

Third HGS Art Fair

HGS Art are delighted to announce that their third annual Art Fair at Fellowship House will take place over the weekend of May 11 and 12.

We have had good weather for the last two years and

hopefully the sun will shine so that everyone can enjoy a leafy walk along Willifield Way to Fellowship House, and take their refreshments on the terrace as well as indoors. If the weather is fine there are plans for a gazebo

on the front lawn with a table and chairs, and a stack of paper and coloured pens for younger children to do some Art, and a jigsaw for older kids and, indeed, anyone who wants to help with it. Admission is free, and a variety

of delicious sweet and savoury refreshments are to be served all day by the wonderful ladies of the charity Combat Stress (celebrating its centenary this year), so put the dates in your diaries, and come along with your families and friends. You can meet up with people you know and some you don't while you take a look around the original work of some of our talented members most of whom live locally.

Works on display will include original paintings and drawings, prints, photographs, sculptures, silks, decorated glass artefacts, hand-made jewellery and other amazing hangings and craft works for home and garden. We expect it to be an enjoyable social occasion at the same time as a potential shopping treat. See you there?

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PHOTOS: TONY BRAND

Summer shows in Little Wood

This July, Garden Suburb Theatre will be returning to one of our favourite venues – the Little Wood Open Air Theatre, NW11 6QS (entrances from Denman Drive, Oakwood Road and Addison Way), for our annual set of summer performances. But this time there's a big difference: we'll be putting on not one but two shows, so there'll be plenty of opportunity to experience some top-notch outdoors amateur theatre.

Over the next few months, a pair of talented casts will be getting their teeth into The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare, directed by Diana Bromley, and Our Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker, directed by Kayne McCutcheon.

These two very different plays will be running in rep, with nine performances each between the

4th and 20th July – and as an added extra, if you book to see both shows we'll be running a Buy One Get One Half Price deal which will give you great value for money as well as the chance to see two moving, exciting and engrossing pieces of theatre.

The Merchant of Venice probably needs no introduction – this Shakespeare classic explores the universal and always relevant themes of justice, intolerance and law, alongside a number of romantic subplots. We're really looking forward to bringing this well-known text and characters like Portia and Shylock to life in a new, exciting way. Anyone who has seen one of Garden Suburb Theatre's previous Shakespeare productions (like Measure for Measure last year) will be aware of just how well

his plays work in the Little Wood Open Air space, so this is one not to be missed.

Our Country's Good, by female playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker, tells the amazing true story of the first penal colony in Australia, focusing on a group of convicts who put on a play under the guidance of Second Lieutenant Ralph Clark.

With a variety of colourful characters based on real people, actors playing multiple roles, and a brilliant mixture of comedy and tragedy, this dramatic and insightful play shines a light on the power of theatre to combat prejudice and bring people together.

For more information and to book all your tickets online, please visit our website at: gardensuburbtheatre.org.uk.

MICHAEL REFFOLD

PERFORMANCE DATES

The Merchant of Venice:
Thursday 4 July, Saturday 6 July (matinee & evening), Wednesday 10 July, Thursday 11 July, Sunday 14 July (matinee), Tuesday 16 July, Thursday 18 July, Saturday 20 July (matinee).

Our Country's Good:
Friday 5 July, Sunday 7 July (matinee), Tuesday 9 July, Friday 12 July, Saturday 13 July (matinee & evening), Wednesday 17 July, Friday 19 July, Saturday 20 July (evening).

TICKETS

Single show: £12/£10 concessions
Both shows: £18/£15 concessions (Buy one get one half price!)
Groups of 10: Single show £100, both shows £150.
Families: Single show £40, both shows £60.



The Garden Suburb Theatre's outdoor venue, awaiting transformation!

Anyone for tennis? Come to Central Square

With the improving weather, The Trust's two tennis courts on Central Square are a great place to improve your ball skills, or just have a friendly match.

Both courts, which have recently been refurbished, are free to use for all Suburb residents and their guests. Advance booking is advised as the courts are both very popular.

Just visit tinyurl.com/hgstc to make your free booking.

Please note that these courts are only to be used by those people who have booked for a specific time period. They are strictly not to be used for coaching/lessons, by non-residents, nor for any other purpose than tennis.

If you have any queries, please contact the Trust office at mail@hgstrust.org or ring 020 8455 1066.



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