

THEATRE ROYAL HANLEY HISTORY

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1884 THEATRE ROYAL HANLEY

The Theatre Royal started life as a Primitive Methodist Chapel in 1841 when it was converted into a theatre by Mr Elphinstone. Originally called the “**People’s Hall**” it was later renamed the “**Potteries Royal Theatre**” owned by the “Potteries Theatres Ltd” under the management of Mr Albert Blmer. The building only survived in this format until 1870 when it was demolished. The first brick of the new theatre was laid in 1870 and within the year “The Theatre Royal” opened in 1871. In 1875 new developments were funded by licensee Mr Windley who knocked down cottages in Pall Mall to make way for a new entrance and the larger theatre which spilled over into the Brunswick Street area.

The following was at the theatre and included Mr Edward Darbey who later became a theatre owner including the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe for a brief time.

5- 10 Oct 1885 DENOUNCED (361st Night) Mr Henry Gascoignes Company
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In 1888 the building was enlarged but it was still not large enough for the number of patrons who wanted to visit the theatre and soon well-known theatre designer Frank Matcham was asked to design a new 2,600 seat building.

On the 6 August 1894 the Frank Matcham theatre was opened

Marie Lloyd, Hetty King, George Elliot and Gertie Gitana (Hanley Entertainer) all appeared at the theatre.

An article in the Crewe Chronicle 1 August 1908 announced that Mr Dudley Bennett had taken over the Lyceum theatre in Crewe and had installed Mr Howard as his resident manager. He had previously managed the Royal in Hanley, Hippodrome Eastbourne, and the Eden, Brighton.

Mr John Walshaw managed the theatre Royal Hanley from 1932 to 1938. He had previously managed the Keighley Hippodrome (1918- 1932), and theatres in Hull and Chesterfield. He then went on to manage the Theatre in Crewe.

Between the 17 - 22 April 1933 the entertainer George Formby Jnr (Ukulele) appeared at the Theatre Royal Hanley this week. In 1934 he would make his first film "Boots! Boots!"

The week of the 15-20 May 1933 the entertainer Will Fyffe (Comedian) appeared at the Theatre Royal Hanley.

The now legendary Laurel and Hardy appeared at the Theatre Royal Hanley on the 31 March 1952 as part of their one and only UK Tour.

In 1934 a small fire caused damage to the Matcham theatre but on the 2 June 1949 at 5am a fire ripped through the building destroying it completely.

On the 14 August 1951 a new building was opened with Amile Littler's production of "Annie Get your Gun" starring Annette MacDonald, but after poor attendance it was sold 10 years later to MECCA Bingo halls.

27 Oct 1958 Tony Hancock appeared at the Theatre Royal, Hanley for the week.

In 1980 it closed as a Bingo hall. 18 months later in August 1982 it was opened by local Theatre enthusiasts under the company name "Theatre Royal Restoration Trust".

On the 7 September 1982 it again closed. On the same day, 7 September in 1984 the theatre was opened by a new company called "Theatre Royal Hanley PLC".

The 10 March 1983 Crewe Chronicle announced that the Lyceum Crewe Administrator Mr Leslie Parker -Davies has been appointed to the same post at the "Theatre Royal". He will work with the Theatre Royal trustees under the Chairmanship of Mr Charles Deacon.

9 March 1987 and the KEN DODD "Palace of Laughter" was a recorded at the theatre produced by BBC Radio 2 by Ron Mc Donnal. The programmes were broadcast in September 1987.

In 1988 Carl Reiner the famous American film producer made a film in Stoke on Trent called "Bert Rigby You're a Fool" starring Robert Lindsay in the title role. The film was based on the story of a young dancer who wants to find fame and restore his old theatre into a variety theatre. The Theatre Royal doubled as the exterior of the building and filming took place over two days (2 June and ## 1988). The film was also directed by Carl Reiner and assisted by Marty Ewing.

The comedian Ben Warriss of Jewell and Warris fame was still performing in the 1990's with one of his last appearances at the Theatre Royal in Hanley in Pantomime during his appearance at the theatre he became ill. He died on the 14 January 1993 (.b. 29 May 1909) in poverty, while his entertainment partner Jimmy Jewell on the other hand died peacefully in 1995.

During the 1990's it went through various Managers before closing on the 23 April 1996.

It was taken over by Mike Lloyd in November 1996 who after redeveloping the building, managed to get Ken Dodd to open it on the 29 November 1997. Mr Lloyd ran the theatre as a "Theatre and live music venue". It then became a Night club "Jumping Jacks" in 2000. (1438 Seats)

In June 1998 the theatre Royal in Hanley celebrated its history with a show on stage called "THE ROYAL STORY". Artists including Gertie Gitana (Virginia Bryan playing the part) a local singer from the Potteries who made the song "Nellie Dean" a hit, Gracie Fields (Also Virginia Bryan), Max Miller (Ray Johnson), Laurel and Hardy (Pete Lindup and Steve King), Frank Randle (Roy Watts), Norman Evans (Roy Watts), George Formby (John Walley) and Flannigan and Allen (Ray Johnson and Richard Masters) will be appearing in this tribute show directed by Ray Johnson. The show started at 9pm on Friday Night the 13 June 1998 and also included film and live performances (by copycat artists) from artists who have appeared at the theatre.

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SHOWS in Date order.

1841 OPENED as ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

There are records of alterations being made to a former Methodist Chapel in Pall Mall to change it into a lecture hall known as the PEOPLES HALL which was by 1850-51 became a theatre.

Owner, Mr Elphinstone.

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1857 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

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1857 The Theatre was modernised.

29 Sept 1857 THE WIFE

Incl; Mr James Rogers
Mr Edmund Green
Miss Agnes Burdett

With Singing and Dancing
THE COUNTRY COUSINS

Incl; Mr Charles Swan
Miss Agnes Burdett

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1858 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

MANAGER James Rogers

In the ERA of the 19 September 1858, Theatrical Manager of the “Hanley Royal Pottery Theatre” Mr James Rogers was advertising for a leading man
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MANAGER James Rogers

By May 1859 the theatre was being known locally as the THEATRE ROYAL.
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1861 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

11 Feb 1861 IRON CHEST
Incl; Sir Edward Mortimer
T.C. King and his daughter Bessie King
T C Elmo
Mr Eglinton (Comic Songs)
Miss Isabel Thedoore (Favourite dance)
12 Feb 1861 DAMON AND PYTHIAS
Incl; Mr T C King as Damon
Miss Bessie King
Mr Eglinton (Comic Songs)
Miss Isabel Thedoore (Favourite dance)
Therasas Vow
13 Feb 1861 THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
Incl; Mr T C King as Shylock
Miss Bessie King as Portia
Mr Eglinton (Comic Songs)
Miss Isabel Thedoore (Favourite dance)
Corsican Brothers
Damon and Pythias
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1862 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE
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1864 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

22 Sept 1864 FOR THE BENEFIT OF GUSTAVUS V. BROOKE
LOVE’S SACRIFICE
Incl; Matthew Elmore
Mr G.V. Brooke
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	Mr James Elmore
	Mr J B Preston
	Mr Fitzroy Wallace
	Miss Calvert (Ballad Singer)
	POOR PILLICODDY
	/ STRANGER!
	Incl; Mr G.V. Brooke as the Stranger
	Mr Sinclair
	HIS LAST LEGS
	Incl; Mr G.V. Brooke as Mr O'Callaghan
24 Sept 1864	RICHARD III
	Incl; Mr G.V. Brooke as Richard Duke of Gloucester
	With Slasher and Crasher (Variety Act)

EXTRA INFORMATION

Benefit performances were usually staged for actors or managers who were not paid a lot of money for a season's shows and this was a play or variety performance set aside for them to earn a little more money from the evening's performance sales. Depending on sales for that night's performance, depended on how much they would get. Similar to a football testimonial.

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1870 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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May 1870	HEART'S DELIGHT	London Company
(6 Nights)	Incl; Mr Alfred Young	
	Miss Chester	

1871 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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1871 REBUILT and Modernised by Mr R Twemlow of a Mr T Hinde.

An 1870 report said 'A new theatre is to be erected at Hanley during the coming summer. It will occupy the same site as the present building, which is a very inconvenient and inelegant structure, and will be more than twice as large. It will be 113ft. long, by 54ft. wide, with two tiers of boxes, gallery, and pit, seating 3200 persons.

The stage will have a depth of 42ft., and a width of 54ft. and will be provided with an iron drop-curtain, as a precaution in case of fire. The dressing-rooms and green-room, will be on a level with the stage. Attached to the boxes and pit will be retiring-rooms.

The street front will be in the Corinthian style, the materials used being of red, black, and yellow bricks, with terra-cotta pillars, caps, pediment, and panels bearing medallion portraits of Massinger, Shakespeare, and Ben Jonson, and monograms of the proprietors.

The scenery will move vertically, instead of horizontally, and spacious cellars will be left below the stage. The estimated cost of the new erection will be £4500, and the plans have been prepared by one of the proprietors, who is said to have given much study to the subject.'

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1872 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

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THEATRE REDECORATED

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By 1886 Edward Darbey (Actor / Stage Manager) had formed his own touring company. By 1891 Mr Darbey had become a Theatre Manager. In 1896, Mr Edward Richard Darbey had purchased the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe.

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1886 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

1887 NEW THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

LESSEE Mr James H Elphinstone
ACTING MANAGER Mr Charles G Elphinstone

Architects C.J. Phipps and Frank Matcham were given the job of rebuilding the theatre.

On the 8 August 1887 the new theatre was opened.

The first production was CRIMES OF PARIS.

The theatre holds 1,100 people (250 in the Circle / 250 in the Upper Circle / Gallery 1,000) and has a refreshment-bar, ladies cloak-room. There are also 12 Dressing Rooms. The stage is 92ft wide and 46ft deep (Laid in 20 sections), with a back drop painted by Mr Edmund A Swift of the Manchester and Sheffield Theatres who was hired as a permanent scenic painter at the theatre.

The main entrance is from Pall Mall while the gallery is entered from Brunswick Street.

Another report puts the seating at a capacity of 3,700 when it opened.

8- 13 Aug 1887 CRIMES OF PARIS
By Charles Melville

Mr E Dotteridge Presents

1888 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

1888 ENLARGED

19- 24 Mar 1888 SIBERIA

Miss Grace Hawthorne's Co

By Battley Campbell
Incl; S Henry as Count Stanislaus
Charles Beasley as David Janowsky
Lillian Marlow as Drovna
E.W. Thomas as Governor-General
Ernest Leicester as Ivan Nordoff
Agnes Knights as Marie
F.M. Paget as Michael Jaracoff
Charles Weir as Nicholai Negoff

1889 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

18 – 23Mar 1889 MASTER AND MAN

Miss Bella Pateman's Co

By George R Sims
Incl; Luke Forster as Crispin St Jones
Vella Pateman as Hester Thornbury
Robert Pateman as Humpy Logan
Charles Weir as Jack Walton
Miss Rosie as Janey
Edmund Grace and Levano as Jem Burleigh
Harry White as Jim
Edward Thayer as Joe Robins
Charles P Cooke as John Willett
Miss Jessie as Katy
Emma Ellis as Kesiah Honeywood
Mr Marner as Landlord
Lillian Seccombe (Or Seacombe) as Letty Lightfoot
Little Marie Pearl as Little Johnny
James Webster as Ned Barton

Mr Sutton as Old Ben
J Edwards as Policeman 207
F Rawlins as Postman
Charles Dalton as Robert Carlton
Robert Nelson as Tom Honeywood
Scenic Artists R C Durant, R Douglass, W T Hemsley
2- 30 Nov 1889 BEN MY CHREE Mr Charles Dornton's Co
By Wilson Barrett and Hall Caine
Incl; C Beasley as Billy Quilicash
Eva Murray as Bridget
C Rex as Coroner
Charles Weir as Dan Mylrea
Walter McEwen as Davy Fayle
W. H. Willats as Ewan Mylrea
Charles Dornton as Gilchrist Mylrea
Foster Courtenay as Hommy-Beg
J.B. Cookson as Jebez Gawn
F Matthews as Jem Corkell
J.R. La Fane a Jem Corphey
Lee Anderson as Kitty
Bessie Clarke as Liza Teare
R Merline as Michael Looney
A Balfour as Mona Mylrea
H.A. Sainsbury as Mr Harcourt
Miss Hall Caine as Nancy
E Brenner as Ned Teare
J Pope Dryden as Thorkell Mylrea

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1897	LADY SLAVEY	Carl Rosa Company
1897	D'OYLY CARTE OPERA COMPANY	D'Oyly Carte Opera Co
1897	FRANK BENSON'S COMPANY	Frank Benson's Co
1897	LIFE OF PLEASURE	Unknown
1897	GENTLEMAN JOE	Unknown
1897	GEISHA	Mr George Edwards No 1 Co
1897	HENRY IRVING	Unknown
1897	CHARLEY'S AUNT	Unknown
1897	SIGN OF THE CROSS	Unknown
1897	TWO LITTLE VAGABONDS	Unknown
1897	THE RED ROBE	Unknown
1897	PRISONER OF ZENDA	Unknown
1897	LORD TOM NODDY	Unknown
	Incl; Little Titch	
1897	NIGHT OUT	Unknown
1897	THE KENDALS	Unknown
1897	SHOP GIRL	Unknown

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1905 THEATRE ROYAL
THEATRE MANAGER

Pantomime for 1905 included Miss Hilda Guiver as Principal Boy.

1920 THEATRE ROYAL
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Nov 1925	NO NO NANETTE	Albert and Charles Butler
	Incl; Maud Denny as Pauline	
	Gladys Johnson as Sue Smith	
	Frank Hector as Billy	
	Connie St Clair as Lucille	
	Gladys Cruickshanks as Nanette	
	J Roy Macnaghton as Tom Trainor	
	Hal Gordon as Jimmy Smith	
	Eunice Vickeridge as Betty	
	Ivy Stuart as Winnie	
	Dorothy Ewins as Flors	
	Orchestra directed by Fred Baker	

Dances arranged by Rita McLean
Produced by John Wrigley

1926 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Walter Clarke
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1929 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson
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18- 23 Feb 1929 IOLANTHE North Staffs Amateur Operatic Society

By Gilbert and Sullivan

25- 30 Feb 1929 THE GIRL FRIEND Macdonald and Young's Principal Co

4- 9 Mar 1929 BIRD IN HAND Barry Jackson Presents

By John Drinkwater

Incl; Marguerite Cellier as Alice Greenleaf
Richard Littledale as Cyril Beverley
John McCormick as Gerald Arnwood
Enid Clark as Joan Greenleaf
Percy Goodyer / Percy R Goodyer as Mr Blanquet
Ernest Bodkin as Sir Robert Arnwood
Percy Rhodes as Thomas Greenleaf
Awdrey Burnard / Awdry Burnard as Ambrose Godolphin, K.C.

(21 Jan to 11 Jan 1929 Tour)

FRANK RANDELL as Ambrose Godolphin, K.C.

(25 Feb to 29 June 1929 Tour)

Designer Hugh Owen

Director John Drinkwater and W.G. Fay

NEW THEATRE MANAGER

Sometime during 1929 the theatre hired Archie Thompson as the new manager of the Theatre Royal Hanley. He had been an actor manager before coming to Hanley and was married to actress Belle Russell.

Archie was also a friend of George Bernard Shaw.

In 1938, Archie retired as manager due to ill health caused by the effects of the First World War and he and his wife Belle started to take in theatricals at their home in Hanley.

In 1982, Belle died at the age of 95.

Their daughter, Miss Winifred Thompson was the deputy head of Sneyd Green Primary School.

(Article in The Sentinel 8 Mar 1997 Page 21 Pictured with Tommy Handley the Comedian who appeared in the Theatre during the 1930's)

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1930 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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19 Oct 1930 FODENS BAND

Theatre Royal, Hanley, Potteries Choral Society (Paid £25)

Carl Oliver. One Concert

Dec 1930

ALADDIN

Unknown

Incl; Ally Benson as Widow Twankey

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1931 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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28 Sept –

3 Oct 1931

AUTUMN CROCUS

Alexandra Repertory Company

By Dodie Smith

by Arrangement with Basil Dean Productions Ltd

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1932 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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22- 27 Feb 1932 THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

By William Senior

William Holles Presents

(Based on a story by Arthur Conan Doyle)

Incl; Arthur Phillips as Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

J Fisher White as Dr Lanyon

Frederick Hudson as Footman / Policeman

FRANK RANDELL as Gabriel Utterson

Carlton Brough as Inspector Newcome

Coral Fairweather as Laura Carew

Anna Russell as Mrs Lanyon

Nannie Goldman as Mrs Mudge

Harald Melvill as Poole

Janet Hodson as Rebecca Moor

Paul Hansell as Sir Danvers Carew

Clarence Bigge as Gabriel Utterson (Replacement later in tour from 25 Apr 1932)

John Leslie as Inspector Newcome (Replacement later in tour from 25 Apr 1932)

Thalia White as Rebecca Moor (Replacement later in tour from 25 Apr 1932)

Cyril Vernon as Sir Danvers Carew (Replacement later in tour from 25 Apr 1932)

Director Hubert Woodward

Presented by William Holles

Company Manager Frederick Hudson

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1933 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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17- 22 Apr 1933 **GEORGE FORMBY JNR** (Ukulele)

15- 20 May 1933 **WILL FYFFE** (Comedian)

26 Dec 1933

CINDERELLA and the Glass Slipper

Tom Vernon Presents

Incl; Norah Chapman

Jack Murray
Barry Barnes
Chuck O'Neil
Mollie Mackay
Stanley Grant
Mignon Jarrold
Dorothy Kay
The Faure Sisters
Fiery Jack (from the Tower Circus Blackpool)
The Potteries Kiddies
The Orpheus Male Quartet
Judith Espinosa's Ballet

1934

THEATRE ROYAL

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16 Apr 1934

VAREITY SHOW

Unknown

Incl; **Gertie Gitana** (local Star Entertainer)
G.H. Elliott (Chocolate coloured Coon)
Ted Ray (Comedian)
Tubby Turner
Harry Herbert
Joy Dean
Eileen Audrey
Jack and Dave Sharpe
Master Georgie Kitchen
Florence Revell
Dorrie Maye
The C.C. Girls
Six Little Bon Bons

23 Apr 1934

ALL YOU WISH YOURSELF

Unknown

Incl; Tom Gamble (Comedian)

1934 SMALL FIRE

1934 After the fire the Theatre installed a Projection box to show films.

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1938 THEATRE ROYAL

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9 Oct 1938 Foden Motor Works Band - Potteries Choral Society (Paid £25)
Organised by Carl Oliver, 10 Eastwood Place. One Concert

17- 22 Oct 1938 BLACK LIMELIGHT Daniel Mayer Company
By Gordon Sherry
Incl; Walter Tobias as Coles
Maude Lambert as Jemima
Charles Lloyd Pack as Lawrence Manfred
Cicely Paget-Bowman as Mary Charrington /Lily James
Kingston Hardy as Mr Roberts
Helen Hart as Mrs Brooks
Douglas Rye as Peter Charrington
Geoffrey Booty as Unknown
William Bruce as Unknown
Jack Callan as Unknown
Maurice Leverett as Unknown
Valerie Lush as Unknown
Daisy Revett as Unknown
Norris Stayton as Unknown

21- 26 Nov 1938 FRENCH WITHOUT TEARS Bronson Albery and
By Terrence Rattigan Howard Wyndham Presents
Incl; Basil Langton as Alan Howard
Anthony Drake as Brian Curtis
Tom Macaulay as Cdr Bill Rogers
Phoebe Kershaw as Diana Lake
Jillian Franklyn as Jacqueline Maingot
Hugh Gray as Kenneth Lake
John Bryning as Kit Neilan
Arthur Little as Lord Heybrook
Pamela Edmunds as Marianne
Derek Prentice as Monsieur Maingot
Director Noel Plant

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1939 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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29 May 1939 (Start) DAVID GARRICK Frank Forbes- Robertson Presents
By Thomas William Robertson
Incl; Sydney Thornton as Ada Ingot
Frank Forbes-Robertson as David Garrick
Terence Noble as Mr Jones
Raymond Rollett as Simon Ingot
Thomas Mercer as Squire Chivy
Jeremy Canteep as Unknown
Robyn Cull as Unknown
Margaret Davidge as Unknown
Phyllis Grosvenor as Unknown
Donald MacIntosh as Unknown
Victor Wood as Unknown

16- 21 Oct 1939 THEY WALK ALONE Barry O'Brien Presents

By Max Catto
 Incl; Hannah Watt as Bess Stanforth
 Barbara James as Emmy Baudine
 Ena Dorne as Julie Tallent
 Richard Pearson as Larry Tallent
 Christopher Hodge as Mr Tallent
 Ronald Fortt as Robert Stanforth
 Denis Carew as Saul Trevithick
 Althea Parker as Bess Stanforth
 (Replacement in tour from 10 July 1939)
 John Scott as Saul Trevithick
 (Replacement in tour from 24 July 1939)
 John Wynyard as Larry Tallent
 (Replacement in tour from 18 Sept 1939)
 Director James Moran
 Stage Manager Christopher Hodge
 Business Manager William Albert
 By Arrangement with Firth Shephard

26 Dec 1939 (Start) LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD Unknown
 Incl; **Betty Driver (Betty Driver in Coronation Street)** as Jill
 (Sang Run Rabbit Run during the show)
The Sentinel 28 Dec 1996, Page 17 (Look Back)

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1940's THEATRE ROYAL

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8 Oct 1940's ANGLO POLISH BALLET Unknown
 With Halama and Konarski and 40 cast members

MONDAY

Les Sylphides
 Divertissement
 Schubertian
 Dancing Woman
 Cracow Wedding

TUESDAY

Swan lake
 Divertissement
 Schubertian
 Dancing Woman
 Cracow Wedding

WEDNESDAY

Les Sylphides
 Prelude
 Divertissement
 Schubertian
 Dancing Woman
 Cracow Wedding

THURSDAY (Mat)

Les Sylphides
 Divertissement
 Schubertian
 The Cow that Spoke
 Cracow Wedding

THURSDAY (Eve)

Swan Lake
 Divertissement

Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

FRIDAY

Les Sylphides
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

SATURDAY (Mat)

Swan Lake
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

SATURDAY (Eve)

Swan Lake
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

1940's MELODY IN FUN (Variety Show)

Lew and Leslie Grade

Incl; Margery Manners (Sings the Pride of the Prairie)
Curtis and Lavoie
DeVere Dancers
Tamiriff and Elanda
Alex Pleon (Funny Face)
Norah Moody
Tommy Trinder Presents The Kerry Allen Trio (with the Electric Organ)
Veronica Martell (Young Lady Novelty Juggler)
Theatre Royal Orchestra directed by Reg Lawton
Company Stage Crew

Manager S Black
Stage Manager W Jones
Musical Director C Haworth

Following Week LADY HERE'S A LAUGH

Jack Taylor Presents

Incl; Albert Burdon
Karina
Donald Peers
Jimmy Clitheroe
30 Jack Taylor Lovelies

7 May 1940's

MACARI AND HIS ACCORDION SERENADERS Unknown

Incl; Jack Stocks
Billy Merrick
Larry
Valmar Trio
Zuider Zee Girls

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1940 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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21-26 Oct 1940 SPRINGTIME FOR HENRY

E.G. Norman and

By Benn W Levy

T W Productions Presents

Incl; Eileen Peel as Miss Smith
Tom Walls as Mr Dewlip
Eric Cowley as Mr Jeliwell

Veronica Rose as Mrs Jeliwell
Helen Shingler as Miss Smith (Replacement in tour from July 1940)
Company Manager as Martin Sabine
Stage Director as John Miller
Stage Manager Jean Norman

1941 THEATRE ROYAL
THEATRE MANAGER
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1942 THEATRE ROYAL
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1943 THEATRE ROYAL
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5 Dec 1943 FODEN MOTOR WORKS BAND (Paid £35)
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1944 THEATRE ROYAL
THEATRE MANAGER

21-26 Feb 1944 JANE EYRE Barry O'Brien Presents
By Dorothy Brandon
(Based on the book by)
Incl; Valerie Baxter as Adele Varens
Joy Manning as Amy Eshton
Avril Hillyer as Blanche Ingram
Edna Morris as Grace Poole
Rosalinde Fuller as Jayne Eyre
Ethel Edwards as Lady Ingram
John Tanfield as Mr Briggs
Nina Garrard as Mrs Eshton
Diana Caird as Mrs Fairfax
Terrence Moore as Rev Mr Woods
John Shepherd as Rev St John Rivers / Lord Ingram
Brian King a Richard Mason
Henry Edwards as Rochester
Harry Ross as Sam
Paul Hamblett as T/O Richard Mason
Director Kenneth Kent

1945 THEATRE ROYAL
THEATRE MANAGER
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5- 10 Mar 1945 WHILE THE SUN SHINES H M Tennent Ltd and
 By Terence Rattigan Linnit and Dunfee Ltd
 Incl; Ronald Squire as Duke of Ayr and Stirling
 Neil Crawford as Earl of Harpenden
 Arthur Seaton as Horton
 Jeanette Tregarthen as Lady Elizabeth Randall
 Peter Cushing (Horror Film Star) as Lieutenant Colbert
 William Logan as Lieutenant Mulvaney
 Shelagh Fraser as Mabel Crum
 Grant Miller as Unknown
 Director Ronald Squire

PETER CUSHING (Tour of above Play)
 This is a production of the play While the Sun Shines (by Terence Rattigan) by H M Tennent Ltd and Linnit & Dunfee Ltd, at King's Theatre, Glasgow (22nd – 27th January 1945), Grand Theatre, Blackpool (29th January – 3rd February 1945), King's Theatre, Southsea (5th – 10th February 1945), Pavilion Theatre, Bournemouth (19th – 24th February 1945), Theatre Royal, Nottingham (26th February – 3rd March 1945), Theatre Royal, Hanley (5th – 10th March 1945), Palace Theatre, Reading (12th – 17th March 1945), Winter Gardens, Morecambe (19th – 25th March 1945), New Theatre, Hull (2nd – 7th April 1945), Hippodrome Theatre, Preston (9th – 14th April 1945), Grand Theatre, Derby (23rd – 28th April 1945), Theatre Royal, Bolton (7th – 12th May 1945), Grand Theatre & Opera House, Leeds (14th – 19th May 1945), Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool (21st – 26th May 1945), Prince's Theatre, Bradford (28th May – 2nd June 1945), New Theatre, Northampton (4th – 9th June 1945), Prince of Wales Theatre, Cardiff (11th – 16th June 1945), Theatre Royal, Bath (18th – 23rd June 1945), and Palace Theatre, Burnley (2nd – 7th July 1945).
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1946 THEATRE ROYAL
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21- 26 Oct 1946 DUET FOR TWO HANDS Bernard Delfont Presents
 By Mary Hayley Bell
 Incl; Maureen Pryor / Maureen Pook as Abigail Sarclet
 Elwyn Brook-Jones as Edward Sarclet
 Jean Howieson as Fletty
 Margot Boyd as Herda Sarclet
 Peter Coke as Stephen Cass
 Director Charles Road-Night
 Stage Director Courtney Hume

1947 THEATRE ROYAL
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14-19 April 1947 THE KING STAG Old Vic Trust Ltd
 By Carlo Gozzi and Carl Wildman Young Vic Company
 Incl; Donald Bodley as A Parrot / Guard / Huntsman
 Joan Hopkins as Angela
 Monica Kirton as Another Stag
 Rupert Davies (BBC TV Maigret) as Brighella / A Peasant
 Peter Collingwood as Cigolotti / A Peasant
 Jean Wilson as Clarissa
 John Byron as Deramo, King of Serendip / An Old Man
 John Glen as Durandarte, a Magician / A Bust / A King / Stag

Charles Sadler as Guard / Huntsman
John Ainsworth as Leander
Maurice Browning as Pantaloon, The Second Minister
Hattie Jacques (Carry On / Hancock's Half Hour / Sykes) as Smeradina
Hector MacGregor as Tartagliana, the Prime Minister
Stuart Burge as Truffaldino / A Bear

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DETAILS OF THE TOUR AND CREWE

First ever production by the Young Vic company.

Adapted from IL RE CERVO by Carlo Gozzi.

This is a production of the play The King Stag (by Carlo Gozzi and Carl Wildman) by Old Vic Trust Ltd and Young Vic Company, at Lyric Theatre (Hammersmith), London (26th December 1946 – 1st February 1947), Prince of Wales Theatre, Cardiff (3rd – 8th February 1947), Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne (10th – 15th February 1947), Palace Theatre, Reading (24th February – 1st March 1947), Winter Hall, Leamington (4th – 8th March 1947), Royal County Theatre, Bedford (10th – 15th March 1947), White Rock Theatre, Hastings (24th – 29th March 1947), Theatre Royal, Hanley (14th – 19th April 1947), Theatre Royal, Worcester (21st – 26th April 1947), Theatre Royal, Bristol (pre formation of Bristol Old Vic Company) (28th April – 3rd May 1947), and Opera House, Cheltenham (5th – 10th May 1947).

CREW

Adaptation (English version, from the French) Carl Wildman

Adaptation (French version) Pierre Barbier

Adaptation (literal translation, from the Italian: acknowledgment of thanks) Edward J Dent

Author of original work Carlo Gozzi

Decor ('Settings and Costumes by') Motley

Director George Devine

Music composed and conducted by Francis Chagrin

Musician: flute Betty Mills

Musician: harpsichord and piano Joyce Riddle

Musician: horn S Saville

Musician: oboe Joan Goossens

Musician: orchestra leader Peter Schidlof

Musician: violoncello Sylvia Bor

Stage Manager Richard Wadleigh

Women's costumes made under the supervision of Gladys Cobb

Animal costumes made under the supervision of Dix

General Manager George Chamberlain

General Stage Director Cecil Clarke

Manager (for Old Vic Theatre Centre) Stephen Arlen

Manager (for The Company of Four) Lovat Fraser

Masks / Properties by John Lee

Masks by Daphne Lee

Men's costumes made under the supervision of James Brown

Presented by arrangement with Company of Four

Presented by arrangement with Tennent Plays Ltd

Presented by arrangement with Joint Council of the National Theatre

Press Representative Vivienne Byerley

Properties by Frank Farmer

Properties by Jack Lovell Jnr

Scenery made under the supervision of John Sullivan

Scenery painted by John Collins

Scenery painted by Roger Ramsdell

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20- 25 Oct 1947 LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN

Barry O'Brien and

By Oscar Wilde

H M Tennent Ltd

Incl; Phyllis Relph as Duchess of Berwick

Peter Holloway as Footman

John Moore as Footman

Gillian Raine as Lady Agatha Carlisle

Doris Littel as Lady Jedburgh
 Jean Forrest as Lady Paisley
 Elizabeth Clifford as Lady Plymdale
 Doreen Dunlop as Lady Stutfield
 Patricia Dickson as Lady Windermere
 Hugh Stewart as Lord Augustus Lorton
 Philip Pearman as Lord Darlington
 Lee Fox as Lord Windermere
 John Cross as Mr Ceril Graham
 Charles Perry as Mr Charles Dumby
 Alan Brown as Mr Hopper
 Irene Beck as Mrs Cowper-Cowper
 Betty England as Mrs Erlynne
 Thomas Hutcheson as Parker
 Marjorie Lucas as Rosalie
 Geoffrey Barfoot as Sir James Royston

Décor Cecil Beaton
 Director Robert Young

26 Dec –
 2 Jan 1948

RED RIDING HOOD

Bert Loman's Production

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1948 THEATRE ROYAL

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15-20 Mar 1948 THE WINSLOW BOY

Barry O'Brien Presents

By Terence Rattigan

Incl; Philip Strange as Arthur Winslow
 June Devon as Catherine Winslow
 John Nichol as Desmond Curry
 Tom Fleming as Dickie Winslow
 James Martin as Fred
 Barbara Bruce as Grace Winslow
 Morris Barry as John Watherstone
 Marie Edwin as Miss Barnes
Anton Rodgers (May to December / Fresh Fields) as Ronnie Winslow
Roger Delgado (The Master in Dr Who) as Sir Robert Morton
 Nina Gerrard as Violet

Director Michael Hamilton

By Arrangement with Linnit and Dunfee Ltd and H M Tennent Ltd

Dec 1948

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

Unknown

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1949 THEATRE ROYAL

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- 2 June 1949 SADLER'S WELLS BALLET COMPANY Sadler's Wells Presents
 (See Fire)

1949 FIRE 2 June 1949

The stage newspaper of the 9 June 1949, reported on the fire.

'Fire, destroying the Royal, Hanley, in a three-hour blaze, on Thursday last, has deprived a community of 330,000 of its last professional theatre. Fred Peake, local bus service pioneer, who bought the Royal from a Potteries syndicate four years ago for £72,000, has assured our correspondent that he will "rebuild it, and be putting on shows at the earliest possible moment."

Stoke-on-Trent City aldermen and councillors have said that, recognising what it means for such a large community to be without a single "live" theatre, they will give any priority possible under current building restrictions to speed up rebuilding. With the theatre gutted, roof gone, stage and backstage destroyed and only the foyer and offices intact, an architect's estimate of the cost of rebuilding is. "Anything up to £150,000." Of this, it is stated, only £30,000 is covered by insurance... *Neal*.
 ...The fire, the cause of which is unknown, was discovered by a passing policeman at 5 a.m. By 8 a.m. the fire was out, but the theatre was a hollow shell. Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet lost almost everything they had on tour, including unique music scores and many orchestral instruments. Dancers wept in the street outside the theatre, and 18-year-old Australian principal ballerina, Elaine Fifield, in great distress, said, "Nearly everything I had in England has gone. I almost wish I had been burnt with it." With everything for the tour-repertoire gone, and an engagement at Hull duly fulfilled on Monday, Peggy van Praagh, the ballet-mistress, phoned Covent Garden to find what settings were in stock, and had the company rehearsing ballets to suit in a Methodist Sunday school nearby the same afternoon. Harry Hanson's Court Players were to have started a season of repertory on Monday. Percy E. Hughes, general manager of the theatre, made tremendous efforts to find an alternative hall so that the Court Players' engagements could be kept, but his quest failed as the theatre is the only one in the Potteries area, the Potteries motor transport company is endeavouring to make arrangements to cater for the entertainment needs of North Staffordshire theatre-goers by running special excursion trips to Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Manchester, Liverpool and Dudley. Fire has struck heavily at the stage in the Potteries. Up to 1932 the district had two top-rate halls, but in that year the Grand, 100 yards away from the Royal, and built by the proprietors of the old Royal, was destroyed by fire in similar circumstances. In 1894, what was then the finest theatre building in the Potteries – The Queen's, Longton - was destroyed by fire. It is curious that the man who is credited with establishing the local pre-eminence of the Royal in the 1870's, James Elphin-stone, took it over after he had lost a fortune through the London Pavilion, of which he was lessee, being burned down. Thieves had absconded with his safe on the night of the fire.'

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1950 THEATRE ROYAL

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CLOSED FOR REBUILDING

Architects for the rebuilding of the theatre were Forshall and Greaves who designed a building in the 1930's Art Deco style.

The theatre included

- 17 Rows of seats in the stalls.
- Dress Circle in a U shape with Three Boxes.
- 360 lights illuminated the auditorium area.
- 6 Waterford Crystal Chandeliers formally from the German Embassy in London.



STRAND LIGHTING BOARD (Pic c/o Roger Fox © 1995)

1951 THEATRE ROYAL
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RE OPENED
14 Aug 1951 ANNIE GET YOUR GUN Emile Lester Presents
Incl; Annette MacDonald
Dec 1951 CINDERELLA Unknown
Incl; Johnny Lockwood
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1952 THEATRE ROYAL
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31 Mar 1952 **LAUREL AND HARDY**
8- 13 Sept 1952 BLUE FOR A BOY Theatre Royal Hanley?
By Austin Melford, Harry Parr Davies and Harold Purcell
Adapted from the book “Hurrah, Eine Junge” by Franz Arnold and Ernest Bach
(First performed at the Strand Theatre in 1930 as “It’s a Boy”)
Incl; Eve Lister as Anita Gunn
Patsy Anne Hedges as Caprice
Richard Hearne as Dickie Skippett
Austin Melford as Dudley Leake
Julie Anslow as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Thresa Henaghen as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Helen Hurst as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Doreen Locke as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Enid Mills as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Soraya Rafat as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Peggy Thompson as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Nancie Urquhart as Emile Littler’s Deauville Lovelies
Benita Lydal as Emily Bompard
Bert Brownbill as Fred Piper
Fred Emney (Comedian / Actor) as Fred Piper
Jess Sweet as Hercule Bompard
Hermene French as Mary Leake
Costumes Anthony Holland
Designer Edward Delany
Director Austin Melford
Musical Staging Joan Davies
Orchestrations Debroy Somers
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1955 THEATRE ROYAL

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24- 29 Oct 1955 WOMEN OF TWILIGHT Herbert Woodward in
By Sylvia Rayman association with Jean Sheppard
Incl; Fiona Fraser as Christine
Heather Canning as Christine (Replacement)
Jean Sheppard as Helen Allistair
Jeanne Mockford as Helen Allistair (Temporary Replacement)
Moirá Gray as Jess
Jeanne Mockford as Jess (Replacement 1)
Carmel McSharry as Jess (Replacement 2)
Jeanne Mockford as Laura
Shirlie Dane as Laura (Replacement)
Gwyneth Hughes as Molly
Rosemary Matthews as Molly (Replacement 1)
Jennifer Willis as Molly (Replacement 2)
Myrtle Vincent as Nurse
Christine Gardner as Nurse (Replacement)
Joanna Glass as Olga
Rosamund Lesley as Rosie
Ann King as Sal
Melanie Charlton as Veronica
Eileen Stevens as Vivianne

Director Rona Laurie

Presented by arrangement with Moss Empires

Tour from 6 Dec 1954 to 17 Dec 1955. The replacements took place during the year long run.

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1956 THEATRE ROYAL

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1956 DESERT SONG Stoke Amateur Operatic Society
12- 17 Mar 1956 HIPPO DANCING H M Tennent Ltd
By Robert Morley
Incl; Jack Warner (Dixon of Dock Green) as Harry Osborne (Hippo)
Philip Ashley as Henry Poole (his Cousin)
Evelyn Kerry as Mrs Osborne (his Mother)
Dorothy Dewhurst as Mrs Waggs (his Maid)
Derek Waring as Roger (one of his sons)
Pauline Jameson as Therese Osborne (his wife)

Designer Anthony Holland

Director Peter Ashmore

9- 14 July 1956 DAUGHTER OF DESIRE Raystro Films Ltd

By Deborah Bedford

Incl; Peter Batlett as American GI / Sonny
Murray Kash as Angelo
Daphne Wetton as Daisy
Jennifer Grey as Dr Prudence Chartwell
Margot Field as Flo
Elizabeth Phillips as Minnie
Juliet Winson as Miss Dimmity / Fanny
Janet Munro as Morna Blakeney
Barbara Bruce as Mrs Jameson
Benita Lydal as Mrs Meadows / Myers
Robert Childs as Older Man
Martyn French as Plainclothes Man / Police Constable
Reginald Colin as Police Constable

Robert Hartley as Reni / Mr Dunning
 Roger Bizley as Rico
 David Wylde as Sammy Rumbold
 Anthony Harrison as Tony Madrington
 Lucy Griffiths as Trixie
 Gwendolyn Gray (Trixie Replacement July 1956)
 Alfred Hoffman as Angelo (Replacement July 1956)
 Yvette Yorke as Replacement (Started Oct 1956)

Director Andre Van Gyseghem
 Settings by Michael Warre
 Presented by arrangement with Guy Charles

Janet Monro (.b. 28 Sept 1934 .D. 6 Dec 1972 aged 38 from a heart attack) gained a contract with British Lion Films in 1957 after her performance in this play.
 Films included Small Hotel (1957) and Disney's "Darby O'Gill and the Little People" (1959) with Sean Connery.

26 Nov 1956 (Week of) CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA (Opera) Carl Rosa Opera Company

By Guido Menasci
 Incl; Evam Thomas as Alfio
 Lydia Conway as Lola
 Julia Boutell as Mother Lucia
 Margaret Winkler as Santuzza
 William Aitkin as Turiddo

Conductor Edward Renton

26 Nov 1956 (Week of / As above) I PAALIACCI Carl Rosa Opera

By Ruggero Leoncavallo
 Incl; Arthur Thelwell as Beppo
 John Myrddin as Canio
 Joyce Goodwin as Nedda
 John Faassen as Silvio
 Joseph Satariano as Tonio

Conductor John Bell

3-8 Dec 1956 HOT AND COLD IN ALL ROOMS Hatton Productions and
 By Max Reitmann Michael Codron Presents

Incl; Richard Foat as Albert Freeman (Pop)
 Sheila Roye as Alice Danvers
 John Richard as Basil Clutterbuck
Cardrew Robinson (Comedian / "Cardrew the Cad in the RAF")
 as Bertie Rogers

SEE BELOW

Derek Royle (As Ernest LeClerc in 'Allo 'Allo in season six)
 as Cecil Simpson

David Rose as Elmer Kaufmann
 Tom Conway as Frank Mason
 Simone Silva as Gabrielle Duval
 Tracy Vernon as Pat Ward
 Gwendolyn Watts as Sheila Parks

Director Richard Eastham
 Designer Jack Hanson

Dec 1956 BABES IN THE WOOD Unknown

By Emile Littler
 Incl; **Jill Manners (Music Hall Comedienne / Later Crossroads)**
Cardrew Robinson (Comedian / "Cardrew the Cad in the RAF")
 Dave Morris as Ceric

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Feb 1957	THE QUAKER GIRL	Unknown
16- 21 Sept 1957	RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE	A.F. Productions
	By William Douglas Home (Direct from Cambridge Theatre after 2 years)	
	Incl; Jack Hulbert	
	Marjorie Sandford	
	Carol Austin	
	David Conville	
	Toby Perkins	
	Rose-Mary Graham	
	Audrey O'Flynn	
	Shelly Rodway	
Dec 1957-58	JACK AND JILL	Unknown
	Incl; Charlie Chester (Comedian / Later BBC Radio 2 Presenter)	

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24 Feb –		
1 Mar 1958	SIMPLE SPYMEN (Whitehall Play)	Rix Theatrical Productions
	By John Chapman	
	Incl; Charles Cameron as Colonel Gray-Balding	
	Ray Cooney (Writer / Actor) as Corporal Flight	
	(Credited as Raymond Cooney)	
	Peter Mercier as Crab	
	Leo Franklyn as George Chuffer	
	Andrew Sachs (Fawlty Towers) as Grobchick	
	Toby Perkins as Lieutenant Fosgrove	
	Peter Allenby as Max	
	Merylin Roberts as Miss Archdale	
	Gerald Andersen as Mr Forster Stand	
	Joan Sanderson (After Henry / Fawlty Towers) as Mrs Byng	
	Brian Rix (Writer / Actor) as Percy Pringle	
	Larry Noble as Smogs	
	John Slater as George Chuffer (Started 12 June 1961)	
	Basil Lord as Percy Pringle (Started 12 June 1961)	
	Designer Rhoda Gray	
	Director Wallace Douglas	
	General Manager Brian Rix	
	Stage Manager as Hubert Cross	
	Wardrobe Mistress Pat Deacon	
	Business Manager Gilbert Harrison	
	(Prior to its London opening on the 19 th March at the Whitehall Theatre)	

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TOUR OF ABOVE "Simple Spyman".

New Theatre, Hull (17th – 22nd February 1958), Theatre Royal, Hanley (24th February – 1st March 1958), Prince of Wales Theatre, Cardiff (3rd – 8th March 1958), Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham (now The Alexandra) (10th – 15th March 1958), and Whitehall Theatre, London (now Trafalgar Theatre, London) (19th March 1958 – 29th July 1961).

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17- 22 Mar 1958	SAILOR BEWARE	Jack Waller Ltd
	By Falkland Cary and Philip King	
	Incl; Godfrey James as Albert Tufnell AB	
	Andrew Downie as Carnoustie Bligh AB	
	Cherry Crest as Daphne Pink	
	Marion Wilson as Edie Hornett	

Tessie O'Shea (Music Hall Performer) as Emma Hornett
 Cyril Smith as Henry Hornett
 Natalie Kent as Mrs Lack
 Alan Rolfe as Revd Oliver Purefoy
 Jennifer Schooling as Shirley Hornett
 Designer Michael Eve
 Director Melville Gillam
 14 – 19 April 1958 **THE WALTZ OF THE TOREADORS** Carl Clopet Productions
 By Jean Anouilh
 Translated by Lucienne Hill
 Incl; Wilfred Carter as Dr Bonfant
 Janice Edgard as Estella
 Gladys Bacon as Eugenie
 Terence Fitzgerald as Father Ambrose
 Robert Cheksfield as Gaston
 Anthony Cullen as General St Pe
 Gillian Maude as Mlle de Ste-Euverte
 Jeanne Cook as Mme Dupont-Fredaine
 Fenella Stone as Pamela
 Virginia Graham as Sidonia
 Phoebe Bradley-Willimas as Emily (The Genral's Wife)
 Costumes by Michael Ellis
 Director Harold French
 Music Composed by John Hotchkis
 Settings designed by Paul Mayo
 Stage Manager Terence Fitzgerald
 Assistant Stage Manager Fenella Stone
 Assistant Stage Manager Brian Williams
 General Manager Norman Atkyns
 Press Rep Torrington Douglas
 Costumes made by C and W May Ltd
 Scenery built by Brunskill and Loveday
 Scenery Painted by (Alice or) Alick Johnstone
 Secretary Prisilla Lamb
 Wigs by Wig Creations

 (Pre June) 1958 **VARIETY SHOW** with Terry Dean Unknown
 2 June 1958 **VARIETY SHOW?** Arthur Fox Presents

 8 -13 Sept 1958 **REBECCA** Carl Clopet Repertory Co
 By Daphne Du Maurier
 Incl; **Joan Rice** (Young Film Star / Maid Marion on Disney's Robin Hood)
 (CHECK YEAR)
 20-25 Oct 1958 **THE BRIDE AND THE BACHELOR** Geoffrey Hastings Presents
 By Ronald Millar
 Incl; Margaret McCourt by Barbara Kilpatrick
 Viola Lyel as Blodwen Morgan-Jones
 Cicely Courtneidge (Film Star) as Isabel Kilpatrick
 Robertson Hare (Film Star) as Jason Kilpatrick
 Peter Boyes as Joe Tilney
 Harriet Craig as Miss Bowden
 Rosamund Lesley as Serena Kilpatrick
 Reginald Long as Sir William Benedick-Barlow

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TOUR "The Bride and the Bachelor"

This is a production of the play The Bride and the Bachelor (by Ronald Millar) by Geoffrey Hastings,
 at Theatre Royal, Hanley (20th – 25th October 1958), Prince of Wales Theatre, Cardiff (27th October –
 1st November 1958), Pavilion Theatre, Bournemouth (3rd – 8th November 1958), Grand Theatre,
 Blackpool (10th – 15th November 1958), Theatre Royal, Nottingham (24th – 29th November 1958),

Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton (1st – 6th December 1958), and New Theatre, Hull (8th – 13th December 1958).

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27-31 Oct 1958 **TONY HANCOCK** (Comedian).

17-22 Nov 1958 **MEET THE COUSIN**

Jack Waller Presents

By Alan Haines and Al Nesor

Incl; Peter Heath as Albert

Claire Gordon as Betty

Joe Robinson as Bill Coyle

Anthony Tancred as Clarence

Lisa Gastoni as Dorothy Ann

Douglas Robinson as Harry Bender

Claude Hulbert as Hatcher Wetmore

Penelope Horner as Helen

Julie Shearing as Joan

Richard Hart as John Williams

Olga Lowe as Katherine Wetmore

Ann Lancaster as Mrs Bender

Pat Ann Key as Mrs Purser

Noelle Middleton as Peggy Robertson

Martyn Huntley as Raymond

Jack Watling (The Power Game) as Roger Hewitt

(Father of Deborah Watling who played Victoria Waterfield in Dr Who)

Director Andre Van Gyseghem

Settings Graham Oakley

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23- 28 May 1960 **THE GRASS IS GREENER** (Comedy)

Carl Clopet Productions

By Hugh and Margaret Williams

With Artro Morris

Incl; John Martin

Joy Andrews

Denzil Ellis

Phoebe Bradley-Williams

31 Oct –

5 Nov 1960

LOVE LOCKED OUT

R. B. Cooper Productions

By David Kirk

Incl; **Bill Owen** (Later “Last of the Summer Wine”) as Joe Scotswood

Martin Friend as Andy Siddlethwaite

June Cunningham as Bernice Baker

Dorothy Frere as Emma Scotswood

Derek Shepherd as Fred Scotswood

Eugene Hamilton as Jack Samson

Joyce Carpenter as Sarah Anne Siddlethwaite

Sarah Travis as Winnie Scotswood

Queenie Barratt as Emma Scotswood (Started tour 2 Aug 1960)
Jon Newbury as Fred Scotswood (Started tour 2 Aug 1960)
Chris Baker as Unknown
Directed by David Kirk
Designer's Robert Coyle and Laurie Upton
Producer R B Cooper
Stage Manager's Haydm Davies and Adrian Lawson
Deputy Stage Manager Anita Hartwell

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20- 25 Feb 1961 S FOR SCANDAL Frederic Piffard Presents

By John O'Hare
Incl; Sonia Dresdel
David Rose
Anthony Beckley
Edmund Bailey
Adele Strong
Keith Rawlings
Brian Coburn
Roy Roberts
Tom Deere

2-6 May 1961 Directed by Robert Young
WILD VIOLETS Leslie A MacDonnell Presents

By Desmond Carter, Bruno Hardt Warden,
Reginald Purdell, Hassard Short and Robert Stolz.
Additional Dialogue Gerard Graham and Albert Val
Incl; **Douglas Byng (Film Star)** as Agernon Rutherford
Lucille Gaye as Augusta
Julian Fox as Carl Hoffman
Davie Allen as Erik Schmidt
Grania Hayes as Greta Katzen
Derek Roy as Hans Katzen
Jack Raynes as Herr Rudolph / Dr Franck / Heinrich
Julia Carne as Lena
Frances Barlow as Liesel (Bergmann)
Susan Swinford as Mary Rutherford (Mary Hoffman)
Judy Nash as Mitzi (Schmidt)
Gillian Eddison as Mlle Yvonnas Duprez
Joan Emney as Mme Hoffman
Roy Jameson as Otto Bergmann
Raymond Duparc as Paul Hoffman

Director Stanley Willis-Croft
Choreographer Jack Raynes
Costumes designed by Michael Bronze
Décor Tod Kingman
Musical Director Billy Merrin

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1961 (2) MECCA BINGO HALL

THEATRE MANAGER

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1962 to 1980 MECCA BINGO HALL

1981 CLOSED

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1982 THEATRE ROYAL

CHAIRMAN Charles Deacon
MANAGING DIRECTOR Paul Barnard

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Aug 1982 The Theatre Restoration Trust took over the theatre with an option to purchase the freehold.

7 Sept 1982 The Theatre Royal, Hanley was derelict when it was taken over by the Theatre Royal PLC.

13 – 30 Dec 1982 BABES IN THE WOOD Second Management and
(P) By (Unknown) The Theatre Royal Restoration Fund

Incl; Michelle Kenny as Fairy Goodheart
Soula as Maid Marion
Paul Howlett as Evil Ernest (Wicked Robber 1)
Donald Auty as Dreadful Donald (Wicked Robber 2)
Brent McNeal as Sheriff of Nottingham
Christine George as Robin Hood
Nikki Young as Nurse Glucose
Wendy Meakin or Deborah McGonigle or Emma Beatty as Emily
Joanne Evans as Marmaduke
Theatre Royal Dancers as the Villagers

DANCERS

Garry Farrell, Terence Maynard, Rachel Jackson, Sally Broadhurst,
Rebecca Boote, Janet Grice, Felicity Clarke, Kay France.

JUVENILES

Angela Molloy, Claudia Clarke, Emma Tomlinson, Rachel Irving,
Paula Gower, Sarah McCabe, Michelle Tilly, Emma Cliffe.

WITH

Lisa Hall, Amanda Whewell, Tessa Lomax, Gillian Harding,
Heidi Woodbridge, Carmen Metcalf, Alison Davies, Louise Waymen.

Director Donald Auty
Stage Manager Peter Price
Musical Director Maurice Bromley
Choreographer Yvonne Chesters (Yvonne School of Dancing)
Drummer Paul Shaw

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THEATRE ROYAL STAFF (Taken from Babes in the Wood programme)

Manager Paul Shaw (Chairman of the Trustees)
Managing Director Graham Thornton (Second City Management)
Executive Producer Donald Auty (Second City Management)
Production Secretaries Sandra Robinson and Shirley Ricketts
Production Manager Peter Price (Second City Management)
Assistant Stage Manager Sally J Allman
Catering Manageress Ellen Pine

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1983 THEATRE ROYAL

CHAIRMAN Charles Deacon
MANAGING DIRECTOR Paul Barnard

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1-8 Jan 1983 CHRISTMAS CIRCUS (Gandey's Circus) The Gandy Organisation
Incl; Martin Lacey and his Giant Male African Lions
Mary Chipperfield's Animals

10- 15 Jan 1983 OLD TIME MUSIC HALL Unknown

9-14 May 1983	CARDS ON THE TABLE By Leslie Darbon Incl; Georgina Moon as Anne Meredith Peggy Ashby as Doris Robert Tunstall as Dr Roberts Nigel Williams as Major Despard Catherine Crewe as Miss Burgess Jacqueline Lacey as Mrs Lorrimer Margaret Ashcroft as Mrs Oliver Anne Sedgwick as Rhoda Dawes Tony Parkin as Sergeant O'Connor Roy Pukis as Shaitana Frank Barbara as Stephens Garfield Morgan (Sweeney) as Superintendent Battle (Till May 1983) George Sewell (UFO / The Detectives) as Superintendant Battle (Started on tour from May 1983) Director Roy Purkis	Mark Furness Presents
29 Aug – 3 Sept 1983 (P)	BIRTHDAY SUITE By Robin Hawdon Incl; Trevor Bannister as Bob Paula Wilcox (Man about the house) as Kate Derek Fowlds (Basil Brush / Yes Minister / Heartbeat) as Dick Brian Murphy (Man about the House / George and Mildred) as Tony Mary Maude as Liz Rita Halstein as Mimi Director Stephen Barry Lighting Paul Denby	Mark Furness Presents
18 Sept 1983 31 Oct –	MAX BYGRAVES AND FRIENDS	Unknown
5 Nov 1983	SAME TIME NEXT YEAR By Bernard Slade Incl; Diane Keen as Doris Robin Nedwell as George (Tour February to April 1983) Ray Lonnen as George (October to December 1983) Director Ted Craig	Beck Theatre, Hayes Presents
14-19 Nov 1983	THE EXORCISM By Don Taylor Incl; Norman Eshley as Dan Doug Fisher as Edmund Vivien Heilbron as Margaret Kate O'Mara (Triangle / Dr Who / Howards Way) as Rachael Director Don Taylor Designer Harry Banks Lighting John Sippitt Producers June Peek and Roger Peek Company Stage Manager Jonathan Sharp Deputy Stage Manager Michael Boothe Assistant Stage Manager Deborah Hann Set Construction Larry Nolan Set Painter Harry Banks Production Photographs Hatherley Colour	Tumblehurst Ltd
5 -10 Dec 1983 (Check Year)	PIAF by Pam Gem Incl; Adrienne Posta as Piaf	Unknown
9 Dec 1983/4	ALADDIN Incl; The Bachelors Lyn Paul as Aladdin	Unknown

1984 THEATRE ROYAL

1984 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
 1984 SLEEPING BEAUTY (Northern Ballet)
 1984 THE VAGABOND KING
 12- 17 Mar 1984 THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE Portman Theatrical
 By Frank Marcus Productions
 Incl; Elizabeth Romilly as Alice 'Childie' McNaught
Avril Angers (Comic Actress / Coronation St) as June Buckridge
Zara Nutley (Mind Your Language / Never the Twain)
 as Madame Xenia
 Gwen Cherrell as Mercy Croft
 Director Roger Redfarn
 Designer Martin Johns
 Presented by Walter Jokel
 1984 CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD
 1984 RUN FOR YOUR WIFE
 1984 THE **KEN DODD** SHOW
 1984 BILLY LIAR
 23 – 28 Apr 1984 STEAMING Newpalm Productions
 By Neil Dunn
 Incl; Terry Duggan as Bill
Anna Karen (On the Busses) as Dawn
 Valerie Pfeiffer as Jane
 Eve Bland as Josie
Clare Kelly (TV and Film Actress) as Mrs Meadows
 Penelope Horner as Nancy
 Maggie Flint as Violet
 Helen Gill as Nancy (Replacement 29 May 1984)
 Joan Linder as Mrs Meadows (Replacement 1 Oct 1984)
 Director Roger Smith
 Designer Jenny Tiramani
 Lighting Lawrence Doyle
 Production Manager Geoff Weatley
 Wardrobe Supervisor as Alison Scott
 Company Stage Manager Hilary Clulow
 Assistant Stage Manager David Taggart
 Deputy Stage Manager Gina Malcolm
 Wardrobe Assistant Sarah Riches
 7- 12 May 1984 THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
 (1 of 3) By Richard O'Brien with Richard O'Brien
 Incl; Brad 1 Stephen Fischer (Stephen Fischer)
 Brad 2 Christopher Marlowe
 Columbia 1 Lorraine Porter
 Columbia 2 Alison Ruffelle
 Columbia 3 Rebecca Vere
 Eddie / Dr Scott 1 Jeff Pirie
 Eddie / Dr Scott 2 Nicholas Pound
 Frank-n-Furter Jeffery Longmore
 Janet 1 Julia Howson
 Janet 2 Grainne Reniham
 Janet 3 Sally Ann Triplett
 Magenta / Usherette 1 Caroline Reed
 Magenta / Usherette 2 Elisa Tebith
 Narrator 1 Peter Biddle
 Narrator 2 Vivyan Ellacot
 Phantom 1 Mark Bajer

Phantom 2 Shaun Doherty
 Phantom 3 Andrew Ryan
 Riff Raff 1 Christopher Channing
 Riff Raff 2 Paul Kerryson
 Riff Raff 3 Matthew Ryan
 Rocky Horror 1 Stephen J Dean
 Rocky Horror 2 Tony Dowding
 Costume Designer Sue Blane
 Set Designer Brian Thompson
 1984 AN EVENING OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN
 1984 STRIPPERS
 14- 19 May 1984 SOUND OF MURDER Malcolm Knight Presents
 By William Fairchild
 Incl; Garfield Morgan (The Sweeney) as Charles Norbury
 Carolyn Jones (Crossroads) as Anne Norbury
 Edward Arthur as Peter Merriott
 Lyn Langridge as Miss Forbes
 Dan Caulfield as Inspector Davidson
 Jeremy Smith as Police Constable Nash
 Directed by Garfield Morgan
 3- 8 Sept 1984 ONCE A CATHOLIC Theatre Royal Hanley PLC
 (1st performed at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham on the 7 September 1984)
 Incl; **Fenella Fielding**
Leslie Randall
 Veronica Doran
 Tom Price
Mike Kinsey (It Ain't Half Hot Mum)
 Simon Barry
 Louise McKenna
 Venessa Pett
 Tessa Wood
 Julia Howson
 Lorraine Porter
 Producer Paul Bernard
 Director Brian Howard
 1984 ZIGGER ZAGGER
 14- 19 May 1984 THE SOUND OF MURDER Malcolm Knight Presents
 By William Fairchild
 Incl; **Garfield Morgan** (The Sweeney) as Charles Norbury
Caroline Jones as Anne Norbury
 Edward Arthur as Peter Merriott
 Lyn Langridge as Miss Forbes
 Dan Caulfield as Inspector Davidson
 Jeremy Smith as Police Constable
 3- 8 Sept 1984 THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG Theatre Royal PLC
 (1st performed at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham on the 7 September 1984)
 Book by Neil Simon
 Music by Marvin Hamlisch
 Lyrics by Carol Bayer Sager
 Incl; Barry Quin
 Peta Toppano
 Louise McKenna
 Tessa Wood
 Shaun Doherty
 Graham Caws
 Musical Director Malcolm Sircom
 Produced by Paul Bernard
 Choreographer Rota Henderson

Lighting Curtis Fredricks

27 Sept –
6 Oct 1984
(2 of 3)

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

By Richard O'Brien

Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
with Richard O'Brien

Incl; Brad 1 Stephen Fischer (Stepen Fischer)
Brad 2 Christopher Marlowe
Columbia 1 Lorraine Porter
Columbia 2 Alison Ruffelle
Columbia 3 Rebecca Vere
Eddie / Dr Scott 1 Jeff Pirie
Eddie / Dr Scott 2 Nicholas Pound
Frank-n-Furter Jeffery Longmore
Janet 1 Julia Howson
Janet 2 Grainne Reniham
Janet 3 Sally Ann Triplett
Magenta / Usherette 1 Caroline Reed
Magenta / Usherette 2 Elisa Tebith
Narrator 1 Peter Biddle
Narrator 2 Vivyan Ellacot
Phantom 1 Mark Bajer
Phantom 2 Shaun Doherty
Phantom 3 Andrew Ryan
Riff Raff 1 Christopher Channing
Riff Raff 2 Paul Kerryson
Riff Raff 3 Matthew Ryan
Rocky Horror 1 Stephen J Dean
Rocky Horror 2 Tony Dowding
Costume Designer Sue Blane
Set Designer Brian Thompson

29 Oct –
3 Nov 1984
(Possibly Morning)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Unknown

2-3 Nov 1984
(3 of 3)
(Evening)

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

By Richard O'Brien

Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
with Richard O'Brien

Incl; Brad 1 Stephen Fischer (Stepen Fischer)
Brad 2 Christopher Marlowe
Columbia 1 Lorraine Porter
Columbia 2 Alison Ruffelle
Columbia 3 Rebecca Vere
Eddie / Dr Scott 1 Jeff Pirie
Eddie / Dr Scott 2 Nicholas Pound
Frank-n-Furter Jeffery Longmore
Janet 1 Julia Howson
Janet 2 Grainne Reniham
Janet 3 Sally Ann Triplett
Magenta / Usherette 1 Caroline Reed
Magenta / Usherette 2 Elisa Tebith
Narrator 1 Peter Biddle
Narrator 2 Vivyan Ellacot
Phantom 1 Mark Bajer
Phantom 2 Shaun Doherty
Phantom 3 Andrew Ryan
Riff Raff 1 Christopher Channing
Riff Raff 2 Paul Kerryson
Riff Raff 3 Matthew Ryan
Rocky Horror 1 Stephen J Dean
Rocky Horror 2 Tony Dowding
Costume Designer Sue Blane
Set Designer Brian Thompson

5 – 10 Nov 1984 EDUCATING RITA Channel Theatre Co
 By Willie Russell
 Incl; **Norman Bowler (Softly Softly)**
Joanne Good (Crossroads)

19 –23 Nov 1984 WIND IN THE WILLOWS

1984 ROSE ROYCE IN CONCERT
 1984 A NIGHT OF THE SWINGING SIXTIES (concert)
 1984 **THE DRIFTERS** in concert
 1984 **LEO SAYER** in concert
 1984 SCREAMLINE

SCREAMLINE

Started in 1934 at the Queen's Theatre Burslem and was there in the 1960's and 1970's when the Theatre Royal was a Bingo Hall.

22 Dec –
 2 Feb 1985 CINDERELLA Paul Bernard Presents /
 By Bryan Blackburn Theatre Royal PLC
 Incl; **Lewis Collins** as Dandini
Clodagh Rodgers as Cinderella
 Robert Young as Prince Charming
Paul Squire as Buttons
 Roy Alvis and Danny Odell as the Ugly Sisters
 The Cox and Mills Twins
 Eve Ferret
 Second Generation

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1985 THEATRE ROYAL

CHAIRMAN	Charles Deacon
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	Neil Bradley
MANAGING DIRECTOR	Paul Barnard
DIRECTORS	Anthony Capper, Graham Fairweather, Alan Fox, Christopher Johnson.
COMPANY SECRETARY AND ACCOUNTS	John E Jones

THEATRE ROYAL STAFF

THEATRE DIRECTOR	Paul Barnard
GENERAL MANAGER	John E Jones
PUBLICITY / PROMOTION	Patricia Seeto
STAGE MANAGER	Tbc
CHIEF ELECTRICIAN / SOUND	Brian Beech

HON. FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER	Christopher Tatton
FRONT OF HOUSE SUPERVISOR / CASHIER	Eileen Edwards
BOX OFFICE NUMBER 1	Lee Carroll
BAR MANAGER	Derrick Millington
JOINT LICENSEES	Christopher Tatton, John E Jones.

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4- 8 Mar 1985 WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED? Malcolm Knight Presents
 By Tony Clayton
 Incl; **Trevor Bannister (Are you Being Served)**
 Richard Coleman
Ann Hamilton
 Suzanna Grant
 Beau Daniels
 Miranda Marshall

11- 17 Mar 1985 THE GHOST TRAIN Walter Jokel /

	By Arnold Ridley Incl; Fenella Fielding (Carry On) Nyree Dawn Porter David Janson Mark Wynter (Singer) Stephen Lewis (On the Busses) Peter Byrne (Z Cars)	Portman Theatrical Productions
22- 27 Apr 1985	SUMMER SONG Music by Anton Dvorak Book by Hy Kraft and Eric Maschwitz Lyrics by Eric Maschwitz	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
29 Apr – 4 May 1985	WHY NOT STAY FOR BREAKFAST By Ray Cooney Incl; John Inman (Are you Being Served) Amanda Bairstow	Paul Elliott Presents
6- 11 May 1985	THE NERD Incl; Michael J Jackson Julia Deakin Marc Smith Peter Schofield Anna Cropper Jason Grimwood Gary Simmonds Jasper Carrott (Comedian)	Unknown
13- 18 May 1985 (Evening)	ALFIE Inc; Christopher Blake Jennifer Wilson Carolyn Jones	Unknown
14- 18 May 1985 (Morning and Afternoons)	WIZARD OF OZ	Unknown
20- 25 May 1985	SNOOPY – THE MUSICAL	Unknown
10-15 May 1985	DEADLOCK (Thriller) By Leslie Sands Incl; Hildegard Neil Nicholas Smith (Are You Being Served)	Unknown
10- 15 June 1985	DEADLOCK By Leslie Sands Incl; David Plaut as Camille Desmond Jordan as Grivet Jack Carr as Laurent Hazel Douglas as Madame Racquin Nicholas Smith (Are you Being Served) as Michaud Hildegard Neil (Cleopatra / Married to Brian Blessed) as Therese Director Knight Mantell Lighting Peter Hunter Set designed by Rodger Ranson Sound Chris McLean Costume Supervisor Nicola Craven Press Rep Susan Stone	Lyceum Productions Ltd
12- 17 Aug 1985	MY FAT FRIEND By Charles Lawrence Incl; Melvyn Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Man) as Henry Simon Wallis as James Mark Bond as Tom Lauren Ford as Vicky Director Alan Meadows	D. G. M. Theatre Productions (David Graham)
23- 28 Sept 1985	FUNNY PECULIAR By Mike Stott Incl; David Hobbs as Desmond Ainsley Niven Boyd as Eric Smith	Bill Kenwright Presents

Heather Williams as Irene Tinsley
Margaret Wedlake as Mrs Baldry
Jonathan Nibbs as Rev A.J. Thwaite / Shane Pritchard
Nick Burnell as Sir Harry Asquith
Luan Peters as Shirley Smith
Brendan Murray as Stanley Baldry
Rob Heyland (BBC TV One by One) as Trevor Tinsley

Director Bob Tomson
Designer Kate Robertson
Lighting Stanley Osborne-White
Producer Bill Kenwright

The role of Trevor was originally advertised as being played by Nicholas Lyndhurst

30 Sept –
5 Oct 1985

JANE EYRE

Charles Vance Presents

Adapted by Charles Vance

Incl; Tessa Hatts as Adele Varens
Sarah Myburgh as Blanche Ingram / Bertha
Petrina Derrington as Blanche Ingram / Bertha (Replacement)
Kay Woodman as Grace Poole
Tessa Wyatt (Robin's Nest) as Jane Eyre
Michael Tracy as John
Jessica Carney as Leah
Eileen Anson as Mrs Fairfax
John Yeates as Reverend Wood
Colin Stepney as Richard Mason
Bill Simpson (Dr Finlay's Casebook on BBC TV) as Rochester
Dermot Walsh (RANK Film actor) as Rochester (Replacement)

Director / Producer Charles Vance
Designer Michael Pollard
Lighting Design David Howard
Stage Director / Company Manager Richard Rawson
Assistant Stage Managers Jessica Carney and Michael Tracy
Deputy Stage Manager Theresa Robertson

1986 THEATRE ROYAL
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17- 22 Mar 1986

THE ANASTASIA FILE

Derby Playhouse and
North Bank Productions

By Royce Ryton

Incl; Colin Bennett as Unknown
Angela Down (Take Three Girls) as Unknown
William Marlowe as Unknown
**Judy Wilson (Mrs Greenlaw, the housekeeper in
BBC's All Creatures Great and Small)** as Unknown

Director Chris Hayes
Designer Belinda Ackermann

19- 24 May 1986

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME

Permutt-Hudley Productions

By Patrick Cargill

Incl; **Patrick Cargill (Father Dear Father)** as Charles Fleming
Victoria Horton as Jane
Laurie Allen as Jayne
Margaret Ashcroft as Margery Fleming
William Lucas as Robert Fleming
Henry McGee (Benny Hill) as Charles Fleming (Replacement July 1986)

Director Patrick Cargill
Designer John Page
Lighting Neil Goodwin

	Production Executive Anthony Blackburn Company Stage Manager Patie Rosser Assistant Stage Manager Camila Evans Assistant Stage Manager Roger Weightman	
28- 30 Aug 1986	ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW By Richard O'Brien Produced by Paul Barnard (2 nd Great Year of UK Tour)	Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
15- 20 Sept 1986	SUPERTEED (Based on the BBC Series) Incl; Melvin Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum) as Skeleton Victor Spinetti (Actor) as Texas Pete Terry John-Wood as Superted Madeline Bell (Singer) as Queen of the Spooks Wendy Padbury (Dr Who) as Blotch	Unknown
29 Sept - 4 Oct 1986	JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice	Bill Kenwright Presents
6- 11 Oct 1986	LEAVE HIM TO HEAVEN (Rock 'n' Roll Musical) By Ken Lee Incl; Jess Conrad	Malcolm Knight Presents
13- 18 Oct 1986	GUILTY CONSCIENCE By Richard Levinson and William Link (Columbo) Incl; William Franklyn Carol Cleveland Steffanie Pitt Darren Nesbitt	Bill Kenwright Presents
20-25 Oct 21986	THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER By C S Lewis (Adapted by Glyn Robbins)	Vanessa Ford Productions
2 Nov 1986	GARY WILMOT	Unknown
3 Nov 1986	LEO SAYER in Concert	Unknown
4 Nov 1986	KELLY MONTEITH (Comedian)	Unknown
5-7 Nov 1986	FUR COAT AND NO KNICKERS by Mike Harding	Studio One Presents
8 Nov 1986	OPEN DAY (Behind the scenes)	
9 Nov 1986	VAL DOONICAN SHOW Incl; Peter Hudson Roger Richards and his Music	Unknown
10-15 Nov 1986	DANDY DICK Incl; Anthony Quayle Margaret Courtenay Annette Badland (Bergerac / Midsommer Murders / Dr Who) Edward Jewesbury William Squire Derek Crewe Gabrielle Glaister Robert Mill Nigel Nobes Kevin Quarmby Janet Spencer-Turner	Compass Presents
17-22 Nov 1986	THE MUPPET SHOW	Jim Henson and BCC
29 Nov - 6 Dec 1986	SCREAMLINE (Gang Show)	
18 Dec - 17 Jan 1987	MOTHER GOOSE by Roy Patrick Incl; Ken Dodd as Billy Goose Jacquie Towe as Colin Billy Whittaker as Mother Goose	Paul Barnard Presents

Barbara Newman as Priscilla the Goose
George Reibbitt as The Squire
Mimi Law as the Witch
Sybie Jones as the Good Fairy
Nuala O’Sullivan as Jill
Digby Taylor (Signal Radio) as King of Gooseland
Pat Dennison as Queen of Gooseland
Chris Covington as Chief Yobo
Howard Grace as Gargantua
Diddymen (Russell Leite Theatre School, Manchester)
Second Generation (Dancers)
DANCERS – Pat Dennison, Andrea Armstrong, Elaine Dove,
Eve Dove, Serena Horden, Charles Keel,
Guy Millward, Jonathan Crabtree

MUSICIANS
Brian Fitzgerald (Musical Director)
Kenny Adams (Percussion)
Stan Clarke (Keyboards)
John Ditchfield (Bass)
Peter Roof (Saxophone)
Ian Royle (Trumpet) (Millionaires / New Squadronaires)

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25 Jan 1987	FAIRPORT CONVENTION in Concert	Unknown
26- 31 Jan 1987	ANNIE Book by Thomas Meechan Music by Charles Strouse Lyrics by Martin Charnin	Mervyn Conn Presents
2- 7 Feb 1987	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF Book by Joseph Stein Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick Music by Jerry Beck Cast included a Young Robbie Williams as the Fiddler	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
9- 14 Feb 1987	SWEENEY TODD Adapted by Roger Tolliday	Alan Clements Presents
16 – 21 Feb 1987	ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW By Richard O’Brien Produced by Paul Barnard	Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
2 – 7 Mar 1987	THE HOBBIT Story by J.R.R. Tolkien Adapted by Rony Robinson and Graham Watkins Music by Stephanie Nunn Incl; Malcolm Dixon (Star Wars / Time Bandits) as Bilbo Baggins Dudley Long as Gandalf Peter Wiggis as Bifur Kim Joyce as Bombur James Powell as Thorin Oakenshield Philip Foster as Elrond Anita Danielle as Gollum Robert Neil Kingham as Beorn Steve Edison as Beorn the Bear Peter Gallagher as Elf King Anita Danielle as Great Goblin Robert Neil Kingham as Bard Anita Danielle as Goblin Woman Howard Grace as Tom the Troll	Theatre Royal Hanley Presents

Philip Foster as Bill the Troll
 Steve Edison as Bert the Troll
 Philip Foster as Man
 Anita Danielle as Dwarf Messenger
 Peter Foster, Howard Grace, Peter Gallagher, Mark Bond, Steve Edison
 as Smaug Operators
 Howard Grace as Thrush Operator
 Philip Foster as Raven Operator
 Howard Grace and Philip Foster as Spiders
 Steve Edison, Peter Gallagher, Philip Foster, Anita Danielle as Elves
 Dudley Long as Narrator
 Russell Leite Theatre School, Manchester as Other Parts

MUSICIANS

David Gonella (Percussion)

David Barker (Keyboards)

9 March 1987	KEN DODD "Palace of Laughter" Radio Show was recorded at the theatre produced for BBC Radio 2 by Ron Mc Donnal. The programmes were broadcast in September 1987.	
10 Mar 1987	OLD TYME MUSIC HALL Incl; Billy Stutt Billy 'Uke' Scott	Unknown
11 Mar 1987	STEPHEN MAGUS (Magician / Illusionist)	Unknown
15 Mar 1987	RICHARD DIGANCE in Conversation	Raymond Nedas Presents
16-21 Mar 1987	SUPER GRAN (Based on the ITV Show) By Phil Woods Based on the books by Forrest Wilson	Phil Woods Presents North Bank Leeds Productions
22 Mar 1987	THE DRIFTERS Incl; Ben E King (?) Johnny Moore	Faye Treadwell Presents
24- 28 Mar 1987	ROWAN ATKINSON (Not the Nine O Clock News)	Unknown
29 Mar 1987	THE SPINNERS (Folk Group)	Unknown
31 Mar- 4 Apr 1987	A CHORUS LINE By Michael Bennett Book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante Music by Marvin Hamlisch	Unknown
5 Apr 1987	ROY HUDD GALA CHARITY PERFORMANCE (2 nd Spectacular) (In Aid of Charities – North Staffordshire Hospitals and Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund Incl; Jimmy Cricket (Comedian) Lyn Paul (Singer) The Great Suprendo (Magician) Robert Earl (Singer) Paul Shane (Hi Di Hi / Comedian) Bert Weedon (Guitar Player) Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society Ray Cornell's Dreamgirls Don Shearman and His Orchestra Victoria Wood was in the Audience to see her husband "The Great Suprendo")	Roy Hudd
12 Apr 1987	DUNCAN NORVELL (Comedian / Impressionist)	Unknown
13- 18 Apr 1987	HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE	Natural Theatre Company of Bath Presents
19 Apr 1987	RAYMOND FROGGATT (Folk Singer)	Unknown
20- 25 Apr 1987	DAISY PULLS IT OFF	Unknown
26 Apr 1987	THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES North Staffs Music Hall Association With the Black Watch Association Pipe Band	North Staffs Music Hall Ass
2 May 1987?	CRYSTAL GAYLE	Ritz Productions
3 May 1987	CANNON AND BALL (Comedy Duo)	Unknown

11- 16 May 1987	HOME IS WHERE YOUR CLOTHES ARE By Anthony Marriott and Bob Grant Incl; Philip Madoc Heather Chasen Carolyn Jones McDonald Hobley James Aidan Richard Ratcliffe Lyndsey Richardson Nikki Critcher	David Tudor for Mayville Prod
21 May 1987	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
22 May 1987	PETERS AND LEE (Opportunity Knocks)	Unknown
24 May 1987	PETER SKELLERN (Singer) With the Little Big Band	Unknown
1- 6 June 1987	THE MONKEY WALK By John Murray Incl; Ross Davidson (Eastenders) Shirley Cheriton (Eastenders)	Perry Milsom Productions
23 Aug 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
30 Aug 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
6 Sept 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
7 -12 Sept 1987	BOUNCERS By John Godber	Hull Truck / John Godber Presents
13 Sept 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
15 Sept 1987	THE JIM BOWEN BULLSEYE SHOW	Unknown
16 Sept 1987	DAVID YOUNG (Psychic)	Unknown
17 Sept 1987	BROADWAY SALUTES	Unknown
18 Sept 1987	THE THREE DEGREES	Unknown
19 Sept 1987	INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR WRESTLING	Unknown
27 Sept 1987	COPY CATS (LWT Television Show) Incl; Allan Stewart Aiden J Harvey Hilary O' Neil Andrew O'Connor Mike Osman	Unknown
28-29 Sept 1987	THE DANCERS COMPANY	Unknown
1 Oct 1987	DAVID ESSEX	Unknown
2 Oct 1987	DANNY LA RUE (Entertainer)	Brian Shaw Management / D.L.R. Enterprises Ltd
3 Oct 1987 (Day)	A PSYCHIC FESTIVAL	Unknown
3 Oct 1987 (8pm)	SPIRITS IN CONCERT Incl; Olive Giles Rita Taylor Eileen Roberts	Unknown
6 Oct 1987	TOM O'CONNOR (Comedian)	Unknown
7 Oct 1987	OLD TYME MUSIC HALL Incl; Billy Stutt (Comedian)	Unknown
8 Oct 1987	INTERNATIONAL STAR WRESTLING	Unknown
9 Oct 1987	BOBBY VEE (Rubber ball) And BRYAN HYLAND (Sealed with a Kiss)	Unknown
10 Oct 1987	THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS (Folk Group)	Unknown
11 Oct 1987	MASSED BAND CONCERT Incl; The Pegasus and Falklands Band of the Parachute Regiment	Unknown
12-16 Oct 1987	THE SOOTY WILD WEST SHOW With Sweep, Sue etc. Incl; Matthew Corbett	Matthew Corbett Presents

16 Oct 1987 (Eve)	JOHN MANN (Organist)	Unknown
18 Oct 1987	ROSSER AND DAVIES (Opportunity Knocks Winners / Pianists)	Unknown
19- 24 Oct 1987	FUNNY PECULIAR	North Bank Productions
	By Mike Stott	
	Incl; Peter Duncan (Blue Peter) as Trevor	
	Linda Lucardi (Model / Page 3) as Shirley	
	Jaqueline Beaty as Irene	
	Mike Burnside as Reverend Thwaite	
	Ron Davies as Sergeant Asquith	
	Tessa Worsley as Mrs Baldry	
	Scott Bennett as Stanley Baldry	
	Tom Lambert as Eric	
	Mike Burnside as Desmond	
	Director Stewart Trotter	
	Designer John McMurray	
	Executive Producer Chris Hayes	
	Lighting Designer John Lonergan	
	Production Assistant Paule Constable	
	Assistant Stage Manager Julie Kinsella	
	Assistant Stage Manager Tom Lambert	
	Company Stage Manager John Lonergan	
	Deputy Stage Manager Penelope Johnson	
	General Manager Jon Bromwich	
	PA to the producers Amanda Nock	
	Wardrobe Supervisor Marina Montaut-Mason	
	The Tour had Jilly Johnson as Shirley at some theatres / Linda Lucardi was at Hanley.	
25 Oct 1987	THE CRYSTALS (Then he Kissed me)	Barry Collings Enterprises
	With George McCrae (Rock Your Baby)	
28- 31 Oct 1987	ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST	Studio One Productions
2- 7 Nov 1987	THE BOYFRIEND	Unknown
	By Sandy Wilson	
9 Nov 1987	JOHNNY LOGAN (Eurovision Song Contest Winner)	Unknown
11-14 Nov 1987	PALACE OF VARIETY	Proscenium Theatre Presents
	Incl; Old Mother Riley / Roy Roland (Original Stand in)	
	Bruce James	
	Alan Terry	
	Helen Scales	
	Jonathan Marshall	
	Nigel Blatcher	
	Miss Ellen Farrow	
	Alexander Bridge (Chairman / Devised and Directed by)	
16- 21 Nov 1987	GYPSY BARON (Musical)	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society Presents
23 –28 Nov 1987	THE ACTOR THE JESTER AND THE RAVEN NEXT DOOR	Unknown
	By	
26-27 Nov (2.30pm)	BUTTON MOON – TINA'S SURPRISE	Unknown
30 Nov 1987	AN EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP with JAMES BTRNE	Unknown
4 Dec 1987	LIBERTY MONTEN - ELVIS SHOW	Unknown
5 Dec 1987	INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR WRESTLING	Unknown
13 Dec 1987	HALE AND PACE (Comedians)	Unknown
15 Dec 1987	BRENDON SHINE (Singer)	Unknown
17 Dec -		
16 Jan 1988	JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	Charles Deacon Presents
	by Mike Goddard	
	Incl; Alvin Stardust as Jack	
	Freddie Garrity as Simple Simon	
	and the Dreamers	
	Linda Davidson as Jill	
	Ken Platt as King Kenny	
	Terry Hall and Lenny the Lion	

Peter Thorne as Dame Durden
 Digby Taylor (Signal Radio)
 The Second Generation
 The Hanley Babes

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1988 THEATRE ROYAL

ADMISTRATOR	Brian Pridmore
GENERAL MANAGER	John E Jones
PUBLICITY / PARTY BOOKINGS	Patricia Seeto
STAGE MANAGER	John Ankers
CHIEF ELECTRICIAN / SOUND	Brian Beech
HON. FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER	Christopher Tatton
FRONT OF HOUSE SUPERVISOR / CASHIER	Eileen Edwards
BOX OFFICE NUMBER 1	Lee Carroll
BAR MANAGER	Glyn F Lester
JOINT LICENSEES Brian Pridmore, Christopher Tatton, John E Jones.	

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31 Jan 1988	GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS With THE SEARCHERS And PETER SARSTEDT	Flying Music Presents
23- 27 Feb 1988	MICKY'S VARIETY PARADE Incl; Pelham Puppets (Micky Mouse, Bimbo, Donald Duck, Goofy, Minnie Mouse, Archie, Bertie, Claude, Pinocchio and the Seven Dwarfs) Bruce James as Micky Muffler	The Proscenium Theatre Co
8 Mar 1988	THE TREMELOES (Pop Group Silence is Golden) Unknown With MUD ("Tiger Feet")	
10-11 Mar 1988	TURKISH STATE FOLK DANCE COMPANY	Unknown
12 Mar 1988	BOOK FAIR (Book Sale)	Unknown
12 Mar 1988	DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHTS By Oscar Wilde Incl; Donald Sinden (Never the Twain)	Unknown
13 Mar 1988	THE SPINNERS (Farewell Concert) With Count John McCormack (Bass) "Final Fling" Concert	Apollo Leisure Presents
14-19 Mar 1988	BREEZEBLOCK PARK By Willie Russell Incl; Nick Conway (Billy from Bread) Jean Fergusson (Martina from Last of the Summer Wine) Anthony Morton (Crossroads) Andrew Charleson (No Place Like Home) Veronica Doran (Marion from Coronation Street) Diane Whitley Raymond Cross Carleen Ann Lundon Colin Meredith	Unknown
20 Mar 1988	AN EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE Incl; Astra (Medium) Ruby Silk (Psychic) Eddie Burke (Hilarious Comedy Hypnotist)	Unknown
22 Mar 1988	DUNCAN NORVELL (Comedian / Impressionist)	Unknown
24 Mar 1988	SALUTE THE SUPREMES SHOW Incl; Beverly Andrews The Downtown Dancers New Yorker Band	Unknown
25 Mar 1988	MAIN EVENT (Local Band Live on Stage)	Unknown
26- 27 Mar 1988	NORTH STAFFS MUSIC HALL PRESENTS "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"	North Staffs Music Hall

31 Mar – 2 Apr 1988	PAGE THREE GIRLS (Includes Nudity) Incl; Ken Platt (Comedian) Debbie Linden (Page 3 Girl / Actress) Alex Flashman Page Three Girls	Reg Bradbury Presents Alternative Plays Presents
5 – 9 Apr 1988	Pic and Feature 31 Mar AD News Page 2 (Scouts Stopped from rehearsing) HIGH AND WIDE Longton Gang Show Pic and Feature 31 Mar AD News Page 2 (Scouts Stopped from rehearsing)	Longton Scouts
10 Apr 1988	MARK SHAKESPEARE in Concert (Electronic Organ demonstration)	Unknown
11- 16 Apr 1988	BRIEF ENCOUNTER (1 st Time on Stage) Based on the Noel Coward written film.	Unknown
18- 23 Apr 1988	CAMELOT (Musical) By	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
24 Apr 1988	ROY HUDD VARIETY SHOW With All Star Cast (In Aid of Charities – North Staffordshire Hospitals and Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund Incl; Russ Conway Julie Rogers Cosmotheke Larry Grayson The Audley and District Male Voice Choir Debs Delights Denny Hodge Don Shearman and His Orchestra	Unknown
26 –30 Apr 1988	CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY Based on the stories by Roald Dahl Adapted by Jeremy Raison Music and Lyrics by Christopher Reason	Armad Gerrard Presents
2-7 May 1988?	ALPHABETICAL ORDER By Michael Frayn Incl; Charlie Drake Maurice Kaufmann Roy North (Basil Brush Show) Robert Grange Lesley North Tammy Ustinov Pamela Vezey	Robert Kennedy and Lee Dean
11 May 1988	JIM DAVIDSON SHOW	Jim Davidson Presents
14 May 1988	An Evening of NEW AGE MUSIC Incl; Claire Hamill and the Voices John Themis Stephen Caudel	Flying Music Presents
17- 21 May 1988	IN ONE BED AND OUT THE OTHER By Jean De Letraz English Version by Mawby Green and Ed Feilbert Incl; Jilly Johnson (Page 3 Model) as Huguette Dubois Melvin Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum) as Maurice Jill Bridges as Aunt Alice Clare David as Clara Nick Sampson as Didier Roger Forbes as Gaston Dubois Kate Buckley as Rosine Director Geoff Bullen Costumes Marina Montaut-Mason Designer Mike Taylor	North Bank Productions

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This is a production of the play In One Bed ... and Out the Other (by Jean de Letraz, Ed Feilbert, and Mawby Green) by North Bank Productions, at Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne (9th – 14th May 1988), **Theatre Royal, Hanley (17th – 21st May 1988)**, Forum Theatre, Billingham (30th May – 4th June 1988), Beck Theatre, Hayes (13th – 18th June 1988), Guild Hall, Preston (20th – 25th June 1988), Theatre Royal, Lincoln (27th June – 2nd July 1988), Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury (4th – 9th July 1988), Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham (now The Alexandra) (11th – 16th July 1988), Grand Theatre, Swansea (18th – 23rd July 1988), and Key Theatre, Peterborough (25th – 30th July 1988).

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23- 28 May 1988 GODSPELL (Musical)

Freeshooter Productions

Conceived by John-Michael Tebelak

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Incl; **Alvin Stardust** (70's Pop Star)

BERT RIGBY YOU'RE A FOOL

In 1988 Carl Reiner the famous American film producer made a film in Stoke on Trent called "Bert Rigby You're a Fool" starring Robert Lindsay in the title role. The film was based on the story of a young dancer who wants to find fame and restore his old theatre into a variety theatre. The Theatre Royal doubled as the exterior of the building and filming took place over two days (2 June and ## 1988). The film was also directed by Carl Reiner and assisted by Marty Ewing.

2 June 1988

FILMING OF BERT RIGBY YOU'RE A FOOL

2nd day with the theatre in ruins.



(Filming Set © Stewart Green)

5 June 1988

THE DRIFTERS (Pop Group)

Faye Treadwell Presents

7 – 11 June 1988

WINNIE THE POO

Vanessa Ford Productions

Based on the books by A A Milne

Adapted by Chris Robbins

13 -18 June 1988

FUNNY PECULIAR (Adults Only)

North Bank Productions

By Mike Stott

Incl; **Nigel Pivaro** (Terry Duckworth in Coronation Street) as Trevor

Paula-Ann Bland (Grange Hill) as Shirley

Heather Williams as Irene

Mike Burnside as Reverend Thwaite / Desmond

Scott Bennett as Stanley Baldry (Actor also known as Steve Bennett)

Jo Manning Wilson as Mrs Baldry

Richard Avery as Unknown

Andrew Rushton as Unknown

Director John McMurray

	Designer Stewart Trotter	
	The Tour also included Peter Duncan as Trevor (Above cast at Hanley)	
20 June 1988	SOLID SILVER SIXTIES SHOW	Flying Music Presents
	Incl; Del Shannon Gerry and the Pacemakers Marmalade	
21- 24 June 1988	TOMMY BOY	Malvern Festival Theatre and Ken Wood Presents
	By Ted Willis	
	Incl; Peter Howitt (Bread) George Sewell (UFO) Louise English	
11- 16 July 1988	PETER PAN	Purves Puppets Presents
	By Purves Puppets	
23 July 1988	THE CARE BEAR SHOW (Live on Stage)	Unknown
1- 6 Aug 1988	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (Farewell Tour)	Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
	Incl; Mark Turnbull as Dr Frank-n-Furter (A Scientist) Craig Deegan as Brad majors (A Hero) Sue Cotter as Janet Weiss (A Heroine) Paul Critchlow as Riff Raff (A Handyman) David Ian as Rocky Horror (A Creation) Julie Fix as Usherette / Magenta (A Domestic) Lorinda King as Columbia (A Groupie) Paul Cottinham as Eddie (An Ex Delivery Boy) Roger John-Lee as Dr Everett V. Scott (A Rival Scientist) Marc Seymour as Narrator (An Expert Criminologist) Phillipa Blake as a Transylvanian Ghoul Cast as Transylvanian Ghouls	
	BAND OF MUSICIANS	
	Malcolm Sircom as Musical Director / Keyboards	
	Ken Newton as Drums	
	Cyril Newton as Bass	
	Les Beavers as Guitar	
	Alan Miller as Saxophone	
5 Aug 1988	ROCKY HORROR FAREWELL PARTY 11pm	Theatre Royal Hanley
14 Aug 1988	MAIN EVENT (Local Band Live on Stage)	Unknown
20 Aug 1988	HANLEY BOOK FAIR (Book Sale)	Unknown
22-27 Aug 1988	THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST / HILDA	Genius Productions
	Based on the Play by Oscar Wilde	
	Incl; Hinge and Bracket Philip Goodhew as Algernon Moncrieff Cubby Oakes as Lane (A Manservant) Simon Coates as John Worthing JP Dame Hilda Brackett as Lady Bracknell Judy Clifton as Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax Dr Evadne Hinge as Miss Prism Catherine McQueen as Cecily Cardew Derek Beard as Rev. Canon Chasuble Chubby Oates as Merriman (A Butler)	
5-10 Sept 1988	BE BOP A LULA (60's Tribute)	Unknown
	By Bill Morrison	
10 Sept 1988 (2.30pm)	THE WACKY WIZARD SHOW	Unknown
	Incl; Jack Pervis and John Brett	
12- 17 Sept 1988	HAVING A BALL	Unknown
	By Alan Bleasdale (Adults Only)	
19-24 Sept 1988	WHO GOES BARE	Nick Thomas and Jon Conway
	By Richard Harris and Leslie Darbon	
	Incl; Linda Lucardi (Page 3 Girl)	

	Trevor Bannister (Are you Being Served) Melvin Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum) Anna Karen (On the Busses) Brian Cant (Playschool) Terry Duggan Laurel Ford Betty Benfield Peter Slade James Saw	
25 Sept 1988	AN EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE Incl; Ruby Silk Eddie Burke	Unknown
30 Sept 1988	HOUGHTON WEAVERS	Unknown
1 Oct 1988	FRANKIE VAUGHAN in Concert with THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA	Unknown
2 Oct 1988	BBC RADIO STOKE PRESENTS "ALL ABOUT IVOR The Story of Ivor Novello	BBC Radio Stoke
3-5 Oct 1988	THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE Based on the book by C.S. Lewis	Vanessa Ford Productions
6-8 Oct 1988	THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW Based on the book by C.S. Lewis	Vanessa Ford Productions
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	ADVERTISED WRONGLY in the Listings.	
6-8 Oct 1988	THE MAGICIAN'S APPRENTICE Based on the book by Roald Dahl	Unknown
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9 Oct 1988	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa) With ROSSER AND DAVIES (Opportunity Knocks	Flying Music / Signal Radio Winners / Pianists) Presents
10- 15 Oct 1988	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS Incl; Lorraine Chase (TV Celebrity / Advert)	Unknown
23 Oct 1988	JOHN MANN (Organist)	Unknown
24- 29 Oct 1988	BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE By Leonard Gershe Incl; Peter O'Brien (Shane in Neighbours) Marina Friedman Ursula Smith	Theatre Royal Hanley PLC
31 Oct 1988	BERNARD MANNING (Comedian)	Lions Club of Stoke on Trent
1 Nov 1988	THE YETTIES (Folk Group)	Unknown
2 Nov 1988	DAVID ESSEX in concert	Unknown
4- 5 Nov 1988	THE LEWIS LONDON BALLET COMPANY	Unknown
6 Nov 1988	BBC RADIO STOKE "KNOCKOUT BRASS CHALLENGE"	
7- 12 Nov 1988	THE RELAPSE Incl; Roy Marsden as Lord Foppington Kate O'Mara (Howards Way / Triangle) as Berinthia Peter Adamson (Coronation Street) as Sir Tunbelly Clumsey John Challis (Only Fools and Horses) as Worthy Sabina Franklyn as Amanda (Advertised as Sabrina Franklyn) Michael Thomas as Young Fashion Richard Heffer as Loveless Knight Mantell as Coupler Raymond Mason as Sir John Friendly Peter Leeper as Lory Blair Plant as Syringe Lawrence Good as Bull Robert White as Musician Jane Arden Hoyden Laura Cox as Nurse	British Actors Theatre
14-19 Nov 1988	LADYBIRD By Don Webb	First Theatre Presents

	Incl; Karl Howman (Brushstrokes) as Ray Carter Diane Keen (Doctors) as Jane Tate Kenneth MacDonald (It Ain't Half Hot Mum) as Ronnie Dodd Jimmy Chisholm as Peter Bailey Lynn Turner as Patricia Kent	
	Director Ann Pemberton Designer Peter Hartwell Lighting Dave Horn	
18-19 Nov 1988	PLAYBOARD PUPPETS "HOLIDAY ON BUTTON MOON"	Playboard Puppets
26 Nov –		
3 Dec 1988	SCREAMLINE Shout Gang Show	Scouts Presents
4 Dec 1988	VIENNESE MEMORIES	Operetta for All
	Incl; Angela Jenkins John Noble Jeffrey Cresswell (Tenor) Christopher Cox (Pianist) Brenda Bailey Singers	
15 Dec –		
14 Jan 1989	CINDERELLA	Unknown
	Incl; Frankie Howard (Comedian) as Baron Hardup Anne Aston as Cinderella (Poster) Or Gilly Coman (Aveline in Bread) as Cinderella (Programme list) Scott Fitzgerald as Dandini Aiden J Harvey (Comedian) as Buttons Tony Monopoly as Prince Charming Simon Barry and Alan Vicars as Ugly Sisters Kerry Wilson (Local Impressionist) Paul Critchlow Craig Deegan Digby Taylor (Signal Radio) The Hanley Babes Pavlov's Fabulous Puppets	

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27 Feb –		
4 Mar 1989	THE HOBBIT Based on the Story by J R R Tolkien Adapted by Rony Robinson and Graham Watkins Music by Stephanie Nunn	Upstart Presents a Nottingham Playhouse Prod
12 Mar 1989	SWING INTO SPRING Incl; Vince Hill Tony Christie New Squadronaires	Unknown
13- 18 Mar 1989	POSTMAN PAT ADVENTURES Based on the characters by Ivor Wood Written by John Cunliffe Book and Lyrics by Bryan Daly	Duddley Russell for Laystone Productions
15 Mar 1989 (Eve)	PALACE OF VARIETIES (25 th Anniversary Tour) Incl; Ruby Murray	Unknown
18 Mar 1989	BBC RADIO STOKE 21 st ANNIVERSARY SHOW Incl; David Alexander (Singer)	BBC Radio Stoke
19 Mar 1989	THE WOMBLES SHOW	Unknown
20- 25 Mar 1989	HOBSON'S CHOICE By Harold Brighouse Incl; Bill Maynard (The Gaffer / Later "Heartbeat")	Realised Productions

	Shirley Stelfox Don Crann Jacki Piper	
4- 15 Apr 1989	EVITA Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice Incl; Jacqui Scott as Eva Peron (Evita) Christopher Corcoran as Che Michael Bauer as Peron Adrian Beaumont as Magaldi Tracy Taylor as Peron's Mistress Becky Norman as Eva at certain performances	Robert Stigwood Presents
9 Apr 1989 (Sun)	ROY HUDD VARIETY SHOW Charity Fundraiser organised by the Rotary Club of Newcastle Under Lyme And the Entertainment Artists Benevolent Fund Incl; Paul Daniels (Magician) and Debbie McGee Ray Allan and Lord Charles (Ventriloquist) Gary Lovini (Violinist) Marion Montgomery (Singer) Deb's Delights (Debbie Mc Gee Dancers?) The Simmons Brothers (Comedy Duo) Newcastle Scout Gang Show Son Shearman Orchestra	Unknown
17-22 Apr 1989	SHOWBOAT Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein Music by Jerome Kern	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
24- 29 Apr 1989	NOT WITH A BANG By Mike Harding Incl; Ken Platt	Unknown
2- 6 May 1989	BEDSIDE MANNERS By Derek Benfield Incl; John Inman (Are You Being Served) as Ferris Nikki Kelly (Hi Di Hi) as Sally Georgina Moon as Helen Peter Symonds as Geoff Maurice Thorogood as Roger Director Bill Robertson Designer as Bill Crutcher Lighting Chris Stringer Sound Peter Hunter	Trent Theatre Productions Salisbury Playhouse / Arts Theatre Ltd
6 May 1989 (2.30pm)	RUPERT BEAR AND THE MAGIC CASTLE	Unknown
7 May 1989	JOHN OGDEN AND BRENDA OGDEN (Classical Pianists)	Unknown
12 May 1989	CHAS 'N' DAVE	Unknown
13 May 1989	THE PHILADELPHIA TOUR Incl; The Three Degrees Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes Billy Paul	Unknown
14 May 1989	THE KEN DODD LAUGHTER SHOW	Unknown
22- 27 May 1989	HUCKLEBERRY FINN Musical based on the Mark Twain Novel	Unknown
28 May 1989	THE SUPERTED MAGIC SHOW	Unknown
30 May – 3 June 1989	WEST SIDE STORY By Leonard Bernstein	Unknown
5-10 June 1989	YOU'LL DO FOR ME! By Michael Pertwee Incl; Cannon and Ball (Comedy Double act / See below) Tommy Cannon as Reaper and Bobby Ball as Fogg Linda Regan (Hi Di Hi / Married to Brian Murphy) as Unknown	Triumph Theatre Productions Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

	Richard Avery as Ruff Mandy Humphrey as Unknown Erna Larsen as Unknown Directed by Brian Rix Designer Martin Sutherland	
11 June 1989	SIGNAL RADIO PRESENTS GALA NIGHT AT THE PROMS Incl; English Philharmonic Orchestra	Signal Radio Presents
17 -22 July 1989	THE PRO'S AND THE CON'S By Seymour Sherman (Adults only Contains Nudity)	Unknown
23 July 1989	THE CARE BEARS	Unknown
23 July 1989 (Eve)	BBC RADIO STOKE CHARITY CONCERT In Aid of the Kidney Took Kit Appeal	BBC Radio Stoke
24- 29 July 1989	ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MUCKY MEN Incl; Peter Duncan (Blue Peter) (Adults Only)	Unknown
30 July 1989	BARBARA DICKSON	Unknown
31 July – 5 Aug 1989	UP IN THE GALLERY - The Story of Marie Lloyd Incl; Adrienne Posta John Altman (Nick Cotton in Eastenders) Jack Douglas (Carry On Films etc.)	Unknown
6 Aug 1989	SOLID SILVER 60'S SUMMER SHOW Incl; Freddie and the Dreamers The Fortunes Dave Berry and the Cruisers	Unknown
8- 12 Aug 1989	REVIUETIME '89 Community Review	Theatre Royal Hanley
17- 19 Aug 1989	YOU CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC Angela Beardmore School of Dance	Angela Beardmore S O Dance
31 Aug – 2 Sept 1989	WHO KILLED AGATHA CHRISTIE? By Tudor Gates Incl; Roger Toliday Keith Myers	Corpus Productions / Wells Art Centre Presents
10 Sept 1989	SIGNAL RADIO PRESENTS THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES Incl; English Philharmonic Orchestra	Signal Radio Presents
29- 29 Sept 1989	THE RUSS ABBOT SHOW Directed by John Bishop Incl; Bella Emberg (Russ Abbot Show) Bright and Breeze The Ray Cornell Dancers Basil Soper The Russ Abbot Orchestra	Mike Hughes Presents
30 Sept 1989	ROGER WHITTAKER in Concert	Unknown
9- 14 Oct 1989	PULL THE OTHER ONE (Contains Nudity) By Norman Robbins Incl; Bruce James as Albert Perkins Dave Lynn as Hilary Armitage Simon Barry as Wilf Turner Teresa Hennessey as Muriel Perkins Debra Karen as Virginia Brown Anne Chauveau as Boadicea Heptinstall Special Guest Star Ben Warriss as The Rev. Elijah Nookey Directed by Alexander Bridge	Proscenium Theatre Company

EXTRA INFORMATION

Ben Warriss collapsed while in Hanley of pneumonia and spent nine days at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary. Alexander Bridge took on the role of the Rev Elijah Nookey until the end of the week from the 10th October.

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TOUR

City Varieties Theatre Leeds 5-8 Sept 1989

Theatre Royal Hanley 9-14 Oct 1989

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27 Oct 1989	JIM DAVIDSON (Comedian)	Unknown
20 Nov 1989	BERNARD MANNING (Comedian)	Lions Club of Stoke on Trent
5 Dec 1989	LINDISFARNE (Meet me in the Corner)	Flying Music Presents

20 Dec –

20 Jan 1990 (P)	BABES IN THE WOOD By Bill Robertson	Pantomime Productions Ltd
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Incl; **John Inman (Are You Being Served)** as Nurse Wanda
Gerry Marsden (Gerry and the Pacemakers) as Gerry
Susan Maughan (Singer) as Robin Hood
Rowena Mohr (Neighbours as Sally) as Maid Marion
Barnaby (TV Talent Show) as the Good Robber Barney
Howard Grace as Robber 2 Howie
Christopher Farries as the Sherriff of Nottingham
Anthony Morton (Carlos the Chef in Crossroads) as Friar Tuck
Gary Payne as Little John
The Pacemakers as the Merry Men
Noel Cantrell as John (Red Team)
Paul Ratcliffe as John (Blue Team)
Emma Jones as Jennifer (Red Team)
Stephanie Byatt as Jennifer (Blue Team)
Theatre Royal Dancers = Sarah England, Debbie Lee Harrison,
Julia Kundi, Lizzie Leigh, Darren Wathall, Lawrence Ellis.
The Hanley Babes
RED TEAM = Joanne Astley, Donna Cantrell, Laura Haynes,
Emma Johnson, Kate Johnson, Amy Miles,
Kirsty Palmer, Melanie Smith.
BLUE TEAM = Julia Byatt, Victoria Gotham,
Kelly-Ann Halket, Laura Haynes,
Hayley Lambert, Helen Pike, Emma Wilson,
Sadie Wright.

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11 Feb 1990	YOGI BEAR	Unknown
13- 17 Feb 1990	MATILDA (Musical Play) Based on the story by Roald Dahl Adapted by Rony Robinson Music and Myrics by Ken Howard and Alan Blaikley Incl; Annabelle Lanyon as Matilda	Castle Productions / Redgrave Theatre
2 Feb – 3 Mar 1990	EVITA Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice Incl;	Robert Stigwood Presents
25 Feb 1990	MIKE HARDING (Comedian)	Unknown
8-10 Mar 1990	THE LAND OF NEVER, NEVER	Tweedale Academy of Dancing
11 Mar 1990	DAVID ALEXANDER (Singer)	Unknown

12-17 Mar 1990	TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD Based on the book by Harper Lee Adapted by Christopher Sergel Incl; Jack Hedley (Colditz / Who Paid the Ferryman) as Atticus Finch Samantha Edmonds as 'Scout' Finch Bill Monks as Bob Ewell Stuart Golland as Horace Gilmer Wilkie Collins as Judge Taylor Nicola Meering as Mayella Ewell Lenny Aljernon-Edwards as Tom Robinson Director Chris Hayes Designer Ray Lett	North Bank Productions
18 Mar 1990	THIS IS SOUL Incl; Ben E King (Drifters / Stand By Me) Dorothy Moore (Misty Blue) Eddie Floyd (Knock on Wood)	Flying Music Presents
20- 24 Mar 1990	FIREMAN SAM TO THE RESCUE (Based on the BBC Series)	Unknown
24-25 Mar 1990	THE VALIANT YEARS North Staffs Music Hall Society	North Staffs Music Hall
26- 31 Mar 1990	JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice	Bill Kenwright Presents
2- 7 Apr 1990	ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD By J Offenbach	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
8 Apr 1990	ROY HUDD THEATRE ROYAL VARIETY SHOW Charity Fund Raiser (In Aid of Charities – North Staffordshire Hospitals and Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund	Roy Hudd Presents
9-14 Apr 1990	LADIES NIGHT By Stephen Sinclair and Anthony McCarten	Unknown
17-21 Apr 1990	HIGH AND WIDE Longton Gang Show	Longton Scouts Presents
23- 29 Apr 1990	PRISONER CELL BLOCK H Direct from Australia Incl; Fiona Spence (Prisoner Cell Block H) as Vera Jane Clifton (Prisoner Cell Block H) as Margot	Unknown
3 May 1990	THE HOLLIES (He Ain't Heavy He's my Brother)	Unknown
4 May 1990	THE KEN DODD LAUGHTER SHOW	Unknown
16 May 1990	OLDE TYME MUSIC HALL	Unknown
17 May 1990	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
28 Oct 1990	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa)	Flying Music Presents
20 Dec – 19 Jan 1991	SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS Incl; Jessica Muschamp (Neighbours) as Snow White Fiona Spence (Home and Away) as the Wicked Queen Paul Squires (TV Entertainer) as Muddles Mark Thrippleton (Eastenders) as the Prince Roy Alvis as Sarah (Dame) Paul Critchlow Fantaisie En Noir (Speciality act) The Hanley Babes	Pantomime Productions Ltd

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18- 23 Mar 1991	IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR	Unknown
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By Philip Ryan
Incl; **Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band**

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17- 22 Feb 1992 MURDER BY SEX (World Premiere at Lyceum Crewe) Joan Shirley Presents with
by Joan Shirley Danny Davies Productions

Incl; **Nikki Howard (Hi Di Hi)** as Angie

Andrew Lord as Bernie

Gillian Vickers as Nicole

Freda Barrett as Auntie Dott

Kevin Davey as Seb

Anne McGoohan as Polly

Diana Campbell as Val

Herbert Crake as Bill

Directed by Danny Davies

Stage Manager Nigel Peever

Set Design by Danny Davies and Mike Cuff

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TOUR REPLACEMENTS

Nicki Leighton-Thomas as Angie (Replacement 13 Jan 1992)

Mandy Craig as Val (Replacement 13 Jan 1992)

Danny Davies as Bernie (Replacement Apr 1992)

Meg Duval as Polly (Replacement Apr 1992)

Jane Millman as Angie (Replacement June 1992)

Mandy Craig as Polly (Replacement June 1992)

Nigel Peever as Seb (Replacement June 1992)

20- 24 Oct 1992 DEATH AND THE MAIDEN Bill Kenwright Presents

By Ariel Dorfman

Incl; **Colin Baker (Dr Who)** as Gerardo Escobar

Dearbhla Molloy (Pronounced Dervla) as Paulina Escobar

Tony Anholt (Space 1999 / Howards Way) as Roberto Miranda

Director Lindsay Posner

Designer Ian MacNeil

Lighting Kevin Sleep

Sound Design Bryan Bowen

Translation (uncredited) Ariel Dorfman

Translation (uncredited) Michael Hastings

Assistant Stage Manager (tour) Sophie Doherty

Assistant Stage Manager (Windsor) Kerry McDevitt

Company Manager (Windsor) Diana Fraser

Company Stage Manager (tour) Raymond Mariner (credited as Ray Mariner)

Deputy Stage Manager (tour) Ben Jefferson

Deputy Stage Manager (Windsor) Kate Rea

Deputy Stage Manager (Windsor) Sue Yeomans

Production Assistant Sally Campbell

Production Manager David Edwards

Production Photographs Peter Miles

Publicity Manager (Windsor) Hilary Samson

Stage Director (Windsor) Miklejon Reece

Wardrobe Mistress (Windsor) Hilary Bloomfield

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25 Nov 1993	WEST END OF BROADWAY SHOWS	Unknown
26 Nov 1993	PUDSEY'S PARTY NIGHT In Aid of Children in Need	Unknown (Poss BBC Radio Stoke)
10 Dec 1993	LA BOHEME By Puccini	Unknown
11 Dec 1993	GERSHWIN – A TRIBUTE	London Lewis Ballet
23 Dec – 15 Jan 1994	JACK AND THE BEANSTALK By Simon Ellingham Incl; Jeremy Beadle (Beadle's About) as Simple Simon Richard Franklin (Emmerdale / Dr Who) As Odus the Giant's Evil Henchman Alistair Divall (ITV Keynotes) as Jack Audrey Leybourne (Roly Polys) as the Fairy Sam Plank (BBC Radio Stoke Presenter) As King Plank of Trentoria Barry Craine Misha and Larissa Kalinin (Moscow State Circus) Sarah Miller (Local Girl) as the Princess The Hanley Babes The Hanley Dancers The Theatre Royal Orchestra With the VOICE of Bruno Brookes (BBC Radio 1) as Giant Blunderbore	Potteries Theatre (Management) Ltd

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4-5 Mar 1994	PINOCCHIO	Unknown
6 Mar 1994	SONGS FROM THE SHOWS	Encore Presents
7-12 Mar 1994 (P)	PATSY CLINE – Musical Tribute Conceived and devised by Mervyn Conn Book by Johnny Worthy Incl; George Hamilton IV (Country Star) Sandra Kelly as Patsy Cline Peter Aylin Amanda Burdett Sean Geraghty Mark Jardine Gordon Kenney Bo Light Carmel O'Connor Roy O'Shea Louise Perry Roger Rettig Adam Roman Gareth Rowan Ian Stronach Tania Whatley	Mervyn Conn Presents
15 Mar 1994	THE GOOD OLDE DAYS Incl; Danny La Rue	Unknown
18-19 Mar 1994	UP THE BLUE STALK (Adult Panto) By Unknown Incl; George Roper (Comedian) as Unknown David D'Arby as Unknown Sarah Davidson as Unknown Nigel Peever as Unknown	Theatre Royal Hanley Presents

	Aubrey Philips as Unknown	
	The Ultra Sexy Tartlettes	
	Four Hunky Guys as Obsession	
	Director Simon Ellingham	
	Choreographer John Cumberlidge	
20 Mar 1994	EDDIE BURKE (Hypnotist)	Unknown
26 Mar 1994	YOGI BEAR and the Magic Lamp	Unknown
27 Mar 1994	SEAN WILSON	Unknown
	With Sally O'Brien	
1 Apr 1994	A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN	Unknown
3 Apr 1994	AND EVENING WITH MARK RATTRAY AND FRIENDS	Unknown
6- 8 Apr 1994	SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS	Unknown
9 Apr 1994	THE EUROPEAN BALLET – Gala Performance	European Ballet Presents
13- 16 Apr 1994	IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC	Angela Beardmore SODance
	Angela Beardmore School of Dance	
18- 23 Apr 1994	OKLAHOMA (Musical)	Newcastle AOS Presents
	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	
27 Apr –		
1 May 1994	SESAME STREET – WHERE'S THE BIRDIE?	Unknown
4-7 May 1994	BLITZ (Musical)	New Stoke Panto Co
	By Lionel Bart	
8 May 1994	MARK SHAKESPEARE (Organist)	Unknown
10 May 1994	STARS OF THE RUSSIAN OPERA	Unknown
	With Guests from the BOLSHOI OPERA	
12 May 1994	KEVIN 'BLOODY' WILSON	Unknown

24 June 1994 (**Pic and Feature 25 June Evening Sentinel Page 14**)

THEATRE STAFF WEEP AS THEY ARE MADE REDUNDANT

On the 24 June 1994 (Fri) staff at the theatre were made redundant as the management try to sell the theatre building via local estate agents Louis Taylor.

STAFF LISTED

Pat Leyland (Press and Publicity Officer), Brian Beech (Technical), Chris Blackwood, Philip Kempson, John Ankers, Paul Wood and Andrew Dutton.

UPDATE

By December 1994, the theatre was in the hands of "TR Hanley Ltd" (Theatre Royal Hanley Ltd) with financial support from the City of Stoke on Trent.
General Manager was Chris Grady.

23 Dec –		
Jan 1995	ALADDIN	John Redgrave and
	By?	Chris Hennen Presents
	Incl; Danny McColl (Brookside) as Wishee Washee	
	Rachael Lindsay (Brookside) as Princess Jasmine	
	Jack Wild (Oliver, Artful Dodger) as Aladdin	
	CANCELLED PART WAY THROUGH THE RUN?	

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GENERAL MANGER Chris Grady

PUBLICITY / MARKETING MANAGER Jenny Rainsford

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29 Jan – 4 Feb 1995 Closed for Maintenance

5 Feb 1995	COLDSTREAM GUARDS	Unknown
10-11 Feb 1995	KILL ME I LOVE YOU!... TOO	Opera Circus Presents
14- 25 Feb 1995	A CHORUS LINE	City of Stoke on Trent AOS

	By Michael Bennett	
	Book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante	
	Music by Marvin Hamlish	
	City of Stoke on Trent Amateur Operatic Society	
19 Feb 1995	A PUBLIC AUCTION	Unknown
26 Feb 1995	THE GOLDEN SOUNDS OF THE 60'S	Unknown
	Incl; Bachelors	
	Craig Douglas (Only 16)	
	Peter Sarstedt (Where do you go to my lovely)	
	Jess Conrad (Singer)	
	Vernon Girls	
	Host, Dave Johnson (Signal Gold Presenter)	
27 Feb –		
4 Mar 1995	RITA SUE AND BOB TOO!	Unknown
	By Andrea Dunbar	
5 Mar 1995	THE SNOW QUEEN	Presto Puppets Presents
	Based on the Story by Hans Christian Anderson	
	Presto Puppets	
6 Mar 1995	JIM TAVARE (Comedian)	Unknown
8 Mar 1995	ADAM NIGHT (Hypnosis)	Unknown
9- 10 Mar 1995	THE HISS AND BOO MUSIC HALL	Hiss and Boo Co
	Incl; Jimmy Cricket (Comedian)	
	Richard Gauntlett	
	Judith Hibbert	
	Ian Liston – Chairman	
	Musical Director Barrie Bignold	
11 Mar 1995	SAVELOY-BAGGS	ENO / RNO Co
	Incl; English National Opera Company	
	Royal National Opera Company	
	(Members from Both)	
12 Mar 1995	RICHARD STILGOE AND PETER SKELLERN	Unknown
13- 18 Mar 1995	To Be Confirmed (programme listing)	
19 Mar 1995	HARRY HILL (Comedian)	Unknown
21 Mar 1995	TOSCA	CD'Oltalia Presents
	By Giacomo Puccini	
	Compagnia D'Opera Italiana di Milano	
24 Mar 1995	KENNY BALL AND HIS JAZZMEN	Unknown
25 Mar 1995	THE MAGIC OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN	Unknown
	Including a Masterclass at 2.30pm	
	Incl; Stars from the Original D'Oyly Carte Company	
28 Mar –		
1 Apr 1995	THREE STEPS TO HEAVEN	Mervyn Conn /
	(Tribute Show)	Chester Gateway Presents
3-8 Apr 1995	DIE FLEDERMAUS	Newcastle AOS
	By Johann Strauss	
	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	
11- 22 Apr 1995	PETER PAN	International Theatre
	Based on the Story by J B Barry	and Music Ltd
	Adapted by Piers Charter-Robinson (Book, Music and Lyrics)	
	Incl; Terence Donovan (Doug Willis Neighbours) as Captain Hook	
	Nicola Stapleton (Mandy in Eastenders) as Peter	
	Flying by Foy	
23 Apr 1995	EDMUND HOCKRIDGE (Singer)	Unknown
	The Magical World of Musicals	
24- 29 Apr 1995	WUTHERING HEIGHTS	Good Company
	Based on the book by Emily Bronte	
	Adapted by William Ash	
	Incl; Jane Freeman (Last of the Summer Wine) as Ellen Dean	
	Billy Geraghty as Heathcliff	
	Jacqueline Leonard as Cathy	

2-6 May 1995 SWEET CHARITY (Musical) Unknown
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This show only sold 300 seats before the first night out of 5,024 available for the run.

CANCELLED? (In the programme but replaced date with Sweet Charity)

2- 6 May 1995 THE CANTERBURY TALES Charles Stephens and James Tillit
 Based on an original production by Michael Bogdanov
 Incl; **Brian Glover**

19 May 1995 DEADRINGER FOR MEATLOAF Unknown
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24 May 1995 LEE EVANS (Comedian) Unknown

24 –29 July 1995 BRIDESHEAD REVISITED Charles Vance Presents

(P at Crewe) Adapted by Roger Parsley (Book by Evelyn Waugh)

Incl; **Richard Todd (The Dam Busters)** as Mr Ryder

Barbara Murray (Passport to Pimlico) as Lady Marchmain

**Charles Vance (He replaced Nigel Davenport
 who had pulled out of the Tour)** as Lord Marchmain

Mark Elstob as Charles Ryder

Andrew Ramsay as Hooper / Boy Mulcaster / Brideshead Flyte / Kurt

Toby Walton as Sebastian Flyte

Malcolm Fuzzworth as Aloysius

Andrew Ramsay as Boy Mulcaster and Kurt

Philip Woodford as Anthony Blanche / Rex Mottram and Samgrass

Julia Righton as Nanny Hawkins / Cara and Ma Mayfield

Nicholas Briggs (Voice of the DALEKS)

as Jasper / Father Phipps and Policeman

Freya Copeland as Julia Flyte

Bethan Dixon Bate as Cordelia Flyte

Sarah- Jane Strachan as Effie and Celia Ryder

Director Charles Vance

Associated Producer Jill Streatfield

Costumes by Sue Pitsch

Designer David Lay

Lighting / Production Manager Mark Alexander

Music by Stuart De La Mere

Wardrobe Supervisor Melani Cartwright

Assistant Stage Manager Nicholas Briggs

Assistant Stage Manager Sarah-Jane Strachan

Company Stage Manager Garry Thomas

Deputy Stage Manager as Janice Rosario Wilson

Marketing Dawn Kellogg

Projections by Hilite Services

Set built by 3D Creative Construction

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CHANGES TO THE TOUR OF BRIDESHEAD REVISITED

Nigel Davenport pulled out of the Tour just before Crewe as Lord Marchmain.

Charles Vance played the role for the week at Crewe.

Gerald Harper took over the role of Lord Marchmain on the 19 June 1995 (Rehersal) / 24th June or later show on stage.

TOUR DETAILS

This is a production of the play Brideshead Revisited (by Evelyn Waugh) by CV Enterprises Ltd, at Forum Theatre, Billingham (13th – 18th March 1995), Theatre Royal, Lincoln (20th – 25th March 1995), Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne (3rd – 8th April 1995), Swan Theatre, High Wycombe (18th – 22nd April 1995), Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (24th – 29th April 1995), Pavilion Theatre, Bournemouth (1st – 6th May 1995), Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham (now The Alexandra) (8th – 13th May 1995), Theatre Royal, Norwich (22nd – 27th May 1995), New Victoria Theatre, Woking (29th May – 3rd June 1995), New Theatre, Hull (5th – 10th June 1995), Lyceum Theatre, Crewe (19th – 24th

June 1995), Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton (26th June – 1st July 1995), North Wales Theatre, Llandudno (3rd – 8th July 1995), Grand Theatre & Opera House, Leeds (10th – 15th July 1995), Theatre Royal, Hanley (24th – 29th July 1995), Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne (31st July – 5th August 1995), Connaught Theatre, Worthing (8th – 12th August 1995), and Theatre Royal, Bath (21st – 26th August 1995).

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16-21 Oct 1995	PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	Good Company Presents
	Adapted by Sue Pomeroy	
	Incl; Henrietta Voigts as Charlotte Lucas	
	Lucy Akhurst as Elizabeth Bennet	
	Joanne Thirsk as Jane Bennet	
	Judith Bruce as Lady Catherine	
	Jonathan Newth (After Henry) as Mr Bennet	
	Richard Braine as Mr Collins	
	George Asprey as Mr Darcy	
	Jean Boht (Bread) as Mrs Bennet	
	Director Sue Pomeroy	
	Choreography Geraldine Stephenson	
	Designer Dennis Saunders	
	Lighting Design Ian Scott	

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Unkn 1996	MY FAIR LADY	Newcastle AOS
	By	
	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	
1- 6 Apr 1996	BARNUM	UK Productions
	Music by Cy Coleman	
	Lyrics by Michael Stewart	
	Book by Mark Bramble	
	Incl; Andrew O'Connor	
10- 13 Apr 1996	LOVE ON THE DOLE	Meridian Theatre Company
	By Ronald Gow and Walter Greenwood	and Oldham Coliseum Theatre
	Incl; Ann Aris	
	Eileen Bell	
	Tilly Edwards	
	Peter McCabe	
	Kevin McGowan	
	Clifford Milner	
	Grace Mitchell	
	Tara Moran	
	Vanessa Rosenthal	
	Alan Rothwell	
15- 20 Apr 1996	THE BLUES BROTHERS	David Pugh Presents
	Based on the film	

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LIGHTS OUT AT CASH-CRIPPLED THEATRE ROYAL

Theatre Royal owner Don Stewart didn't expect to be chaining shut the doors 18 months later and £105,000 worse off.

Don Stewart and fellow directors Sarah Shaw and Colin Fisher took over in 1994. A few months after taking over the pantomime "Aladdin" with Jack Wild in the cast was cancelled followed by a sell out "Rita, Sue and Bob Too". In 1995 the Blues Brothers raked in £50,000 with its return in 1996 making £70,000 but with the revamped Regent Theatre and a plea to the Council for £140,000 towards refurbishment being turned down on the morning of the 23 Apr 1996 the theatre was in a bad way.

Apr 1996	CALAMITY JANE The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed.	Unknown
18 May 1996	GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed. "Ferry Cross the Mersey" New Musical By Maggie Norris and Guy Picot	Flying Music and Bill Kenwright Presents
5 May 1996	ROSE MARIE The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed.	Unknown
Summer 1996	LEE EVANS (Comedian) The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed.	Unknown

9 August 1996

SALE OF THEATRE ROYAL INTERIOR FITTINGS

Closed since April 1996 with debts of £400,000 and has been on sale for £500,000 by Estate Agents Louis Taylor.

A possible buyer will be announced in the next two weeks according to the article. However, Mr Glyn Weston a sign maker has snapped up the Theatre Royal Crest for £250 and now wants to know what to do with it.

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MIKE LLOYD TAKES ON THEATRE

During the 1990's the theatre went through various Managers before closing on the 23 April 1996. It was taken over by Mike Lloyd in November 1996 who after redeveloping the building, managed to get Ken Dodd to open it on the 29 November 1997. Mr Lloyd ran the theatre as a "Theatre and live music venue". It then became a Night club "Jumping Jacks" in 2000. (1438 Seats)

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1997 THEATRE ROYAL

OWNER Mike Lloyd (Mike Lloyd Music Ltd)

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Theatre directors Michael Fontaine and Brian Pridmore the directors of "Potteries Theatre (Management) Limited" have been banned from being company directors for 4 and 3 years respectively) after miss-manging the theatre before it closed in September 1993 owing money to various companies including the show "Alfie" starring Adam Faith.

21 June 1997 The Sentinel Page 4

It was announced that the Theatre Royal would reopen in November 1997 after spending thousands on a new roof and refurbishment of the building.

22 October 1997 The Sentinel Page 24

Feature on the refurbishment of the Theatre Royal Hanley by owner Mike Lloyd.

Rewiring and electrical systems £215,000

New seating in the Stalls and 190 Smoke Alarms £85,000

Theatre auditorium will seat 1,800 with the stalls being able to be removed for standing room.

The Original seating is being kept in the Gallery Area.

Brian Beech who worked as the Technical Manager of the theatre between 1983 and 1994 said with the new improvements the theatre has got the best chance it has ever had for success.

The Theatre will be renamed **THE ROYAL** and was due to be opened to the public on Saturday 29 November 1997.

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FEATURE ON MIKE LLOYD AND REOPENING

The 55-Year-old Mike Lloyd runs record stores and promotes shows across the City of Stoke on Trent. In the early days he played with a group called The Shouts who backed Gene Vincent at some of his concerts.

Mike is also Vice Chairman of Walsall Football Club.

The Theatre "The Royal" will be officially opened by Ken Dodd on Saturday the 29 November with a chance to look round the newly refurbished building.

The first show will be by Liverpool band "Cast" on the 2 Dec 1997.

Unk 1997	KEN DODD IN CONCERT	Unknown
Unk 1997	ROY CHUBBY BROWN	Unknown
13 Dec – 11 Jan 1998	CINDERELLA By Bryan Blackburn Incl; Ruth Madoc (Hi Di Hi) as the Fairy Godmother Diane Louise Jordan (Blue Peter) as Cinderella Johnnie Casson (Comedian) as Barron Hard Up Stephen Mulhern (Disney Channel / Later Catchphrase) as Buttons Tim Churchill as the Prince Simon Bashford and Mark Two as the Ugly Sisters Mark Thrippleton as Dandini Mr Blobby (Noel's House Party) as Himself Les Peppitques En Noir (from the London Palladium) The Royal Dancers Directed by Jim Davidson Pic and Feature 18 Dec The Sentinel Page 3	Effective Productions

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Unkn 1998	JASPER CARROTT	
Unkn 1998	JIMMY NAIL	
Unkn 1998	LEO SAYER	
Unkn 1998	VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET	
Unkn 1998		
4- 9 May 1998	THE BLUES BROTHERS Based on the film Pic and Feature 1 May The Sentinel Page 79	David Pugh Presents
June 1998	"THE ROYAL STORY" a history of the Theatre Royal. Artists including Gertie Gitana (Virginia Bryan playing the part) Gracie Fields (Also Virginia Bryan), Max Miller (Ray Johnson), Laurel and Hardy (Pete Lindup and Steve King), Frank Randle (Roy Watts), Norman Evans (Roy Watts), George Formby (John Walley) Flannigan and Allen (Ray Johnson and Richard Masters) Directed by Ray Johnson.	

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THE SENTINEL ROYAL CARD LAUNCHED

Collect 6 vouchers from the newspaper will give the card holder discount on special shows, special Sentinel event discounts at the theatre and discount on certain days at Mike Lloyd Music shops.

1 Sept 1998	LEE EVANS (Comedian)	Unknown
9 Sept 1998	DANNY LA RUE 50 Glorious Years	Unknown
10 Sept 1998	DANCE ON (Tribute to Cliff and the Shadows) Incl; Steve Christie as Cliff Richard	Unknown

	Nick McNutty as Hank Marvin	
15-19 Sept 1998	ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willie Russell	Charles Vance Presents
22-26 Sept 1998	AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER By Arthur Smith and Chris England	Charles Vance Presents
2 Oct 1998	BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Music from Weber, Beethoven and Rimsky Korsakov	Stoke and Newcastle Music
3 Oct 1998	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa) With support	Derek Nicol and Phil Walden for Flying Music
7 Oct 1998	THE UNTIMATE FANTASY SHOW (Adults Only) (Contains Male Nudity)	Unknown
8 Oct 1998	CARWASH 98 TOUR Incl; Rose Royce Odyssey The Real Thing	Tony Denton Promotions
10 Oct 1998	BILLY PEARCE (Comedian) (Adult show)	Unknown
16 Oct 1998	THE BILLY FURY EXPERIENCE Incl; Fury's Tornados (Telstar) Colin Gold as Billy Fury	Unknown
17 Oct 1998	JANE MCDONALD (The Cruise) COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK	Unknown
20 Oct 1998	DON WILLIAMS	Unknown
21 Oct 1998	FOSTER AND ALLEN	Unknown
23 Oct 1998	JOE BROWN'S COCKNEY COWBOY TOUR	Unknown
24 Oct 1998	CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH	Unknown
29 Oct 1998	HALLE ORCHESTRA Music from Dvorak, Mussorgsky / Ravel, Sebelius	Stoke and Newcastle Music
27- 31 Oct 1998	THE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS (101 Dalmatians) By Dodie Smith Adapted by Glyn Robbins	Vanessa Ford Productions
1 Nov 1998	BRITANNIA BUILDING SOCIETY BAND (was FODENS BAND) The Royal, Hanley (Theatre Royal) (14 th Annual Concert) In Aid of the North Staffs, Special Schools Holiday Home. With the Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir (Musical Director John Glyn Williams) (Accompanist Anne Philips) Advertised as the Fodens Courtois Band formally known as Britannia Building Society Band. MC for the evening Bill Humphreys (BBC Radio Stoke)	
2 Nov 1998	STEREOPHONICS	Unknown
4 Nov 1998	HANK MARVIN In and out of the Shadows 40 th Anniversary Show	Unknown
6 Nov 1998	CHAMPAIGN SUPERNOVA (Oasis Tribute) With URBAN VERVE (Verve Tribute)	Unknown
7 Nov 1998	THE STRANGLERS (Golden Brown)	Unknown
8 Nov 1998	THE ILLEGAL EAGLES (Tribute Show)	Unknown
9- 14 Nov 1998	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT (Adult Play) By Dave Simpson	Paul Farrah Presents
10- 14 Nov 1998	THE SECRET GARDEN (Musical)	Paul Farrah Presents
15 Nov 1998	ALEXANDER O'NEAL	Unknown
16 Nov 1998	PAUL MERTON (Comedian)	Unknown
17 Nov 1998	BJORN AGAIN (Abba Tribute)	Unknown
18 Nov 1998	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
19 Nov 1998	ALL AMERICAN SOLID GOLD SHOW '98 Incl; Bobby Vee (Rubber Ball) Chris Montez (Let's Dance) Little Eva (The Loco-Motion) Johnny Preston (Running Bear) Brian Hyland (Sealed with a Kiss)	Derek Nicol and Paul Walden for Flying Music

	The Vees	
20 Nov 1998	SQUEEZE (Cool for Cats) (Including Jools Holland)	Unknown
23 -28 Nov 1998	THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE By Gilbert and Sullivan Incl; Paul Nicholas as the Pirate King	UK Productions
29 Nov 1998	THE LORD MAYOR'S ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE Compere Sam Plank (BBC Radio Stoke) Proceeds to Potteries Glass Benevolent Fund and Stoke on Trent Save the Children	SOT Council
2 Dec 1998	QUEEN A CELEBRATION (Tribute)	Unknown
4 Dec 1998	THE MAGIC OF SINATRA Incl; Andy Prior Orchestra Donna Canale	Unknown
5- 6 Dec 1998	ROY CHUBBY BROWN (Adult Comedian)	Unknown
8 Dec 1998	THE NUTCRACKER By	Vienna Festival Ballet
9 Dec 1998	THE CHRIS BARBER BAND With Special Guest LONNIE DONEGAN	Cromwell Management
11 Dec 1998	DANIEL O'DONNELL	Unknown
19- 20 Dec 1998	KEN DODD CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS SHOW (see Below)	Unknown
17 Dec – 17 Jan 1999	THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD Incl; Little and Large (Comedy Duo) as Good and Bad Robbers Jess Conrad (Singer / Entertainer) as the Sheriff of Nottingham Otis the Aardvark as Himself Francine Lewis (Generation Game) as Maid Marion Tim Churchill as Robin Hood Steve Barclay as the Nurse (Dame) Eddie Caswell as Friar Tuck The Acromaniacs (Speciality Act) as the Merry Men The Royal Dancers Director Jim Davidson Music written by Rick Wakeman (19 and 10 December performances at 2pm with Ken Dodd at 7.30pm)	Effective Productions

EXTRA INFO

Syd Little and Eddie Large last played in Panto at Stoke in 1972 when they appeared at the Regent.

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2-7 Feb 1999	CINDERELLA ON ICE Russian Ice Stars (Originally advertised as 1-6 Feb) Pic and Feature 2 Feb The Sentinel Page 3	Wild Rose Ice Theatre Ltd
11 Feb 1999	ANTHOLOGY OF THE BEATLES (Tribute)	Unknown
12 Feb 1999	QE II (QE2) Tribute to Queen	Unknown
15- 20 Feb 1999	SOUTH PACIFIC THE MUSICAL By Richard Rodgers Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II Book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan	Porthill Players
22-27 Feb 1999	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT IN IBIZA	Paul Farrah Presents

	(Sequel to Girl's Night Out) By Dave Simpson	
1- 6 Mar 1999	ME AND MY GIRL By Incl; Tim Churchill Michaleen Hilton	North Staffordshire Operatic Society
12 Mar 1999	THE SOLID SILVER 60'S SHOW BBC Radio Stoke's 31 st Birthday Concert Incl; Peter Noon (Herman Hermits) Freddie and the Dreamers Billy J Kramer and the Dakotas Brian Poole (with Electrix)	BBC Radio Stoke Derek Nicol and Paul Walden For Flying Music
15- 20 Mar 1999	CARMEN By Bizet With LA BOHEME By Puccini	Civit Hills Opera Presents
28 Mar 1999	SPIRIT OF THE DANCE	Unknown
29-30 Mar 1999	MICHAEL BALL in Concert With Special Guest	Unknown
6 Apr 1999	THE CHUCKLE BROTHERS	Unknown
8 Apr 1999	THAT'LL BE THE DAY By Trevor Payne	Trevor Payne Presents
9 Apr 1999	THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA Compere Malcolm Laycock (BBC Radio 2' Big Band Era)	Unknown
10 Apr 1999	SHAKIN' STEVENS Incl; Linda Gail Lewis (Sister of Jerry Lee Lewis)	Kennedy Street Enterprises
13 – 17 Apr 1999	BE OUR GUEST	Jill Clewes Dance Studios
19- 24 Apr 1999	THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS Music and Lyrics by Carol Hall Book by Larry L King and Peter Masterson Based on a Story by Larry L King (The film included Dolly Parton singing "I will always love you")	Newcastle AOS
28 Apr 1999	60's GOLD Incl; Gerry and the Pacemakers The Merseybeats Mike Pender's Searchers The Fortunes	Unknown
29 Apr – 1 May 1999	A NIGHT AT THE MUSIC HALL Incl; Cannon and Ball John Stokes Bachelors The Roly Polys (Les Dawson Show) Craig Douglas (Only 16) Luciano Ann Duval Johnny Dennis (Chairman)	Unknown
8 May 1999	THE NUTCRACKER Music by Tchaikovsky	English Youth Ballet
9 May 1999	DOMINIC KIRWIN (Irish Singer)	Ritz Productions
12 May 1999	ERROL BROWN (Hot Chocolate)	Unknown
13 May 1999	THE DUBLINERS	Unknown
19 May 1999	PHIL COOL (Comedian)	Unknown
20 May 1999	THE DRIFTERS with Johnny Moore	Faye Treadwell Presents
29 May 1999	JIMMY TARBUCK With KENNY LYNCH	International Artists
4 June 1999	RICHARD STILGOE AND PETER SKELLERN	Unknown
7 June 1999	The big READY STEADY COOK EVENT (Based on the BBC TV Series) Incl; Fern Britton (TV Presenter) Plus 2 Celebrity Chefs	Unknown

20- 25 Sept 1999	THE KING AND I City of Stoke on Trent Amateur Operatic Society	City of Stoke on Trent AOS
29 Sept – 2 Oct 1999	MADAM BUTTERFLY By Puccini	Civit Hills Opera Presents
3-4 Oct 1999	THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Based on the Story by Kenneth Graham	Compass Theatre Company
8-9 Oct 1999	JANE MCDONALD (The Cruise)	Unknown
10 Oct 1999	BILLY PEARCE (Comedian)	Unknown
11 Oct 1999	SEAN LOCK (Comedian)	Unknown
12 Oct 1999	BJORN AGAIN (Abba tribute)	Unknown
14 Oct 1999	JOE PASQUALE (Comedian)	Unknown
15 Oct 1999	FLASHBACK starring SISTER SLEDGE Incl; Imagination starring Lee John The Village People Tribute Show	Unknown
16 Oct 1999	THE SOLID SILVER 60'S ROCK 'N' ROLL SHOW Incl; Marty Wilde and the Wilde Cats Joe Brown and the Bruvvers John Leyton Eden Kane The Vernon Girls	Unknown
19 Oct 1999	LA CAGE AUX FOLLES	North Staffs Operatic Society
25- 30 Oct 1999	THE BLUES BROTHERS	Unknown
31 Oct 1999	CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH	Unknown
1 Nov 1999	SUPER FURRY ANIMALS	Unknown
3 Nov 1999	HALFWAY TO PARADISE (Billy Fury Tribute) Incl; Fury's Tornados (Telstar) Colin Gold as Billy Fury	Unknown
4 Nov 1999	ELKIE BROOKS	Unknown
5 Nov 1999	MOSCOW BALLET – La Classique Various Classic Ballets	Moscow Ballet
6 Nov 1999	THE COMMITMENTS Various Stars from the Film	Unknown
8- 13 Nov 1999	CALAMITY JANE Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	Newcastle AOS Presents
14 Nov 1999	ELVIS EXPERIENCE	Unknown
15 Nov 1999	SIMON MUNNERY (Comedian)	Comedy Night
16 Nov 1999	FINBAR WRIGHT (Irish Tenor)	Unknown
17 Nov 1999	DES O'CONNOR	Unknown
18 Nov 1999	THINK FLOYD (Pink Floyd Tribute)	Unknown
20 Nov 1999	60's GOLD Incl; Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Titch The Tremeloes Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders Dave Berry	Unknown
21 Nov 1999	Revel Red's MEN 'O' MEN	Unknown
23 Nov 1999	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
24 Nov 1999	MAXIMUM RHYTHM AND BLUES Incl; The Manfreds Chris Farlowe Alan Price Colin Blunstone	Unknown
25 Nov 1999	GA GA The Ultimate Tribute to Queen	Unknown
26 Nov 1999	HINGE AND BRACKET	Unknown
27 Nov 1999	THE HOLLIES (He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother)	Unknown
28 Nov 1999	THE "ROYAL" VARITY PERFORMANCE Incl; Jimmy Cricket (Comedian) Kerry Wilson (Local Impressionist)	Mike Lloyd Presents
30 Nov 1999	ALAN DAVIES (Comedian)	Unknown
1 Dec 1999	RAVE ON IT'S HOLLY AT CHRISTMAS	Unknown

	(Buddy Holly Tribute)	
2 Dec 1999	THE ILLEGAL EAGLES (Eagles Tribute)	Unknown
3 Dec 1999	JAMES GALWAY (Flautist)	Unknown
	Incl; Marisa Robles (Harp)	
	The London Mozart Players	
4 Dec 1999	ROLF HARRIS in Concert	Unknown

EXTRA INFORMATION

At a previous visit Rolf Harris painted the number one dressing room door with one of his image pictures. It stayed in the theatre for many years until its closure. (1990's or 2000's)

5 Dec 1999	MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY	Unknown
	Incl; SLADE II (Tribute Band)	
	BC Sweet (Tribute Band)	
	T Rextasy (Tribute Band)	
6 Dec 1999	THE ULTIMATE 60'S SHOW	Unknown
	Incl; The Searchers	
	Swinging Blue Jeans	
	The Tornados	
	Billie Davis	
7 Dec 1999	THE ULTIMATE BALL, BARBER AND BILK	Unknown
	With Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen	
	Chris Barber's Jazz and Blues Band	
	Acker Bilk and the Paramount Jazz Band	
8- 9 Dec 1999	ROY CHUBBY BROWN (Adult Comedian)	Unknown
17- 18 Dec 1999	KEN DODD'S CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS SHOW	Unknown
19 Dec 1999	CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS	Unknown
	Biddulph Male Voice Choir	
	With Special Guests	
15 Dec – 16 Jan 2000	ALADDIN	Duggie Chapman Presents
	Incl; The Grumbleweeds as The Chinese Policemen	
	Arthur Bostrom ('Allo 'Allo) as The Emperor	
	George Sewell (UFO) as Abanazer	
	Warrior (ITV's Gladiators) as Genie	
	Tim Churchill as Aladdin	
	Steve Bee as Wishee Washee	
	Jonathan Owen as Widow Twankey	
	Jaqueline Blacker as The Princess	
	The Royal Dancers	

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7- 12 Feb 2000	CAMELOT	Porthill Players
	Book and Lyrics by Lana Jay Learner	
	Music by Frederick Lowe	
13 Feb 2000	MARK LAMARR (Comedian / TV Presenter)	Off the Kerb Productions
20 Feb 2000	DE+WITCHED (Bewitched Tribute)	Unknown
	With MILLENNIUM (Robbie Williams Tribute)	
24 Feb 2000	ANTHOLOGY OF THE BEATLES	Unknown
25 Feb 2000	THE GRUMBLEWEEDS	Unknown
27 Feb 2000	BOYSONLY (Beyonce Tribute)	Unknown
	With STEP BY STEP (Steps Tribute)	
29 Feb – 5 Mar 2000	PETER PAN ON ICE	Wilde Rose Ice Theatres Ltd
	The Russian Ice Stars	
8 Mar 2000	LA BOHEME	CD'OItalia Presents
	By Giacomo Puccini	

10 Mar 2000	Compagnia D'Opera Italiana di Milano GARY WILMOT Sings Music to Watch Girls by The Mike Alexander Quartet	Unknown
11 Mar 2000	BBC RADIO STOKE BIRTHDAY SHOW GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS With THE SEARCHERS PETER SARSTEDT THE SWINGING BLUE JEANS	BBC Radio Stoke Flying Music Presents
16- 18 Mar 2000	THE MIKADO By Gilbert and Sullivan DIE FLEDERMAUS By Johann Strauss	Carl Rosa Opera Company
21 Mar 2000	P.J. PROBY	Unknown
23 Mar 2000	DANCING IN THE STREET Incl; Mary Wilson Martha Reeves Edwin Starr	Unknown
24 Mar 2000	ELVIS ON TOUR (Tribute) Incl; Liberty Mounten as Elvis	Unknown
25 Mar 2000	GAELFORCE DANCE (Irish Dance Show)	Unknown
26 Mar 2000	JOE LONGTHORNE With Special Guest	Unknown
29 Mar 2000	VOULES VOUS (Abba Tribute)	Unknown
30 Mar 2000	THE COUNTERFEIT STONES (Rolling Stones Tribute)	Unknown
31 Mar 2000	THAT'LL BE THE DAY	Trevor Payne
1 Apr 2000	MAGIC (Queen and Freddie Mercury Tribute)	Unknown
5-8 Apr 2000	VISIONS IN MOTION	Pauline Steel Dance Studios
10-15 Apr 2000	SHOWBOAT Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	Newcastle AOS
18 Apr 2000	DUSTY (Musical Tribute)	Jim Davidson Effective Theatre Presents
20 Apr 2000	BANANAS IN PYJAMAS	Unknown
25 Apr 2000	JIM DAVIDSON (Comedian)	Jim Davidson Effective Theatre Productions
27-28 Apr 2000	THE RAT PACK (Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jnr and Dean Martin Tribute)	Unknown
29 Apr 2000	SHAKIN' STEVENS With Special Guest	Unknown
5 May 2000	JOHN MAYALL and PETER GREEN	Unknown
6 May 2000	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa)	Unknown
12 May 2000	DON WILLIAMS (Country Star)	Unknown
17- 20 May 2000	RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW Angela Beardmore School of Dance	Angela Beardmore SOD
21 May 2000	DOMINIC KERWAN (Irish Singer)	Unknown
24 May 2000	JALEO FLAMENCO (Spanish Dancers)	Unknown
25 May 2000	BBC MUSIC LIVE in Association with BBC Radio Stoke	BBC Radio Stoke

30 May 2000 (31 May 2000 The Sentinel Page 2 and 3)

THEATRE ROYAL CALLS IN THE RECEIVERS

Yesterday (30 May 2000) receivers KPMG were called in to the Mike Lloyd Empire after his record store, theatre promotions and Theatre Royal (The Royal) projects crashed.

EXTRA INFO

After four years of running the Royal the doors finally closed on the building which would never see the theatrical lights again as it lay dark for many years before being turned into a night club.

3 June 2000 The Sentinel Page 10 and 11

Feature on Alan Barnett who took photographs back stage at the theatre for the last 12 months and wants to compile a book of them.

Pictures in the feature included Door Manager Paul Wood.

BELOW SHOWS ALL CANCELLED

2 June 2000	COLIN BLUNSTONE and ROD ARGENT	Unknown
4 June 2000	A 2000 GALA CELEBRATION Porthill Players and Special Guests	Porthill Players Mike Lloyd Presents
10 June 2000	THE CHUCKLE BROTHERS	Unknown
15 June 2000	JACK JONES in Concert	Unknown
16 June 2000	KEN DODD'S COMEDY FESTIVAL With various guest Comedians	Ken Dodd Presents
16 July 2000	GOSPEL ROCKY (Celebration of Jesus)	Unknown
4 Nov 2000	JULIAN CLARY (Comedian)	Unknown

Unkn LIQUID AND JUMPING JACKS
(Nightclub) / Theatre Royal
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2018 THE ROYAL MUSIC HALL / Theatre Royal
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Owned by the Deltic Group the theatre reopened as two venues with the Auditorium area becoming "THE ROYAL MUSIC HALL" and the upstairs area is named the "FICTION NIGHTCLUB" with access via Brunswick Street just like the entrance to the 1887 Theatre Gallery.

A feature in the Sentinel on the 20 June 2018 announced the opening of the new venue with a planned exhibition about the history of the theatre put together by ex-publicity and marketing manager Pat Leyland and Angie Stevenson (Local Historian) to be on display in July 2018.

UNKNOWN DATES
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UNKNOWN DATES

- 1) The Vagabond King (Incl; John Hanson)
- 2) Fred Duprez in MY WIFE'S FAMILY?

CELEBRITY APPEARANCES DATES UNKNOWN

Hilda Baker
Lewis Collins
John Hanson
Paul Henry
Tessie O'Shea
Bill Owen

Paul Squire

Mike and Bernie Winters

29 Jan 19?? **SHOWADDYWADDY**

Royal Premier Promotions

8-13 Feb 19??	THE TAMING OF THE SHREW Incl; Kate O'Mara Tim Woodward Jane Arden Hattie Arkwright Paul Bradley Edward Brayshaw Peter MacQueen John Moreno Graham Pountney Charles Spicer Craig Stevenson	British Actors Theatre
Apr	THE SOUND OF MURDER By William Fairchild Incl; Griffith Jones Louise Collins Hazel Terry David Conville Michael Knowles (Later "It Ain't Half Hot Mum") Peter Henchie	Aldwych Theatre Presents
30 May 19??	(THEATRE ROYAL GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes / Tel 25251) A PIECE OF SILVER (Play) By N.C. Hunter Incl; Joyce Heron Esmond Knight Eileen Draycott David Steuart (Poster Spelling) (or David Stuart / David Stewart) Sally Latimer Edward Vaughan-Scott Irene Bradshaw Derek Fowlds (Later Heartbeat) Russ Hutchinson Directed by Peter Powell	Cheltenham Everyman Theatre Co Ltd
15 Sept 19?? (Following Week)	(THEATRE ROYAL GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes / Potteries Theatres Ltd / Tel 25251) AS LONG AS THEY'RE HAPPY By Vernon Sylvaine	Carl Clopet Repertory Co
28 Nov 19??	SHEILA WALSH (BBC Rock Gospel Show / Singer) Incl; Phil Keaggy	Signal Radio and Flying Music Presents
8 Dec 19?? (1 Week)	(THEATRE ROYAL GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes / Potteries Theatres Ltd / Tel 25251) DEAR DELINQUENT By Jack Popperwell Incl; Michael Howard Carol Austin Robert Hunter Daphne Jonason Frank Pettitt Christopher Banks Grace Webb Ross Hutchison (2 nd year)	E.P. Clift and Anna Deere Wiman and Laconril Limited

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