

FRIENDS OF FRINTON THEATRE



Dedicated to providing a home for Professional Repertory
Summer Theatre in Frinton-On-Sea

OUR BACKGROUND

Frinton Summer Theatre initially located at the Old Imperial Hall, Pole Barn Lane (now known as Pyrkes Removals). It was unavoidably interrupted by the war, but it started up again in 1947 in its present home the McGrigor Hall and continued until 1974 when brothers Peter & Sam Hoar who had run it for many years, suddenly announced they were giving up.

By this time Frinton Theatre had become an institution of more than local importance. With many actors and actresses having begun their professional career and Frinton had earned the nickname “Nursery of the Stars”. To name but a few, Lynda Bellingham, Michael Dennison, Julie Christie, Vanessa Redgrave, Desmond Llewelyn, Antony Sher, Jane Asher, Nickolas Grace, Timothy West, Neil Dudgeon & Owen Teale.

Jack Watling then saved the day, however the 1974 season ran at a loss. Miss Dora Cohen, the then Chairman of Frinton Theatre, launched a ‘Save the Theatre’ fund which later became

“The Friends of Frinton Theatre”

Now over 45 years later we the ‘Friends’ are still actively supporting the Theatre providing volunteers to run the front-of-house and we actively fundraise throughout the year by organising social events and quizzes to raise much needed funds which help us support the Summer Theatre by paying its ever increasing annual running costs such as the hire of the McGrigor Hall and paying for all of the utilities during the season in addition to contributing towards other much needed & essential equipment to ensure its success & longevity.

If you are interested in becoming a ‘Friend’ for a nominal annual subscription you will receive Quarterly newsletters.

As a Member of the ‘Friends’ you have access to an exclusive season ticket discount and advance early booking privileges with the theatre company. We hold a variety of social get-togethers, meetings and quizzes throughout the year for members.

We try to encourage all Friends to become 'Active Friends' and to lend a helping hand with our activities, whether it is distributing mail-outs, organising or helping at our fundraising events or volunteering for front-of-house duty at the theatre.

If you would like to play your part in the Friends of Frinton Theatre, please contact our Membership Secretary Sarah Philbrick, email friendsfrintontheatre@gmail.com for further details or to obtain a membership form.

Friends of Frinton Theatre membership starts from just £12.00 per person per year, a subscription runs from 1st January to 31st December each year.

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