



Volunteer update

Autumn 2018

Welcome

We are pleased to say that our first Volunteer update was so well received that we have decided to do another!

Please let us know if there are particular things you would like to see in future “updates”

More Building improvements

As if hot water in the Toilets was not enough.....

Studio 3 Repainted

For those who don't venture into the studio's too often, we urge you to go and take a look at the newly repainted Studio 3. It really does look awesome. Many many thanks are due to the team from Community Payback who put in many hours to get it prepped and painted.

Studio 1 Air Conditioning

This very week we have had engineers on site from local firm Bee-Line fitting air conditioning into Studio 1. This may seem odd, having air cooling equipment fitted just as the cold days arrive, but what many of us did not know, is that Air Conditioning units also provide air warming facilities and as such our new installation will provide both heating and cooling for studio 1. Those of you who have sweltered in the summer and froze in the winter, will I know be keen to test out the new luxury.

Rear Windows....

The contract has been signed, the replacements agreed..... The windows at the rear of the building will be replaced in January 2019. This will mean the last of the horrid boarding will be replaced, in most cases with new windows, except at the rear of the actual auditorium, where windows would not be needed and new plastic closed units will be installed instead.

Repairs to pipework in Men's toilet

Male volunteers will know that we have had an ongoing leak in the mens loo which leave regular puddles. These are the result of poor plumbing under the sink and urinals which also often generates an unpleasant smell. All of this pipe work is due to be replaced in the coming weeks.

Coming soon....

Having fixed up the roof, replaced the windows and fitted air conditioning to studio 1... there is still plenty to fund raise for.....

Things we would like to do next include :

- Resurface/repair the car park and paint new lines
- Install curtains over the new windows in Studio 3
- Install Air conditioning in to the Auditorium
- Redecorate studio 1
- Replace the lighting in Studio 3
- Improve the ICT infrastructure with network cabling
- Revamp the workshop with new equipment
- Refurbish the only un- refurbished upstairs toilet
- Update the Theatre lighting equipment
- Improve the electrical wiring throughout the building

More volunteers required

We are very blessed with such an amazing team of volunteers and remain eternally grateful for all the hours you give to keep the seagull running. However we also want to recruit as many new volunteers as we can to ensure that there is a good distribution of work and to safeguard the Seagull for the future.

With this in mind we are increasing our advertising for volunteers over the next few weeks with an aim of attracting more volunteers.

With that in mind, if you can personally recommend any friends or family who would like to volunteer – please let us know.

How Can You Help ???

As mentioned in the last Volunteer update there are often simple ways you could help us out, even if you don't have time to volunteer for Front of House duties. Here are a few more ideas to get involved.....

Delivering Posters and Brochures.

If you are driving through Pakefield, Kirkley or other parts of Lowestoft, why not pause on the way and deliver a few flyers for upcoming shows or copies

of our brochure. Going to door to door with flyers for the upcoming shows will boost audiences and increase our income, as well as making the Theatre a popular venue for more acts.

The brochures and flyers are all kept behind the box office, so if you would like to do some delivering – just pop in and ask for some flyers or brochures before you set off.

Plus the extra exercise is an excellent part of a get fit regime !!!

Cleaning

I know this is probably not the most glamorous of volunteer opportunities, but someone has to do it. If you have a spare hour any day and fancy popping in and hoovering the auditorium or emptying the bins around the building, we would be more than happy to make you welcome.

It's a really simple practical help that you anyone can contribute.

The building is open 11 – 3 every weekday if you fancy helping out.

Facebook Support

Many of you will know that Facebook is now one of the biggest ways we advertise shows and attract audiences. But did you know you can directly help to get our shows more audiences?

Its simple and its free.

If you see a facebook post from us about a show, don't just read it and move on – you can do a couple of simple things to make sure that more people see the advert.

1. Comment – the more people who write comments on a post, the more that Facebook shows it. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate – just a couple of words to say you are looking forward to the show etc will help make our posts more popular
2. Share – use the share button on the post so that all of your friends get to see our advert. This means that more people see the post and so hopefully more will come and see the show
3. Love – don't Like – Facebook judges the popularity of the pages on the site and shows more popular ones more often. If you choose to click "like" that is great – but it helps us much more if you hold down the like button and choose "LOVE" instead of like – this gets our posts shown more.

If all of our volunteers did these three things to our facebook posts we could increase the number of people seeing our facebook adverts by as much as 30%

Carpet Fitters needed

We have almost finished our door painting regime in the upstairs areas, and our next focus is the stained carpets on the landings.

We actually have the replacement carpet to make this area look so much better, but we need someone with carpet laying skills to get this work done. Does anyone know a carpet fitter who would like to give us a Sunday to get this work done....if so please please get in touch.

Christmas is coming....

Our Christmas production this year is “**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**” a fantastical story based on the Narnia series of books by CS Lewis.

Our Christmas productions are always brilliant and are also an important source of income for the Theatre. As the early months of the year are often quiet, the Christmas production brings in an important boost to funds which sees us through the quieter months.

The show is on between 13th and 24th December and tickets are already selling – so please book yourself some seats now and support our success.

How to get in touch

There are lots of ways to get in touch – you could

- 1) Message us on Facebook – this is often the quickest way to get a response
- 2) Email us at info@theseagull.co.uk - we check these message most weekdays – but you might have to wait a day or so for a response
- 3) Phone and leave a message – 01502 589726 – again we will get back to you as soon as we can – but it may take a couple of days
- 4) Send us a letter – No one ever does this – but its possible.

Lastly.....

THANK YOU

We can never say a big enough thank you for all the time and effort which is put into the Theatre by all the fantastic volunteers.

Without you there would be no Seagull !!

Sammy the Seagull