

# THE EDWARD ALDERTON THEATRE

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## THEATRE COMMITTEE:

**Chair:** Liz Gillett, **Secretary:** Karen Friett, **Treasurer:** Maureen Hardwen,  
**Technical Director:** Michael Taylor, **Bar Manager:** Tony Donnelly,  
**Publicity Director:** Kevin Coward, **Theatre Maintenance:** Timothy Webb

If you have any comments, queries or suggestions to put to the committee please email: [edwardalderton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:edwardalderton@hotmail.co.uk)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Edward Alderton Theatre aims to produce performances of the highest possible standard in an environment that is enjoyable for audiences and those involved in the theatre. To this end we expect our members and visitors to treat each other, our property and our neighbours with respect. Thank you. EAT Committee

**ONLINE BOOKINGS** - Book online\* at  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/edwardalderton](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edwardalderton)  
or telephone\*\* our booking agent TicketSource on  
**0333 666 3366**

To contact the theatre directly on performance nights please call **020 8298 1269**

\* No booking fees apply

\*\* Telephone bookings will incur a £1.75 service fee which includes ticket delivery



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## 2019-2020 SEASON

### The Beauty Sleeping

*Pantomime*

By Peter Nuttall

Directed by Anthony Denford

December 7th - 14th, 2019

### The Beauty Queen of Leenane

*Drama*

By Martin McDonagh

Directed by Melinda Hunt

February 15th - 22nd, 2020

### Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

*Classic thriller*

Adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the novella  
'*Strange case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*'

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Directed by Richard Self

April 4th - 11th, 2020

### Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

*A period comedy drama*

By Constance Cox, based on the  
short story by Oscar Wilde

Directed by Keith Neville

May 23rd - 30th, 2020

### Shakers Re-Stirred

*Comedy Drama*

By John Godber and Jane Thornton

Directed by Claire Dingley

July 25th - August 1st, 2020

Full details can be found on  
[www.edwardalderton.org](http://www.edwardalderton.org)

# EAT NEWS

EDWARD ALDERTON THEATRE BEXLEYHEATH

The Newsletter of the Edward Alderton Theatre -  
**DECEMBER 2019**



**Dad's Army**  
October 2019  
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## EAT NEWS

### MOVING ON BUT NOT MOVING OUT.

Our wonderful friend and colleague, Liz Gillett is to step down from her position as EAT chair and committee member at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. It is hard to put into words just how much Liz has achieved during her tenure as Chair. When she took up the post we were facing falling audience numbers, huge issues with a fading and crumbling building and ongoing challenges with our contract with the council. Whilst Liz would be the first to say the turnaround we have seen is due to each and every person involved in our little theatre, those of us who have had the privilege of working alongside her know just how much is owed to Liz. She steps down with the theatre seeing growing audience numbers, having a committed and talented drama committee in place, Directors old and new wanting to work with us, huge improvements in the fabric of the theatre, productive relationships with the council, fantastic performances, happy members and happy audiences. Liz is not leaving the theatre and will continue to help as we move forward.

Consequently we have an opening for Chair of the theatre. Liz is more than happy to discuss what is involved in the role and to support the incoming chair as much as she is able to. We know from experience that everyone brings their own unique traits to the role but it helps if the individual is organised and generally calm! has a clear vision of what the EAT is about and is able to work well as part of a team and with a variety of people. Please do consider if this could be you. If you are interested then please do not hesitate to talk to any of the current committee about it or to express your interest by writing to us. The role will be formally filled by votes from our members at the AGM in February. If you are interested in taking on the Chair position, please contact Karen at: [karenfriett@aol.com](mailto:karenfriett@aol.com)

### EAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 25/02/20

Dear EAT Members, we are pleased to announce that the EAT AGM will be held at the theatre on **Tuesday 25th Feb 2020**. The AGM will begin at 8.15 pm and the bar will be opened once the meeting has finished.

With the exception of Liz, the committee members are prepared to continue in their current roles. Your current officers are:-

- Liz Gillett - Chair (*Stepping down*)
- Karen Friett - Secretary
- Maureen Hardwen - Treasurer
- Tony Donnelly - Licensee and Bar Manager
- Kevin Coward - Publicity Manager
- Michael Taylor - Technical Director
- Tim Webb - Facilities Manager
- Chris Manning-Perry - Membership Secretary

Anyone who wishes to stand for any committee position is of course completely free to do so; they should have a nominator and seconder and need to put their application in writing, and we would then hold an election on the night of the AGM. If none of the positions are contested then we will simply ask at the AGM for member support for the continuation of the current committee.

## EAT NEWS

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE EAT!

Dear Members, come and join the fun on  
**Wednesday 18th December** at 8 p.m. for an evening  
of song, mulled wine and mince pies



### RON & JOHN - OUR WONDERFUL SET BUILDERS



**Happy 85th Birthday to Ron Andrews!**  
Ron was FOH Manager during the run of *Dad's Army* and wore his *Royal Engineers* tie...

#### Better than new!

Who remembers that broken dirty old bench in our Garden? It has now been painstakingly restored by the very talented John Vinnels.



The EAT Management Committee would like to thank Michael Holland and his team for all their hard work in fixing the roof of our theatre. We cannot recommend Michael enough. Contact him for any building and roofing work you require.

#### MICHAEL HOLLAND

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## OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

**The Beauty Sleeping**  
Good things come to those who wake!  
Pantomime fun for everyone!!!

By Peter Nuttall  
Directed by Anthony Denford

7th-14th December 2019  
Saturday 7th: 1.30pm and 5pm  
Sunday 8th: 1.30pm and 5pm  
No Performances on Mon 9th,  
Tues 10th or Weds 11th  
Thursday 12th: 8pm  
Friday 13th: 8pm  
Saturday 14th: 1.30pm and 5pm

Poster created by Helen Coward  
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Lazy Bee scripts

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7th - 14th December 2019

By Peter Nuttall

Directed Anthony Denford

Reworking the classic Sleeping Beauty tale BUT this one includes a precognitive goblin, a money-obsessed king, a wicked witch, a good witch and a talking cat. Would you like to hear Fiddle & Tinkle's story? Then come and share the fun with all the family!

#### Cast:

Fiddle.....	Stefan Hallet	Princess.....	Poppy Howell
Tinkle.....	Georgina Lithco	Plop.....	David George
Mother Droopy.....	Ben Donovan	Betty.....	Becky Relf
King.....	Matthew Webb	Hogben.....	Eileen Warner
Queen.....	Hannah Murphy	Cat.....	Eleanor McEnergy

**Book your tickets now**