



Newsletter – July 2022

A word from our Chair

Welcome readers to another edition of MAD's newsletter!

Starting unfortunately on a low note it brings us great sadness to announce one of our founding members, Jim Harvey sadly passed away on the 7th of March having been involved with MAD quite literally from the beginning. Our love and thoughts are with his family and friends, and his absence leaves us with a hole that can't be filled. Rest in peace Jim.



Haggard, our most recent show, was met with great success and a pleasure to have performed finally after lockdown prolonged the production. It was especially poignant as Eric Chappell, the writer, unfortunately died shortly after we finished. We hope we made him proud.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for our next production, which will be another Music Hall spectacular.

I hope you find everything below interesting and enjoyable and thank all of you for your continued support.

Edd Ginn – Chair

Jim Harvey

Jim Harvey who was a founding member of MAD and appeared on stage in many productions, sadly passed away on 7th March. Jim was a joy to work with and lit up the stage with his performances.

He will be very much missed by all who knew him.



Haggard

At the end of March / beginning of April we performed our latest production “Haggard”, directed by Tony Gibbs.

Taking to the stage were MAD regulars – Kieran Beal (playing Roderick); Steve Darvill (as Haggard); Edd Ginn (as Grunge); Dave Hallett (as Sir Josh Foulacre / Hook / Preacher); Sue Sanders (as Lady Tartlet / Nellie / Tibbs), who we are very pleased were joined on stage by – Chelsea Noakes making her acting debut (as Betty Bouncer); Chris Page, also making his acting debut (as Landlord / Catesby); and two other new members to MAD, Camber Sands (Gent / One-Eyed Will / Seaman / Death / Elusive Edward) and Polly Sands (Fanny Foulacre).

Those on stage were superbly assisted by Jenny Humphries and Robert Horscraft on lighting and sound, Aimee Ginn as prompt; and Debbie and Ray Cox were our stage managers who also graced the stage as a Bridesmaid and a Choirboy!

A huge thank you to all those involved – on stage, back stage and front of house, and of course a huge thank you to all those who came to support us and watch the show.



Audience feedback included:

“Great show folks, thoroughly enjoyed by my wife and I and our friends from Bexhill. Keep up the good work!”

“It was fantastic I was still singing the song Sunday morning 🎵 well done cast.”

“A good evening’s entertainment. Congratulations to everyone involved.”

“We thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Well done all.”

MAD Music Hall



Following last year's extremely successful, Kick Ass Lockdown Show, MAD is pleased to announce that we are producing another Music Hall spectacular *"To Infinity and Beyond as far as the fuel will get us"*

This will be performed at Newhaven Fort on the August Bank Holiday weekend. 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th August.

If you have attended one of our previous Music Halls you will know we have various themed sections featuring a combination of songs and sketches, and this year is no

different!

For this extravaganza we will be:

Launching you into **Space** on the Star ship "Star Wreck";

Tiptoeing through the tulips and past windmills in **Amsterdam** (you may even spot a mouse!);

Spending time in a **Sports Bar** (we are such an athletic bunch!);

And ...after all that we are quite sure we will all need a rest so will be culminating the evening chilling out as **Beach Bums** (although you may have never seen a garden chair used in the quite this way before!)



Taking to the stage will be Donna Beard; Steve Darvill; Aimee Ginn; Edd Ginn; Robert Horscraft; Jenny Humphries; Chris Page; Kev Sanders; Sue Sanders; Mary Shorthouse (who we are delighted is joining us for her first production with MAD); and John Walsh.

Committee : Edd Ginn (Chair); Chris Page (Treasurer); Steve Darvill (Secretary); Kieran Beal; Roger Gardner; Tony Gibbs; Gary Ginn; Robert Horscraft; Jenny Humphries; Chelsea Noakes; Chris Page.