



Te Aroha Dramatic Society
8 Honi Street, Te Aroha



TADS TATTLER

November 2017

Inside ---

-  Seasonal celebration
-  Latest on stage
-  Community
-  Next on stage
-  Thespians at large
-  Wardrobe
-  Building
-  We need you
-  Join Us



Please come along on Friday December 8th at 6.30pm for a Christmas get together. Bring your own beverage, a plate of finger food to share and your Christmas spirit. We look forward to seeing you there.



We hope you came to see *Remain in Light*. In addition to being a great play the *Piako Post* complimented the cast on powerful performances all round, especially our young ones who range in age from 7 to 10 years.. The reporter's other comment was about The Little Theatre itself. From the 'warm welcome by well dressed gentlemen in bow ties to an atmosphere of old school theatre where the arts are celebrated and savoured'. We have heard comments about 'real theatre'. This in no way disparages the enjoyment experienced from very popular modern comedy or traditional farce but the contrast between stark stage and beautiful set is interesting and encourages us to think more about what we are watching. Long may this diversity continue to entertain and challenge us.



Christmas Parade



Before that though we have the Te Aroha Christmas parade on Saturday December 16th. This family oriented event has now become a regular in the town's What's On column and the Little Theatre will be there with bells on, literally if we can encourage someone to dress appropriately. Look forward to a selection of storybook characters strolling beside the floats



But now the set has gone, the costumes laundered and put away and the whole theatre cleaned and ready for the next production which we will see on stage around March April 2018. Next year be prepared to see mystery, humour and fantasy. A full programme is planned so keep an eye out for future newsletters where more will be revealed.

Please remember also that theatre is made up of more than actors. Every production has a large team of people supporting it behind the scenes; costume, lighting, sound, props, front of house to name but a few. Remain in Light was a good example. Two ladies brought their daughters to rehearsals. Rather than sit and wait they chose to become involved and were soon involved in dressing and making up the children, taking on stage management assistance and, dressed in black, changing the set between scenes. Thanks Julia and Patricia you were amazing.



Our amazing crew

If you feel you'd like to get involved even in a small way please get in touch by return email or by ringing Eileen Joyce on 027 488 0504.

Thespians at large

Theatre folk get around that's for sure

..... Matamata Little Theatre has just finished a season of the classic "Arsenic and Old Lace". It was directed by Te Aroha's Wanda Brittain and the cast included



Phylis Sheehan, Petrus Rijkers.



.... Phil Palmer (Cash On Delivery, Last of the Red Hot Lovers to name just two) has been busy producing his own short film. Shot in Tauranga and Te Aroha '**Real Cowboy**' is a Kiwi comedy cowboy movie. Extras included Te Aroha couple Max and Marilyn Barclay (Nice look guys but hardly on trend!)



If you, or someone you know, have been involved with Te Aroha Little Theatre at any time and are now in theatre somewhere else, please get in touch, we love to know what our thespians are doing.

(photos courtesy of Charles Stanfeild)

Costume Hire

Do you know that the Little Theatre can help you with costume hire? This town loves to dress up for parties, cruises, birthdays, anniversaries and of course Halloween. The theatre has an extensive wardrobe and can pull together the various items required for whatever takes your fancy- - - dress that is. (we even have a shoulder parrot for Long John Silver if that sounds like you). Right now we are dressing people for the Te Aroha and Morrinsville Christmas Parades; be in quick.

Prices are very easy on the pocket and remember that not only are you getting a great costume you are helping to support a group in your own community. Phone numbers below direct you to the ladies who can help you. Give them a call.



Marilyn: 027398051 or 884 8004; Eileen: 0274880504; Jocelyn: 0211315133

Do you know? If you are a member of the theatre you get a discount on costume hire.

Our Building

We have been busy this year renovating our rest rooms. The new facilities are lovely and all you have to do to experience these phenomena is to come to the first production for 2018. See you there. Our rear stage exit has been rebuilt. This is the main entrance for cast and crew as well as one of their two emergency exits. The front emergency exit was rebuilt a couple of years back so we are all good now.



The Dramatic Society is fortunate in owning the theatre property but ongoing maintenance inside and out doesn't do itself. A big thank you goes out to the people who regularly help out with wardrobe, sets, carpentry, painting and general chores

If you have the time and an interest in theatre feel free to come along to our Tuesday morning working bee (don't worry, proper coffee, good conversation and lots of laughter always take priority). There is no obligation, just come in for a chat and see what we do. We are usually there by 10.00am, coffee on about 10.30 and leave whenever it suits you. Will we see you there??

Join Us

Remember its just \$15.00 per person or \$25 per couple to support the theatre.

Pay on line at 03-1573-0041082-00 ref. your name or cash/cheque at 8 Hone Street.

Catch us on :

face book: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114248618620605>

web: www.tads.org.nz

Contact us on:

email: ta.dramatic.society@gmail.com