

*Working to bring a new performing arts venue to Farnham*

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Performers Together is a Community Interest Company

## See Performers Together show off their talents!

**Get Together** to find out what Performers Together has been up to and tell us what you're up to.

Help make your [Community Interest Company](#) more exciting – let's find out what our creative colleagues have to offer in 2014. Let's discover how we can support each other, grow our work, grow our audiences and build our impact.

Get together to share the latest news:

- ▶ Talk about your work – even 'show off' your wares
- ▶ Share your plans, ideas and needs
- ▶ Find out how we can all help each other

**Get Together** is a special event on May 20th where you will have a few minutes to show off your company's work and plans, and to see if there are *ideal help-mates* able to provide what you need. This is Performers Together's speed dating event!

Designed for all our Group Members and as many Members and Friends as can join us, this event is for us all to share. We value your support.

**Drinks and nibbles are provided.**

**Where:** Daniel Hall, Long Garden Walk, Farnham GU97HX

**When:** Tuesday, May 20th, 7.15pm.

Nearest parking: Hart car park

### What's already on the menu for the 20th

- ▶ Discover more on the thinking for a suitable performing arts venue from Michael Holden, our theatre consultant
- ▶ Explore our Loyalty Card opportunity for increased audiences
- ▶ Hear more about the Box Office offer and how it can work for you
- ▶ Find out about publicity opportunities available to Group Members through Performers Together.
- ▶ Take part in an open discussion on Shared Resources

**Reply please** to help us cater for the numbers to Richard Sandars:

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Remember, Performers Together is the sum of all our members; thus the Sigma in our logo.



Photos from a previous group event at Farnham Castle

# Have you booked yet for the **SPRING QUIZ** and **DINNER?**

Performers Together's Spring Quiz and Dinner takes place on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, so make sure you book your tickets soon as these special dinners are deservedly popular plus the added attraction of an ingenious quiz centred around the performing arts is sure to guarantee a superb evening for all.

See the mouth-watering 3 course menu below. Once again we have an menu exclusive to us, offering wide choice created from fresh, locally sourced ingredients.



The Exchequer,  
Crookham Village,  
Fleet GU51 5SU  
Tuesday May 13th

Remember, there's no need to decide on your own dinner selections in advance, you can simply do this on the evening once you arrive and settle in! It's guaranteed to be a sociable, fun and friendly evening so do make sure you put the date in your diaries and book your tickets. Why not make up a table of 4 with friends or join another couple?

**Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Arrive by 7pm latest to order dinner and drinks from the exclusive menu. Quiz begins at 7.15pm. Tickets £28**

## How to book?

It's easy on line, just go to:

[www.performerstgether.org.uk](http://www.performerstgether.org.uk)

Or by post (cash or cheques payable to Performers Together) to 14 Copse Avenue, Farnham, GU9 9ED with your email address; we'll confirm your booking. Any enquiries: just call 01252 316009



If you represent one of our Group Member companies do please forward this newsletter on to your own membership as they are of course entitled to come along and very welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Spring Quiz & Dinner Menu at The Exchequer

### Starters

Home-made fresh soup served with granary bloomer bread  
Scottish smoked salmon roulade served on a crostini with pink peppercorn dressing  
Sweet pepper tart topped with goat's cheese & pesto served with Secrets salad leaves & vierge dressing  
Chicken liver pâté with toasted ciabatta & a tomato and onion chutney

### Main Course

Furney Copse farm pork and black pudding sausages with mash, braised cabbage & onion gravy  
Salmon & smoked haddock new potato fishcake served with French beans,  
Poached egg & hollandaise sauce  
Char grilled aubergine, courgette & tomato topped with smoked apple wood cheese & served with rosti potato, wilted spinach & a tomato sauce  
Beer-battered Scottish cod with chunky chips & fresh peas  
Surrey beef steak, mushroom & ale pie served with chunky chips & roast vegetables

### Home Made Desserts

Blackberry & apple crumble with custard  
Warm chocolate & nut brownie with vanilla ice cream  
Bread & butter pudding with custard  
3 x Scoops of Meadow Cottage Ice Creams  
Chocolate\*Vanilla\*Strawberry\*Mint & Chocolate\* Rum & Raisin\* Honeycomb  
Sorbets - Mango\*Blackcurrant\*Lemon\*Elderflower

### Coffee or Tea to finish

Please advise your server if you have any specific dietary requirements or food allergies

## Hart Male Voice Choir



Hart Male Voice Choir takes its name from the district of Hart in North East Hampshire, which includes the towns of fleet and Odiham as well as the villages of Crookham, Church Crookham, Hook and Hartley Wintney.

Formed in 1975 by five singers in the Chequers Pub (now re-named the Exchequer) in Crookham Village, the choir still retains the hart and chequer-board motif in its logo. The choir has grown to about 75 members and now rehearses in a restored 500 years old Cross Barn in the pretty Hampshire market town of Odiham. Hart Male Voice Choir has become one of the UK's leading male voice choirs enjoying successes in National and International competitions, festivals and concerts.

The Choir provides a platform, for men who enjoy singing, to indulge their passion and at the same time support local and national charities for which they have raised many thousands of pounds.



**The Choir also encourages young singers and choir President Alan Titchmarsh MBE VMH DL will have just recently compèred their gala concert Supporting Young Singers in Princes Hall Aldershot on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

Under the leadership of their Musical Director, Margaret Brackenborough, the Choir has developed a more modern image with a recent change of uniform and an exciting and entertaining new repertoire of music. The Choir has enjoyed many overseas tours to Ireland, Holland, Spain, Germany and South Africa and has a concert tour in the Lisbon area of Portugal planned for September 2014.

Aspiring male singers should join the choir now if they would like to sing with the choir in Portugal! For more information and how to join or book the Choir for a concert or other event visit our website

[www.hartmvc.org.uk](http://www.hartmvc.org.uk)

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## Artifice

Artifice is a professional theatre company specialising in performance in heritage venues, with a repertoire of classical plays. They are flexible, using the rooms, halls or galleries they're in as the 'set' of the play being performed, so there's no scenery, no lighting, just lovely costumes, great text and a really special, intimate experience for the audience.

Their actors are fully flexible, aware and responsive not only to each other, but also to the environment in which they play – whether that is a fine country house, a guildhall or a theatre. Audiences for Artifice's country house performances come into a closer, more intimate connection with the actors than is possible in spaces. There is no stage technology to exclude them from the action, just quite simply and engagingly a sharing of the same space.



The concept for Artifice arose from a conference – *Her Make is Perfect* – at Chawton House Library in 2008. Two years later, they previewed their flagship production *The Way to Keep Him* in the same venue, and since then they have performed in some stunning period locations, including the Merchants Hall in Edinburgh, Hatchlands Park and Clandon Park near Guildford and the Guildhall in Bath. They have performed at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe, The Jane Austen Festival, National Trust properties, The Electric Theatre, Guildford, and for a number of conferences.

### **KATE NAPIER - Founder and director.**

Kate trained at Central. She has combined practical and academic work in theatre, working for many years at GSA as tutor, director and Head of Curriculum and of Post Graduate Studies, and with a PhD in Theatre from Royal Holloway University of London.

Acting credits include *Twelfth Night*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Winter's Tale* and *School for Scandal*.

Directing credits include *The Beau Defeated*, *Art*, *Antigone*, *The Sisterhood* and *The House of Bernarda Alba*, as well as all Artifice's productions.

The concept for Artifice came out of the combination of theatre and academic interests. She is delighted to be working professionally with so many of the actors she saw through their training, and enjoying the new relationship with actors and the work.



*We are delighted that Kate has joined the Performers Together board now that John Darker of Waverley Singers had to resign because of other commitments*

**Performers Together— have you joined yet** – as an Individual or as a Friend? Maybe you own society is considering Group membership?

There are very many benefits to doing this.

Plus, once your society or organisation joins as a Group Member you have the opportunity to display the Performers Together logo on your own company's website and provide a link to our website.

We already provide links to our Group Members from our website and also encourage visitors to the site to use these easy links to see Group Members' activities.

## Farnham Youth Choirs support Performers Together

"We have often envied the quality and choice of rehearsal and performance space on offer to many of the choirs that we have visited in this country and abroad.

For this reason we were delighted to join Performers Together at the outset. This area of Farnham, so richly served in diverse and vibrant performing arts, deserves a high quality performance space and we wholeheartedly support the initiative." *Gillian Victor-Smith, Farnham Youth Choirs*

## Upcoming events from our Group Members

**Opera South** announce their production for 2014 will be *La Traviata*. They are currently holding auditions. See their website for more details: [www.operasouth.co.uk](http://www.operasouth.co.uk)

**Farnham Rep** will present a full calendar of staged play readings and one-off benefit performances. Check their website for more details, to be posted soon: [www.farnhamrep.co.uk](http://www.farnhamrep.co.uk) Also, Rosemary Ashe in *Call Me Merman* on Saturday 7th June, 7.30pm at The Croft Hall, Hungerford. All proceeds to Farnham Rep.

**Hart Male Voice Choir** have a provisional concert date of 25 June as part of Aldershot Military Festival. The choir tours Portugal between 16th-23rd September. Check their website for updates and new concerts: [www.hartmvc.org.uk](http://www.hartmvc.org.uk)

**Farnham Amateur Operatic Society** presents *Copacabana*. Music By Barry Manilow. 17th - 21st June 2014 at Farnham Maltings. See [www.faos.org.uk](http://www.faos.org.uk)

**Waverley Singers** present *Eastern European Choral Music* on Saturday 14 June at 7.30pm at St Thomas on the Bourne Church, Farnham. Check their website for more details: [waverleysingers.org.uk](http://waverleysingers.org.uk)

**Farnham Youth Choirs** present their *Summer Gala Concert* on Saturday 21st June, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot

**Artifice** present:  
May 8, 9th & 10th *The Way We Were*, The Mill Studio, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford  
Sunday 11th May, *The Lover's Vows* at the Surrey Heath Book Festival, Camberley Theatre, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey  
And at The Guildford Fringe Festival on July 18th and 19th they again perform *The Lover's Vows* at the Star Inn, 2 Quarry Street, Guildford  
Check their website for more details: [www.artifice.org.uk](http://www.artifice.org.uk)

And finally,

### Performers Together

### *Spring Quiz and Dinner*

May 13th, 7pm, The Exchequer, Crookham Village

### *Get Together*

May 20th, 7.15pm Daniel Hall, Farnham

See pages 1 and 2 for details of how to book for these two events.

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