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Spring 2014  
December 2013 - May 2014

*Bringing to the people of West Somerset  
a wide variety of quality film and performing arts.  
For the community, by the community.*



The theatre is run by the M.A.T.A. (Minehead Amateur Theatrical Association) Regal Theatre Company, a group of volunteers devoted to maintaining and developing live theatre in the centre of Minehead. Everyone who regularly works in the theatre is a volunteer, and MATA gratefully acknowledges the invaluable contribution they make. Without them, the theatre could not operate. The company is limited by guarantee (Company no. 3149984) and is a registered charity (No. 1052714)

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# THE REGAL THEATRE

**The Regal Theatre offers a mixed programme of good quality professional and community entertainment.** A bar is available at all performances, open during intervals and half an hour before the start of a performance. Children are very welcome at the theatre. Under tens should be accompanied by an adult and supervised when on the balcony.



The theatre auditorium is at first floor level but all public areas are fully accessible. The new lift carries people to all floors of the building and there are user friendly toilets for those with special mobility needs. There are a number of spaces in the auditorium for wheelchair users and their companions; these need to be booked in advance to ensure availability. A hearing loop is installed in the auditorium and will be in use for nearly all shows. The new theatre foyer is now complete, and the box office has a hearing loop to assist people with hearing difficulties.

There is a strict 'No Smoking' policy in operation throughout the theatre and on the balcony at all times.

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## HOW TO FIND US

As you approach Minehead follow signs to the town centre and turn right at Wellington Square. The entrance to the theatre is on the right just beyond Iceland and opposite the Methodist Church.

Alternatively, from the sea front proceed towards the town centre passing the railway station on your left. The theatre is on the left just beyond the Co-op.

There is a public car park behind the theatre where there are some spaces for disabled drivers. You will find the car park entrance beside the Co-op.



10-16 The Avenue  
Minehead  
Somerset  
TA24 5AY

Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm  
TICKETS: Adults £12.00, Friends £11.50,  
ES40's/Children/Students £6.00

The Pantaloons present

## GRIMM FAIRY TALES

**This darkly magical production is a brand new adaptation of some of the best-loved fairy stories ever to have graced the stage.**

With music and magic, the Brothers Grimm spin tales of wicked witches, talking animals, plucky maidens and dashing adventurers in this deliciously dark and thrillingly inventive show for adults and children alike.

Back by huge popular demand following their performance of *The Canterbury Tales*, the Pantaloons are a young, vibrant theatre company whose style draws from a wide variety of popular theatre traditions from commedia dell'arte and clowning to stand-up comedy and silent movies.

*"Once upon a not very often, all the pieces come together to make an evening so enthralling you don't want it to end."* (Northern Echo)



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**Saturday 4th - Saturday 11th January**

**TICKETS: Adults £9.00, Friends £8.50,**

**ES40's/Children/Students £5.50**

**Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th, Family Ticket £26**

**(2 adults and 2 children)**



**Minehead Panto People**

## **MOTHER GOOSE**

**Script by Graham Barraclough. Directed by Richard Derry. Choreography by Manda Clarke, Beth Wrigley and Hannah Thompson. Musical direction by Dean Bradwell.**

Mother Goose is about to be thrown off her land when along comes Priscilla, the goose who lays the golden eggs, sent by Fairy Flora to help her. However, danger looms in the form of Nasty Nick, the Demon King, Sir Seymour Snookup, and his two henchmen Caspar Cutt and Rodney Runn. On Mother Goose's side are her children Susie and Tommy and the principal boy Peter Piper [a wandering minstrel]. Will they save the day? Will good triumph over evil? Will they all live happily ever after? How will it all end?

Come along to hiss, boo and cheer, to see the sparkling costumes and stunning sets and to sing along to the ever popular Panto Band.

### **Performance dates:**

Saturday 4th    matinée and evening

Sunday 5th    matinée

Monday 6th    evening

Tuesday 7th    evening

### **Matinées at 2.30pm    Evenings at 7.30pm**

Wednesday 8th    NO PERFORMANCE

Thursday 9th    evening

Friday 10th    evening

Saturday 11th    matinée and evening



Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm  
TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50  
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS



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## The Regal Film Society THE SAPPHIRES

**Dir Wayne Blair Australia 2012 103 mins**

It is 1968 and kind-hearted talent scout Dave 'discovers' four young Aboriginal sisters as Australia's answer to The Supremes and flies them to Vietnam to sing for the American troops. A joyful film - based on a true story - starring Chris O'Dowd.

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Friday 17th January at 7.30pm  
TICKETS: Adults £14.00, Friends £13.50, ES40's/Children/Students £6.00

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## THE BEAT LEGENDS

**The Beat Legends are a brilliant, live tribute band, recreating the early sounds of 60s Merseybeat.** They have performed at International Beatle Week for the last seven years.

**Yanni** (guitar/vocals) is proud and passionate about The Merseybeat sound. Born in Liverpool he has played top of the bill at the Cavern club, with his first band, The Seftons. He wrote and sang the theme tune to the long running TV show Candid Camera.

Other members of the band are:

**Allen:** (bass/vocals) has enjoyed supporting The Wurzels, The Searchers, The Fortunes to name a few; **Dave:** (drums) started playing drums at 15 and has never looked back;

**Graham** (guitar/vocals) has long experience of playing 60s stuff 'as it should be done.'



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**Tuesday 21st January at 7.30 pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £12.50, Friends £12.00,**  
**ES40's/Children/Students £5.00**

## THE SONGS THAT WON THE WAR

Featuring "The D-Day Darlings"

Set in 1939, the show commemorates the era of wartime Britain, by telling the story of a vocal-harmony trio "The D-Day Darlings" and "Mr. John Adams", an actor/director and soldier of war.

The Darlings are seeking to get their big break in the heart of WW2, and present an array of memorable songs that were popular in the 1940s, from artists such as Gracie Fields, The Andrews Sisters, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Dame Vera Lynn, who is also a keen supporter of the show.

With a series of costume changes to add that authentic 40's glamour and a dazzling back drop of original film footage from the era, the show brings the spirit of wartime Britain alive, recalling fond memories for all.



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**Friday 24th January at 8.00pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £8.00, Friends £7.50,**  
**Children £4.00**

The Deane Big Band present

## ANOTHER EVENING WITH GLENN MILLER AND SINATRA



Back following huge demand, this show is about the music of Frank Sinatra and Glenn Miller - played live by the popular 17 piece big band from Taunton - featuring the fabulous vocals of Chris Franks. In this special performance, the Deane Big Band will be playing many of the hits made famous by Glenn Miller and Frank Sinatra. Maybe with just a bit of Count Basie for good measure too!

'Don't Get Around Much Anymore'? Is your 'Little brown jug' empty? Let Me 'Fly You To The Moon' or take you to a 'Tuxedo Junction' and get you 'In The Mood'. 'Let's Face The Music And Dance', 'Cheek to Cheek' to an 'American Patrol'. 'That's Life', 'My Way'. It's all 'Witchcraft' and 'Dancing In The Dark'.

*Should you call 'Pennsylvania 6-5000'? No...call the Regal Box Office 01643 706430 and buy your tickets!*

**Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th February at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £8.00, ES40's/Children/Students £4.00**

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## WEST SOMERSET COLLEGE MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE

West Somerset College students bring a major showpiece production to the stage of the Regal Theatre in Minehead. You saw Fame, so book your seats now, ready for some 'Summer lovin' and don't be a 'beauty-school drop out'!

Still wondering? Check the West Somerset College web-site ([www.westsomersetcollege.org](http://www.westsomersetcollege.org)) for more information or ask at the Regal box office.



**Sunday 9th February**

**TICKETS: £7.50 includes a program. Under 13 years come in free!**  
**Doors open 3.30pm. First performance 4pm.**

Feb  
09

**West Group Young Farmers Club present**

## WEST GROUP YFC ENTERTAINMENTS COMPETITION

In an afternoon/evening of keen competition, Kings Brompton, Williton, Wivelscombe, Exmoor and Cutcombe Young Farmers Clubs each has up to 30 minutes to present a performance and clear the stage! The rules state that the performance must be suitable for a family audience, must not be presented as a play and should have originality, otherwise the club risks losing points. The judges are looking for variety, entertainment value, use of the stage among other qualities.

The club with the most points wins. It is very funny evening that always provides lots of amusement from these amateur YFC members. Although they may be amateur, they put a lot of work into their performances and hope to have a big audience so that everyone can have a lot of fun.



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**Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50**  
**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**

The Regal Film Society

**BARBARA**



**THE  
REGAL  
FILM  
SOCIETY**

**Dir Christian Petzold    Germany 2012    105 mins**

A beautifully crafted film set in East Germany in the 1980s about a Berlin doctor who is banished to a medical clinic in the countryside for applying for an exit visa. With the Stasi watching every move, who can she trust when even the most seemingly benign act of friendship may be suspect?

*Subtitled.*

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**Friday 14th February at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £14.00, Friends £13.50, ES40's/  
Children/Students £6.00**

Icarus Theatre Collective and King's Theatre, Southsea

**OTHELLO**

**A tempestuous journey from scandal and intrigue to lust and vengeance.**

Othello is a legend in his own lifetime, noble, brave, victorious. Honest Iago fuels his venom with malignance and hateful contempt. Poignant, intense, heartbreaking; Othello mercilessly explores every inch of the human condition.

Othello's world is brought vividly to life as a live string quartet and a stunning ensemble cast combine with some of literature's most vibrant language and characters. A dangerous tale of ambition, jealousy and love unfurls as Shakespeare's classic tale of deception hurtles to its dramatic and poignant conclusion.

Lauded as one of the most fearless and dynamic theatre companies in the UK, Icarus Theatre Collective's reputation for vibrant productions of contemporary and classic theatre continues to grow.



**Running time: approx 2 hours 30 minutes, including interval.**

**Tuesday 18th February at 2.00pm**

**ALL TICKETS: £3.00**

**Storybox Theatre**

## THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

A boy is given a present of twelve tin soldiers on Christmas Day. One soldier is different from the rest.

So begins the story of a very special toy and his extraordinary journey.

Rod Burnett – an internationally renowned puppeteer and storyteller – uses his formidable skills in a faithful retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's masterpiece.

Clockwork toys, hand carved puppets, live music and atmospheric lighting bring this story vividly alive. Often funny, sometimes sad, this is a spellbinding performance for all ages, asking questions about love, danger, growing older and how extraordinary things can happen in the imagination.



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**Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Adults £7.50, Friends £7.00,**

**ES40's/Children/Students £5.00**

**Uncommon Players, in association with Exeter Northcott Theatre**

## EDUCATING RITA

**by Willy Russell**



Feb  
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*"I've been realisin' for ages that I was slightly out of step. I should have had a baby by now; everyone expects it"*

So hairdresser Rita decides she wants a proper education, while university lecturer Frank thinks she's got no chance. This bittersweet comedy, made famous in a film with Julie Walters and Michael Caine, hilariously explores the prejudices of this strong-minded pair in their story of increasing mutual respect.

Educating Rita is a marvellous play, painfully funny and passionately serious; a hilarious social documentary; a fairy-tale with a quizzical, half-happy ending. It makes for an evening of classic comedy, and with University Degrees becoming expensive commodities it also asks penetrating questions about the purpose and value of investments in education, for students and teachers alike.

Uncommon Players is a local company rapidly gaining a reputation for high quality productions of classic plays.

**Friday 28th February at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £15.00, Friends £14.50,**  
**ES40's/Children/Students £7.50**

## BUCKS FIZZ

supported by Little Betty.



Bucks Fizz were pop sensations in the 1981 Eurovision Song Contest with Making Your Mind Up, a major hit which reached number one in the UK and eight other countries. With a further two No1's, plus a string of chart hits, Bucks Fizz achieved worldwide record sales. Headed by original member and voice of all the hits Bobby G, this talented line up perform many of their hit songs, including New Beginning, Now Those Days Are Gone, and The Land Of Make Believe. Local man Paul Yates, takes his regular place as a member of the line-up. Perfect harmonies, sparkling choreography and fabulous costumes - Bobby G's Bucks Fizz are still one of the most entertaining theatre acts in the country and yes they still rip the skirts off.

They are supported by Little Betty, a Minehead based four piece band, formed in 2009, who play cover songs in their own style. Enjoy music from the 1950's to the present, such as: David Bowie, the Beatles, R.E.M, Snow Patrol and many more.

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**Friday 7th March at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Adults £12.00, Children & Students, £2.00**

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**Minehead and West Somerset Arts Society**

## KAMMER PHILHARMONIE EUROPA

Chamber Philharmonic Europe was founded 2006 in Cologne. The orchestra engages highly talented young musicians from eighteen European nations. It has outstandingly high artistic standards which have been consolidated in their many concerts and festivals, and also widely affirmed by press and critics.



**Programme:**

Vivaldi: Concerto 'di Parigi' for strings and basso continuo in G minor, RV 157

Albinoni: Concerto 'Saint Marc' in B major trumpet and orchestra

J.S. Bach: Concerto for violin and orchestra in A minor, BWV 1041

Holst: Suite in C for String Orchestra Op. 29 no 2, "Saint Paul's Suite"

Faure: Pavane, in F sharp minor Op. 50

Grieg: Holberg Suite Op. 40.

**Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**

**The Regal Film Society**

## A LATE QUARTET



**THE  
REGAL  
FILM  
SOCIETY**

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**Dir Yaron Zilberman USA 2012 105 mins**

As a world-renowned string quartet approaches its 25th anniversary the beloved cellist receives a life-changing diagnosis which casts a shadow over the group's future, bringing suppressed emotions, competing egos and uncontrollable passions to the surface. Stars Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener and Christopher Walken.

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**Saturday 8th - Saturday 15th March**

## AUDITIONS for LES MISERABLES (SCHOOLS EDITION)

A musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg

### 2014 MATA SUMMER SHOW

Auditions are open to everyone aged 19 and under in full time education. All Auditions are at the Regal Theatre.

**SATURDAY 8th MARCH**, 2pm - 5pm - Junior auditions for Gavroche, Young Cosette and Young Eponine, Years 6 to 8

**SUNDAY 9th MARCH**, 10am - 5pm - Full cast and chorus, Years 9 to 13

**SATURDAY 15th MARCH** 11am - 5pm - Call backs for all cast and chorus

Cast rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and there is a three day Easter workshop for all cast members April 15th to 17th, 10am - 4pm.

### PERFORMANCES DATES

Thursday 14th August - Friday 22nd August

**For more information**, contact Sarah Jane Cross [01984 641674]  
or Lorraine Ahern [07989 542911].



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**Friday 14th March at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Adults £9.00, Friends £8.50, ES40's/Children/Students £4.00**

**Somerset Opera**

## H.M.S PINAFORE or The Lass That Loved a Sailor

H.M.S. Pinafore or The Lass That Loved a Sailor is a comic opera in two acts, by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. It opened at the Opera Comique in London, England, on 25 May 1878 and ran for 571 performances. H.M.S. Pinafore was Gilbert and Sullivan's fourth operatic collaboration and their first international sensation.

Aboard the British ship HMS Pinafore, the captain's daughter, Josephine, is in love with a lower-class sailor, Ralph Rackstraw, although her father intends her to marry Sir Joseph Porter, the First Lord of the Admiralty. She abides by her father's wishes at first, but Sir Joseph's advocacy of the equality of humankind encourages Ralph and Josephine to overturn conventional social order and they make plans to elope. As in many Gilbert and Sullivan operas, a surprise disclosure changes things dramatically near the end of the story. *Truly an evening not to be missed.*



**Monday 17th March at 6.00pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £5.00, Children Free**

**inspired**

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## TAKE ART'S PRIMARYFEST

PrimaryFest is a performance opportunity for primary schools as part of Take Art's InspirED project. Schools and youth groups have been invited to create and perform a piece of dance or drama and perform at the West Somerset PrimaryFest platform. Take Art are running three of these events across the county during March 2014. This is a public performance event so come along and see the vibrant and diverse work that has been created. Schools can find out more information about how to take part at [www.takeart.org/inspired](http://www.takeart.org/inspired).



InspirED is a unique partnership between Somerset Art Works, Somerset Film, Spaeda and Take Art, contracted by Somerset Children and Young People's Compact.

**Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £12.00, Friends £11.50, ES40's/Children/Students £6.00**

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The Pantaloons present

## SHERLOCK HOLMES

How can one show with just four actors possibly contain so much action and adventure? Elementary, my dear! The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company put dynamic detective duo Holmes and Watson through their paces as they tackle their most fiendish cases yet in this delightfully inventive and hilarious show for all ages featuring live music, audience interaction and more mystery than you can shake a magnifying glass at. The Pantaloons appear again at popular request.

*"A production of ingenuity, verve and wit... hilarious!" \* \* \* \* \**  
(Oxford Times)

*"So much fun you can hardly imagine!"* (Sheffield Star)



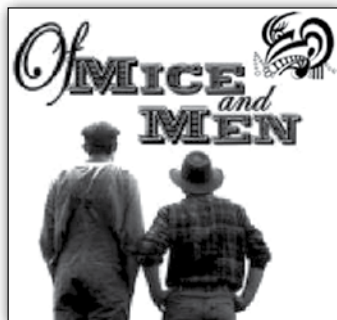
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Thursday 27th - Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm  
TICKETS: Adults £8.00, Friends £7.50, ES40's/  
Children/Students £3.50

Barnstormers

## OF MICE AND MEN

by John Steinbeck



Steinbeck's own stage version of his classic novel tells the story of George and his big, childlike friend Lennie. They have nothing except the clothes on their back, and a hope that one day they'll find a place of their own and live the American dream.

'Guys like us, that work on ranches, are the loneliest guys in the world. They got no family. They don't belong no place...with us it aint like that. We got a future...because I got you to look after me, and you got me to look after you.' Of Mice and Men is a poignant tale of the extraordinary friendship between two itinerant workers in the harsh depression years of 1930's America.

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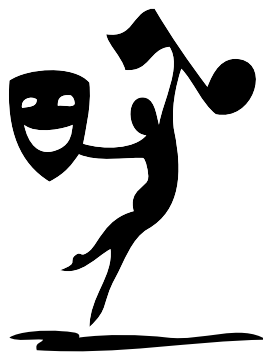
Saturday 5th at 7.30pm and Sunday 6th April at 7.30pm  
TICKETS: Adults £6.50, Friends £6.00, ES40's/Children £4.00

Dreams Productions

## PETER PAN

Musical Play by David Barrett

Based on the original story by J.M Barrie



Actors from the local community, children and adults, present this exciting, magical musical.

Wendy, John and Michael are whisked away by Peter Pan from the cosiness of the nursery to the magical wonders of Never Land, the enchanting world of make believe, where dreams come true. There they fight the wicked Captain Hook and his dastardly pirates, come face to face with a ticking crocodile and meet the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily and the Indians. Tinkerbell joins Peter Pan, the boy who didn't want to grow up, on his adventures.

*Just a sprinkling of fairy dust to treasure your dreams forever.*

**Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50**  
**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**



**THE  
REGAL  
FILM  
SOCIETY**

Apr  
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**The Regal Film Society**

**NO**

**Dir Pablo Larrain   Chile/US/France/Mexico 2013   118 mins**

Gael Garcia Bernal stars in a highly-acclaimed film set in 1988 when, under international pressure, the murderous dictator Augusto Pinochet was forced to hold a referendum. After years of 'disappearances' and with prosperity on the rise, can an under-resourced young advertising executive and his team persuade the people of Chile to vote 'No'?

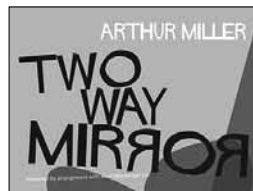
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**Friday 11th April at 7.30pm**  
**TICKETS: Adults £12.00, Friends £11.50, ES40's/Children/  
Students £6.00**

**Red Rope Theatre Company**  
**An Arthur Miller double bill**

**TWO WAY MIRROR**

**Some Kind of Love Story & Elegy for a Lady**



Apr  
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In *Elegy for a Lady* a man enters a shop in search of a gift for his dying mistress. Rather curiously during the course of their conversation, the shop's proprietress seems to assume the characteristics of the absent mistress. As they speak of their anxieties, the strangers are brought together and share a closeness which both have sought but never found.

*Some Kind of Love Story* is a compelling study of two people destined by their mutual dependence to tear one another apart. Tom, a Chandleresque private eye, finds himself bound to the prostitute Angela whom he believes holds vital information he desperately needs in a long unresolved case. The fragile and unstable Angela avoids revealing what she knows for she is equally bound to Tom in the desperate hope of receiving the warmth and affection she has always been denied.

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**Sunday 13th April at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Adults £13.50, Friends £13.00, ES40's/Children £7.50**

**Wayne Denton**

## A CELEBRATION OF NEIL DIAMOND

Neil Diamond hits such as SWEET CAROLINE, LOVE ON THE ROCKS, I'M A BELIEVER, and FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS trigger nostalgic memories, back to a time when the singer songwriter regularly ruled the UK and US charts.

In A Celebration of Neil Diamond, Wayne Denton fronts the Beautiful Noise Band in an evening of non-stop Neil Diamond hits, faithfully recreating the songs and atmosphere and evoking memories of the era. Humour, audience participation, video camera and digital screen effects - this will be an unforgettable night out for everyone.

Come dressed for this Seventies revival, and lose yourself in what promises to be a great evening of Diamond songs.

The Beautiful Noise Band Are: Phil Walker- Guitars / Musical Director, Jaime Lovett – Backing Vocals / Percussion, Ian Kimber- Piano /Keyboards, Phil Allgaps –Drums, Ian Gee – Bass, Dave Phipps – Trumpets, Steven Stiles – Tenor / Alto Saxophone, Jess Dexter – Trombone



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**Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Adults £16.00, Friends £15.50, ES40's/  
Children £8.00, Family of 4 £40.00**

## BACK TO BROADWAY

Back To Broadway is the all-singing, all-dancing, theatrical sensation that invites you to take a breathtaking journey through the magical world of musicals! All the best-loved songs from the world's greatest musicals are showcased in a spellbinding and captivating stage spectacular!

Be enthralled by the unforgettable 'One Day More' from Les Misérables, the glitz and glamour of Copacabana, the uplifting 'Time Of My Life' from Dirty Dancing and the fantastic 'Defying Gravity' from Wicked: just some of the timeless showstoppers performed live on stage by some of the country's finest performers currently touring the UK.

So join us for an evening of non-stop entertainment that will leave you clamouring for more. With unforgettable performances, dazzling costumes and original choreography, all backed by a stunning New York setting, Back To Broadway is not to be missed!



**Thursday 1st - Saturday 3rd May at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Adults £8.00, Friends £7.50, ES40's/Children £4.50**

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**Waterfront Theatre Company**

## **THE REMARKABLY STRANGE CASE OF DOCTOR WATSON and THE SPITALFIELDS VAMPIRES**

**By Fred Owen**



Sherlock Holmes has long retired to deepest Sussex to keep bees, but Doctor John H. Watson still lives at 221b Baker Street; although life there is a little dull. He has given up sleuthing in favour of running a small bookshop in Great Russell Street (*Opposite the British Museum*) and on Sundays he offers a free clinic to the poor and needy of London's East End.

Things for Watson begin to liven up with the arrival of Jack Hudson, his old landlady's grandson and a chance meeting with his old friend Inspector George Lestrade, who is on the verge of retirement from Scotland Yard. Lestrade tells him of strange happenings in and around the graveyard of Christ Church, Spitalfields and Jack (who happens to work at the British Museum) encounters even stranger and disturbing things in the basement of the venerable institution where he is employed.

**A witty, scary show, not suitable for persons under 14.**

**Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm**

**TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**

**The Regal Film Society  
PHILOMENA**



**THE  
REGAL  
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SOCIETY**

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**Dir Stephen Frears UK 2013 98 mins**

Based on a book by BBC correspondent and Labour government adviser Martin Sixsmith about his friendship with Philomena Lee and their search for the child she was forced by Roman Catholic nuns to give up for adoption when she was a teenager 50 years ago. Stars Judi Dench and Steve Coogan.

AND COMING UP LATER IN MAY, BE SURE NOT TO MISS...

**Friday 9th May**

### A FESTIVAL OF BANDS

A great chance for local talent to show off with a good mix of music.



**Thursday 22nd - Saturday 24th May at 7.30pm**

### Minehead Dramatic Society PLAZA SUITE

by Neil Simon

Plaza Suite follows the fortunes of three different sets of guests in suite 719 at the exclusive Plaza hotel overlooking Central Park in New York. Ranging from tragi-comedy to superb slapstick, this play shows playwright Neil Simon at his scintillating best. As always, his dialogue is brilliant and guarantees laughter and enjoyment.

**Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June**

### BABE THE SHEEP-PIG

Oasis Theatre with David Hare's adaptation of the book by Dick King-Smith.



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## AND LATER IN THE SUMMER

**3rd June**

The Regal Film Society

### THE PAST - Dir Asghar Farhadi

France/Iran 2013 130 mins

An Iranian man travels to Paris to finalise the divorce from his French wife after four years apart. *Subtitled.*

**7th and 8th June**

### WEST SOMERSET DANCE FESTIVAL

Dance groups from around West Somerset showcase their work with DANCE IN THE PARK and DANCE 2014 in the Regal Theatre.

**17th - 21st June**

### THE VEGAS MIKADO - a new take on Gilbert & Sullivan.

MATA Summer Show

**27th July - 2nd August**

### MINEHEAD & EXMOOR FESTIVAL

The Festival Orchestra rehearse in the Regal where they present two concerts as part of a week long, district-wide festival of classical music.

**Thursday 14th August - Friday 22nd August**

### LES MISÉRABLES (Schools Edition) - MATA Summer Show .

## REGAL FILM SOCIETY

The Regal Theatre is home to the Regal Film Society, now in its 19th season. It is the largest film society in the South West and the second largest in Britain, with nearly 400 members. Recently released films from the UK and around the world are screened every month on the original 35mm Westrex projector that was used when the Regal was a commercial cinema. The screen is also one of the largest in the area, measuring 40ft x 20ft. Films are also projected using a recently purchased digital projector with Blu-ray high definition capability to project DVDs as well as 35mm film. Details of film society screenings are included in this brochure. The cost of membership is £16.50 (individual) £27 (couple) and £11 (concessions) and tickets on the night cost £2.50 for members and £4.50 for non members.



**For more details about the Film Society please ring Victoria on 01643 831343.  
Membership of the Film Society DOES NOT include membership of the Friends of the Regal!**

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## FRIENDS OF THE REGAL

**The Regal Theatre is a hugely successful community project.** Over 200 volunteers maintain the building and open the theatre for events and refreshments in the bar on more than 120 nights a year. Many people show their support by becoming a FRIEND OF THE REGAL. The annual subscription entitles a Friend to receive regular newsletters about activities, discounts on most tickets when booking in advance (usually 50p) and the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting the local community theatre!

The minimum subscription is £5 per annum, which includes families (spouse/partner and children under 18). The subscription for young people under 18, where families do not join, is £1.

The Regal greatly appreciates the enormous support it receives from the community and from the Friends. If you are not already a Friend, can we ask you to consider becoming a Friend of the Regal? To do this you need only ask one of the theatre staff for an application form or call into the box office. Requests can be made by sending an email to the Regal Theatre from the web-site: [www.regaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.regaltheatre.co.uk)

*Membership of the Friends of the Regal DOES NOT include membership of the Film Society!*

### **Keep in touch with the Regal Theatre.**

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Simply mention the Regal Theatre when booking your table. We look forward to welcoming you to Pips Fish very soon.

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