



## Member and Patron Newsletter June 2024

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### Oliver!

Both the youth and adult membership have been extremely busy since January in preparation and rehearsals for 'Oliver!', which was performed at the Civic Centre in April to packed audiences. We should all be very proud of a hugely successful show! The NODA report for this musical is full of praise. Here are some excerpts, including special mentions:

'What stands out about Uckfield Theatre Guild is how inclusive they are.' **Oliver was 'beautifully played by Imogen Staveley, with vulnerability and innocence.'** 'Jack Taplin played a wonderful Mr Bumble with great presence and fearsome bluster.' 'Robin Creffield with some blacked out teeth made a wonderful Fagin'. 'Katy Weekes was such an amazing Nancy...a truly sympathetic and lovely warm presence on the stage' 'This was a production full of energy and warmth and heart'' 'The energy of everyone on stage was super' 'There were some amazingly talented dancers in the group' 'Congratulations to absolutely every single person involved, including the director Emma Creffield, who has done a really marvellous job.'



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## Our marvellous Youth!

Our thriving youth group has grown in number this year, full of very talented and keen young people! There is now a waiting list to join. Here is a selection of photos of the youth performing in 'Oliver!'



## Back to rehearsals!

We are straight back to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, busy practising for our upcoming performances, details in the Events box below.

Current rehearsal times:

18:00 – 19:15 Youth Juniors (Year 6 and below)

19:00 – 20:15 Youth Seniors (Year 7 and above)

19:30 – 21:30 Adult rehearsals

We break for the summer on July 20<sup>th</sup>, returning on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.



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## Events 2024 - 2025

The AGM was well attended on 29<sup>th</sup> May. We all enjoyed listening to Poppy Widdowson sing 'Requiem' from 'Dear Evan Hanson', thank you Poppy!

You may have seen us at the Lions Fun Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Grateful thanks to our fantastic fundraising team.



- Quiz night (Adults only) 6<sup>th</sup> July, Victoria Pavilion, 7pm for 730pm start.
- Youth Showcase 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Belmont Centre. All members are invited.
- The adult group will be performing 'The Vicar of Dibley' in the evenings of 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July at Framfield Village Hall. This play is unsuitable for under 16s, child attendance is at parents' discretion.
- Follow the second star to the right next Christmas and be part of the audience in our pantomime 'Peter Pan' on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Civic Centre.
- We will be performing 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' in the May 2025 half-term at the Civic Centre.

Keep an eye on our social media platforms for news and information!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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