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# PANICS

4 Comedy Episodes, directed by Keith Gwynn

# DAD'S ARMY

Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November 2019

**AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2019** 

# Cast

Capt Mainwaring: Roger Bell

**Sgt Wilson:** Stewart Hiorns

Mrs Fox: Julie Greenwood

L/Corp Jones: Steve Richardson

Pike: lan Evans

Private Frazer: Laurence Evans

Private Walker: Barry Cooper

"U" Boat Cdr/Gordon: Marcus Brace

**Godfrey:** Tony Reynolds

Mrs Gray: Wendy Thomas

Ivy Samways/Sailor: Sian Cole

Edith Parish/Sailor: Sarah Govier

Mrs Pike/Sailor: Heather Cooper

MrsHart/Waitress: Doreen Davies

Cheeseman: Tim Shackson

Miss Ironside/Mrs Prosser:

Sarah Goodall

**Sponge:** Mark Faulkner

Girl: Helen Gwilliam

Verger/Hancock: Neil Chamberlain

Colonel/Vicar: Malcolm Poole

Warden Hodges: David Spear

Soldiers: Patrick Tribe and

Angus Humber

## Synopsis of the Play

DAD's ARMY is set in wartime Britain when the defence of the country was to be assisted by those too old to enlist "The Home Guard" and wardens to enforce "blackouts" The action in all four episodes takes place in and around Walmington on Sea. Chiefly in the local Church hall. With excursions to a cafe, a street and a railway station.

**Episode I** The Godiva Affair

**Episode II** Mum's Army

**Episode III** The Deadly Attachment

Sketch The Floral Dance

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# **Behind The Scenes**

**Stage Manager** Mike Turner

**Stage Crew** Mark Faulkener

**Scenery** Mike Turner

**Sound & Lighting** Guy Littlemore and Alan Bailey

**Props** Mark Faulkener / Sarah Goodhall

Poster & Programme Neil Chamberlain

**Costumes** Heather Cooper & Rosemarie Meates

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### Raffle Donations in aid of Llanelli Mind charity

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# A Note From The Director

**Welcome** to BATS 109th production.

"Director"?? "DIRECTOR" really!! a bit like NewYork. I have to say it twice before I believe it. At my time of life, where are my slippers, because by the time I repeat it I will probably have forgotten that I said it the first time. I think that those in power thought that I could remember the war. Rest assured I can't, but I do have a childhood memory of the plane crash near Providence. My grandparents lived in, the now no more, Mansion House, which it certainly wasn't, opposite, what is now, The Lamplighter, then a telephone exchange. They later were the first residents at the flats in The Glebe. So it could be said that I have come full circle.

Anyway.

"Croeso" a warm welcome to BATS's attempt to re-create four episodes of the much loved and still watched comedy "Dad's Army", based on the exploits of Capt Mainwaring's Platoon of brave but, true to say, eccentric, Home Guards. The action takes place during the 2nd World War in the fictional South Coast town of Walmington on Sea.

All of the characters will be well known to most of you and we will do our best to make you believe that you are watching your favourites on the tele. This is, I think you will agree, an ambitious production involving such a large cast, on a small, nay tiny, stage, which presents little room for manoeuvre. At this time I would like to say a huge THANKYOU and pay tribute to ALL BATS members behind the scenes who have given me so much, much needed, support. I can only think that, like me, they enjoy it. The stage is a bit like the top half of a swan. A lot of the work takes place underwater.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy your evening with us, enjoying ourselves, and go home having had a "Good Laugh"

Nadolig Llawen,

Keith.

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# **BATS 109<sup>th</sup> PRODUCTION**

6.45pm Doors open, Cheers wine by the glass to purchase before the

start. Wine may be ordered in advance for the interval. Tea Coffee and biscuits also available during the interval.

7.30pm Curtain up

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# **BATS CHAT** talks to Laurence Evans



When did you join BATS?

Jan 2017

Why did you join BATS?

I reached 60 and needed a new challenge which was outside my comfort zone

What is your favourite character you have played for BATS?

Spanish hotel manager in "Are You Being Served"

### **Favourite Book?**

I know this much is true by Wally Lamb"

### **Favourite Play?**

Short Cuts directed by Robert Alltman

### **Favourite Actor?**

Phoebe Waller Bridge from Fleabag

### Pearl of Wisdom?

Never underestimate yourself, there is always more

### **BATS in 3 words?**

Free Fun and Frollicks

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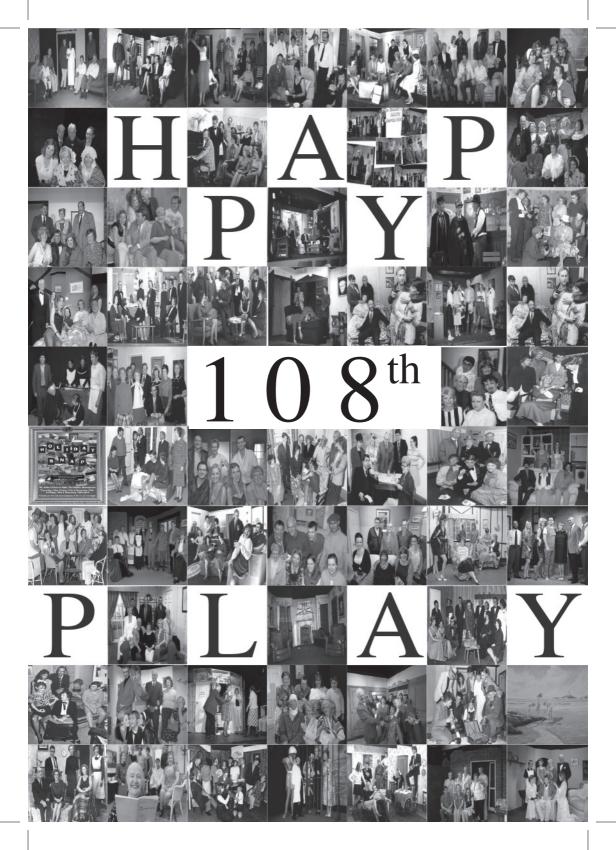




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# **BATS CHAT** talks to Tony Currell



When did you join BATS? Since the autumn of 1997.

### Why did you join BATS?

We moved to Bishopston in the Sept 1997 and within days my wife Denise had been, spotted, enrolled and cast by the late, great Dorothy Morris in "The Geese are Getting Fat". I volunteered to support tea/coffee making and the rest is history!

### Whats your favourite costume you have made?

I have played many characters over the years but stand out favourites are Arthur Crabtree, Billy's best friend in Billy Liar & Tim the Stage Manager in Noise's Off.

### **Favourite Book?**

Boris Pasternak's Doctor Zhivago.

### **Favourite Play?**

The Shell Seekers by Rosamund Pilcher

### **Favourite Actor?**

Elisabeth Moss and Tom Hanks.

### **Pearl of Wisdom?**

Travel isn't always pretty. It isn't always comfortable. Sometimes it hurts, it even breaks your heart. But that's okay. The journey changes you; it should change you. It leaves marks on your memory, on your consciousness, on your heart, and on your body. You take something with you. Hopefully, you leave something good behind." - Anthony Bourdain

### **BATS in 3 words?**

Friendship, enthusiasm and laughter.

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By
Directed by Julie Greenwood

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