton, Gary Edington, Jackie Edington, Vicki Goldsworthy, Orm Green, Rosemary Osborne, Steve Royle, Paul Thompson and another newcomer to the Company, Dominic Kimberlin. There may be others in the cast so watch out for more familiar faces.

The plays are directed by well known local actor and director Steve Grist. The set has been designed and built by our own stage staff and the stage plans are absolutely brilliant, incorporating all the aspects of the original Hotel. There may even be the Hotel sign, which will no doubt feature various spellings of the Hotel name as in the original series, so watch out for that!!!!

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