

Future Diary Dates

♪ Look For The Silver Lining ♪

Memories & songs from the war years

Fri 21st & 22nd October, 2011

Directed by Richard Bond

Sinbad and the Sword of Destiny

A new Pantomime - Traditional family fun

20th, 21st, 27th & 28th Jan, 2012

Directed by Kevin Rye

A Three Act Comedy

Title to be confirmed

Fri 18th & Sat 19th May 2012

Directed by Sue Williams

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The Kingswood Players

present

Bonaventure

A play in Three Act by
Charlotte Hastings

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Historical Background

The Great Fens Floods - March 1947

Saturday 15th, a deepening depression from the Atlantic brought rain & severe gales. The next day, winds over southern England reached 50 knots, with gusts of 80-90 knots. Buildings were damaged & waves were whipped up on floodwaters. In East Anglia, where the major rivers flow north-eastwards, the south-westerly wind drove their waters ahead & waves pounded the dykes. Water levels rose, the dykes were breached & most of Fenland was inundated. Troops were called in, but could do little to stop water racing through the breaches.

Sunday 16th March. With the water in the Wash, and the Ouse rising rapidly, the floods rose perilously near to the peak of the banks. The position became critical when hurricane force winds swept the district & forced workers to abandon their task.

Monday 17th March. Although the day broke quietly, it became apparent that the weary workers' efforts to keep the flood in check were in vain. First light revealed a 12 foot breach in the bank of the Ouse at Over & thousands of acres were inundated.

Tuesday 18th March. The rising waters swept remorselessly on & began to flow over the bank of The Old West River, flooding many places 12 foot deep.

One week later the Army had temporarily staunched the flow, reducing it to a trickle. With the fall in the Spring tides & the steady drop in river levels attention was turned to pumping the vast quantities of water from the various fens.

The village of Swavesey was stranded but not submerged - virtually encircled with muddy flood water. The gravel 'island' at Church End, site of the church & former priory, although cut off was approachable by the high causeway at Swan Pond. Shoppers were ferried by boat or dinghy at Turn Bridge & the village green was also under a sheet of shining water.

The castle mound remained exposed & stood sentry over the ancient Hale Road track leading to Fen Drayton. The railway station & goods yard were under 3-4 feet of water with the track was submerged in places & badly damaged by the rushing flood water.

The action of the play passes in

The Convent of Our Lady of Rheims, a French nursing order, at Denzil St David, a village some miles from Norwich, England.

March, 1947

ACT ONE

The Great Hall of the Convent

About 6 pm

ACT TWO

Sister Mary Bonaventure's rooms

Scene 1 ~ Two hours later

Scene 2 ~ Next evening

Scene 3 ~ The following afternoon

ACT THREE

The Great Hall

Three hours later

There will be an interval between each Act.

During the second interval, refreshments will be available.

Characters
(In order of appearance)

Nurse Phillips	Alice Jeffrey
Nurse Brent	Emma Bye
Sister Josephine	Sue Lewis
Willy Pentridge	James Dupont
Sister Mary Bonaventure	Kate Bond
Dr Jeffreys	Kevin Rye
The Mother Superior	Margaret Mitchell
Melling	Paul Taylor
Sarat Carn	Pauline Goodridge
Miss Pierce	Jill Rye
Ted Newlands	Barry Woodham
Martha Pentridge	Jan Burrows

*Settings designed, constructed and painted by
The Kingswood Players*

Behind The Scenes

Stage Director
Stage Manager
ASM's

Simon Williams
Sue Williams
Aaron Follows
Andrew Follows
Dom Liddle
Laura Thomas
Barry Woodham

Lighting
Sound Effects

David Williams
Rob Lewis

Wardrobe

Rachel Balding
Kate Bond
Margaret Mitchell

Box Office
Publicity

Jill Rye
Sue Lewis

Front of House Manager
Front of House Team

Lorraine Taylor
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Ben Elliott
Helen Fawsett
Ian Goodridge
Sue Woodham

Refreshments

Margaret Rugman
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Brenda Yelland