

# THE EDWARD ALDERTON THEATRE

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Edward Alderton Theatre aims to produce performances of the highest possible standard in an environment that is enjoyable for audiences and those involved in the theatre. To this end we expect our members and visitors to treat each other, our property and our neighbours with respect. Thank you. EAT Committee

## ONLINE BOOKINGS

Book online\* at  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/edwardalderton](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edwardalderton)  
or telephone\*\* our booking agent TicketSource on  
**0333 666 3366**

To contact the theatre directly on performance nights please call **020 8298 1269**

\* No booking fees apply

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# FORTHCOMING SHOWS

**8 - 15 April 2017**

Skellig by David Almond  
(FAMILY-FRIENDLY DRAMA)  
Directed by Richard Self

**27 May - 3 June 2017**

Bracken Moor by Alexi Kaye  
(GHOST STORY)  
Directed by Ian Welch

**22 - 29 July 2017**

No Sex, Please - We're British  
(COMEDY/FARCE)  
by Alistair Foot and Anthony Marriott  
Directed by Roz Betts

## YOUR THEATRE NEEDS YOU!

We always need help and assistance with our shows. If you are interested in helping out our wonderful and friendly theatre with any of the following, please drop us a line at [edwardalderton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:edwardalderton@hotmail.co.uk)

Your help is needed with:

- Set Building (Urgently needed!)
- Props • Costumes • Backstage assistance
- Prompts • Technical - lighting and sound
- Bar Front of House and Box Office and Publicity



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# EA NEWS

Newsletter of the Edward Alderton Theatre - April 2017



**Miss Julie**  
Feb 2017

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## A VERY, VERY URGENT REQUEST

**We need to urgently find set builders who are able to commit to our ongoing season.**

Ron Andrews and John Vinnels (*Team R&J*) have built the most incredible sets for our theatre since teaming up for *The Steamie* in May 2005. Sixty amazing sets later, we are very sad to announce that Ron will be hanging up his hammer due to illness. We are not sure how long Ron needs for a full recovery, and, as a consequence, it could be many weeks or months before he is back in action.

As John Vinnels rightly states - "Set building is a two (minimum) man job and the stark reality of the situation is that of now the theatre has lost it's set-building ability. I will be able to undertake the *Skellig* set break with help from the crew and cast on 16 April but unless future ongoing help is provided no set building for *Bracken Moor* and beyond will be possible".

"We are looking for individuals that can work with us on a continuous and regular basis. He or she doesn't have to have a PhD in timber technology or a proficiency badge in set design - all that is required is common sense, a very basic DIY skill, keenness and a commitment to our theatre.

It would be a sad reflection on our reputation if the EAT could not produce a home grown volunteer from amongst its many members, their families and friends."

Please put the word out and ask your family and friends. If our theatre is to continue producing the same high standard of shows in the future another regular set builder is now urgently required.

Please contact Liz at: [lizgillett212@aol.com](mailto:lizgillett212@aol.com)

We at the committee are sure that you will join us in wishing Ron the very of wishes and hope that he is feeling fighting fit very soon.

### New Season Launch night - 20th May

Please join us at the Theatre on Saturday 20th May as we host the New Season Launch night. The six new productions for the 2017/2018 season will be announced on the evening and, once again, the director for each production will introduce themselves and tell us about their hopes and plans for the shows. Dates for auditions for the new shows will also be announced during the evening. Please come along at 7.45 for an 8.00 start. The bar will be opened once the presentation has finished.



### 2017-2018 - New Season Dates

Performance weeks for the 2017-2018 New Season will run as follows:

- 1st Production: October 21st - 28th
- 2nd Production: December 9th - 16th
- 3rd Production: February 10th - 17th
- 4th Production: April 7th - 14th
- 5th Production: May 26th - 2nd June
- 5th Production: July 21st - 28th

### Production Rotas

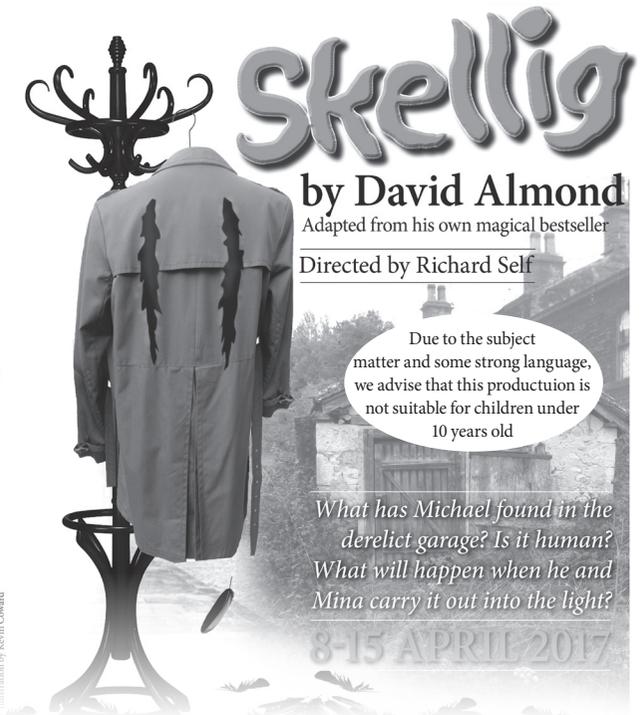
The very wonderful Lesley Bauckham has kindly offered to take over the running of the production rotas from Skellig onwards. The committee would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Lesley for this invaluable assistance. Please keep an eye out for emails from Lesley as she begins the task of asking our members and friends to assist with the running of the box office, bar and front-of-house duties.

### Sam Griggs

We would like to wish Sam Griggs, a new member who provided wonderful costumes for our incredible production of A Christmas Carol, very best wishes and best of luck as she has been professionally cast to do drama workshops and produce shows with school children in China.

### Storage Request

Do any of our members or friends of members have an empty garage or any storage space we can rent to store furniture and props for a reasonable monthly fee? If you do, please contact Liz at: [lizgillett212@aol.com](mailto:lizgillett212@aol.com)



## SKELLIG - 8-15 APRIL

### By David Almond

Directed by Richard Self

In a dilapidated old theatre a group of actors tell the story of a young boy called Michael and a mysterious winged man called Skellig. Based on the best-selling David Almond novel, this is a magical story of family, belief and friendship. Funny and moving in equal measure, it's sure to keep adults and older children spellbound.

### Cast:

- Chris Cole (*Narrator, Mr Stone, Rasputin, Ensemble*)
- Kevin Coward (*Dad, The Yeti, Ensemble*)
- David George (*Michael, Ensemble*)
- Maureen Hardwen (*Narrator, Dr McNabola, Ensemble*)
- Aysev Ismail (*Narrator, Mrs McKee, Coot, Ensemble*)
- TBC (*Leaky, Ensemble*)
- Eleanor McEnery (*Narrator, Old Lady, Mrs Dando, Ensemble*)
- Alex Meason (*Mina, Ensemble*)
- Daniel O'Brien (*Skellig, Ensemble*)
- Jennifer Walker (*Mum, Miss Clarts, Ensemble*)