Hello Readers of the Buntingford Journal!

Half Cut Theatre are delighted to be visiting The Sword Inn Hand in Westmill on Thursday 2nd June with our new adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' (see our poster, left). This popular summer comedy is a bittersweet tale of feuding lovers, crossed wires and a well-meaning but rather foolish police constable!

We at Half Cut believe that theatre should be available for everyone so we do not set ticket prices in advance. It works like this: reserve your place for free on our website at **halfcuttheatre.co.uk/book**, come along to the performance at 6pm (don't forget your chair or picnic rug!) and then **Pay What You Decide** by cash or contactless card after the show (the performance will last for 75 minutes).

This stop of our summer tour is particularly exciting for me (James) as my Grandfather is from the area; he was born in Aspenden in 1925 and is still with us today! Whilst I no longer have family in this part of Herts, it is a place I know well and visited regularly as a child so I cannot wait to bring this riotous adaptation of Much Ado to Westmill.

Our shows are full of music, songs, silliness and plenty of heart! There will of course be food and drink available from the Sword Inn Hand and Thursday 2nd June also happens to be the start of the Jubilee Weekend – what's not to like?! See you there!

The Half Cut Theatre Team



WE NEED YOU!!

Volunteers Required For Summer Arts In Buntingford Festival 17th, 18th, 19th June 2022, Layston Court Gardens, Buntingford

We need volunteers to help us run the first ever Summer Arts In Buntingford Festival in Layston Court Gardens. Volunteer duties will include helping stalls set up, meeting and greeting artists, as well as the less glamorous activities such as picking up litter and emptying bins – in other words all the normal jobs that a Festival brings.

We are looking for volunteers to help us during the hours 7am–11pm on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and then on Monday 20th to help us dismantle the tents etc.

If you are able to spare a few hours to help us on any or all of these days, initially please send an email with the hours and days you could help, and we will be in touch. The email address is: volunteers@summerartsinbuntingford.com

Thank you in advance – with your help we can make Summer Arts in Buntingford a great success.



BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR EVENING ENTERTAINMENT NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



ONLY £10 online from: www.summerartsinbuntingford.com



Friday Night: We kick start the weekend with the winner of the BOTBs live on stage. Then local favourite, Tammy, TJ (right), brings us an eclectic mix of chill pop and well-known classics. Finally, we're excited to welcome The Swiftbeats



(left), a fresh young tribute band, bringing back the authentic sound of the Swinging Sixties!'

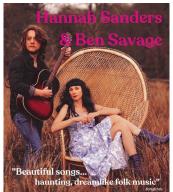
Saturday Night: It's party night! The Essential Jersey Boys (right) set the mood with the best of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons' evergreen pop classics. To keep the party vibe



going we are then delighted to have on stage Miami Royals (left) who



will keep you dancing the night away!'



Sunday Night:

Leading up to the evening's entertainment we have Dixie



Mix (right), a great Trad Jazz band from Suffolk featuring John Benson of Kenny Ball's Jazz Band fame on double bass. Then it's Summer Solstice Folk Night. Setting the mood, our acoustic session features talented young local singer Askyia, accompanying herself on the harp. Then we're thrilled to introduce Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage (left), a well-known folk duo from Cambridge who will enchant you with the sheer beauty of their words and music. You will be entertained!