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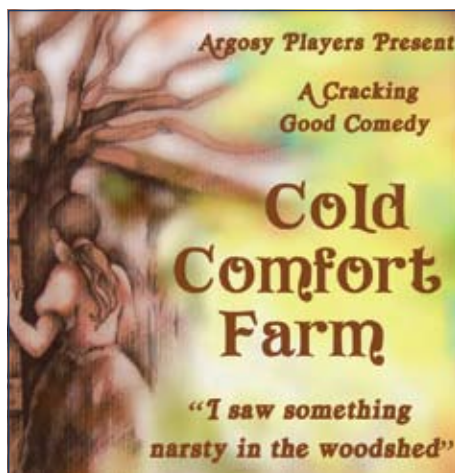
# Compass Theatre

May – August 09



HILLINGDON  
LONDON

Box Office 01895 673200



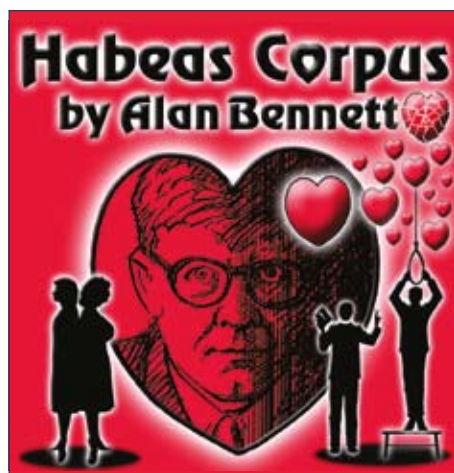
**Wed 13 – Sat 16 May at 7.45pm**  
**Sat matinee 2.30pm**  
**Argosy Players present**

## Cold Comfort Farm

Take one badly run and supposedly cursed farm. Pour in 1 Crazy old Lady, who is said to be mad through having seen "something narsty in the woodshed". Add 1 son-besotted Daughter and her Hell-fire preacher Husband. Stir in 2 Sons – one in love with women, the other with his farm. Add a Strange Nephew and his Mad Cousin. Mix together with County types and Country bumpkins – and finally. Introduce Flora – A high minded penniless orphan bent upon changing the lives of all she encounters.

Result: An Hilarious story of Farming Folk. So come along and see what happens when Flora discovers a new branch of her family tree - The One with all the nuts.

**Tickets £11/£9 concs Wed/Thu only**  
**Opening night all tickets £9**



**Wed 20 – Sat 23 May at 8pm**  
**Ruislip Dramatic Society present**

## Habeas Corpus

*by Alan Bennett*

First meet the Wicksteed family from Hove, a seemingly respectable doctor and his wife along with their hypochondriac son. Next add a young lady patient who the doctor takes a fancy to, but who in turn takes an interest in his son, and the doctor's sister who is more concerned about her flat chest than her courtship with the limp but good-natured vicar, Canon Throbbing. Finally stir this with the President of the British Medical Association and an assortment of characters which include a "bust" fitter salesman from Leatherhead and you are left with this wickedly funny play. Come aboard this satirical merry-go-round driven by the permissive society for "he whose lust lasts, lasts longest"...

**Tickets £10/£9 concs Wed/Thur only**  
**Box office numbers are 01895 675343 and 01895 673200**



**Sun 31 May/Mon 1 Jun/Fri 5 Jun**  
**Purple Theatre Company present**  
**Purple Pieces Too: A night of new sketch comedy**

**Tue 2 Jun at 7.30pm**  
**Ickenham Festival present**  
**Community Concert**  
 Featuring Perry Parsons Big Band, Sine Nominee Singers and Capital Connection.

**Wed 3 Jun at 7pm**  
**Ickenham Festival present**  
**Battle of the Bands**

**Thu 4 Jun at 7.30pm**  
**Pig Earth - An Evening of Alternative Folk**  
**Tickets £7/£6 concs**

**Sat 6 Jun at 7pm**  
**Showcase Operatic Company present**  
**60 Years Of Popular Music**  
**Tickets £12 (for tickets please contact 020 8842 3009)**

For more details please visit  
[www.communigate.co.uk/london/artsweek/page14.phtml](http://www.communigate.co.uk/london/artsweek/page14.phtml)



**Wed 10 – Sat 13 Jun at 7.45pm**  
**Proscenium Theatre present**

## Home

*by David Storey*

A garden. Two chairs. A table. It is autumn. Four people meet up. Two men. Two women. Where are they? Who are they? And what are they doing there? An amusing and entertaining play, the protagonists slowly reveal their intriguing story.

Originally performed at the Royal Court Theatre starring John Gielgud and Ralph Richardson in 1970, Home won both the New York Drama Critics' Circle and Evening Standard Awards for Best Play.

**Tickets £10**





Sat 13 Jun at 11am  
Lempen Puppet Theatre present

## Journey of Turtle

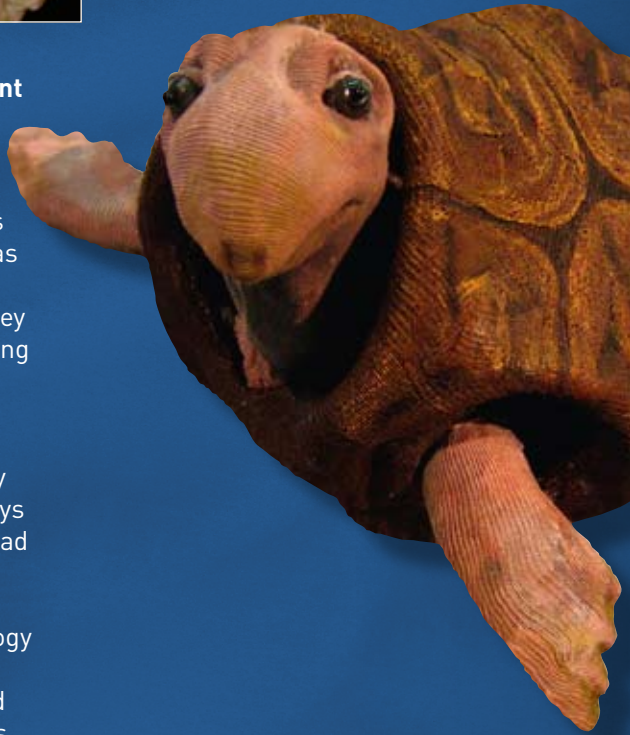
Turtles are old, millions of years old, as old as dinosaurs, as old as some hills. Go to Turtle Hill and experience an imaginative journey through the evolution and learning of this most fascinating and ancient creature.

In the beginning turtle was shiny and fast, always impatient, always in a hurry, but then one day he had a terrible accident...

A beautiful story based on a trilogy of "just so" - style Turtle tales about following your dream, told with shadows, table-top puppets and traditional storytelling.

Inspirational for anyone over 5 years old. Duration 50 minutes.

Tickets £6.50



Wed 17 – Sat 20 Jun at 7.30pm  
The Purple Theatre Company  
present

## Monstrous Regiment

*Terry Pratchett's Monstrous Regiment  
Adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs*

Polly Perks has to become a boy in a hurry. Cutting her hair and wearing trousers is easy but now, in the army and searching for her brother, Polly and her fellow recruits must survive in the thick of war. With a vampire, an igor, a troll and the army's most artful seargeant, if they're going to stay alive they'll need all the resources of... the monstrous regiment.

Tickets £11/£9 concs Thurs only  
Opening night all tickets £9



Wed 24 – Sat 27 Jun at 7.45pm  
Sat matinee 2.30pm  
Cameo Entertainment present

## It's Show Time!

In terms of sheer entertainment there is nothing to compete with a good variety show. "It's Show Time!" has all the right ingredients with a sparkling mix of comedy, song and dance. Come and enjoy the exuberance of this complete package of live entertainment.

Tickets £10  
Box office 020 8954 2972

# SUMMER FUN!!

Mon 17 Aug 10am – 4pm with a short performance for parents at 3.30pm

## Strictly Compass Dancing

Join us for a one-day-fun-day dance workshop. You have seen TV presenters and sports personalities strutting their stuff, and now it's your turn to have a go at dancing the Strictly way. We will dance in Ballroom and Latin style, and at the end we will all be in the final in a short performance to finish the day. No judges and no-one will be voted off!

Ages 8-12 years

Tue 18 Aug 10am – 4pm with a short performance for parents at 3.30pm  
On the Other Hand Theatre Co

## Junk Puppet Workshop

Collect your household junk, fabrics, wool, string, clean old tights etc and bring them along to this wonderfully creative workshop by On The Other Hand, who have been involved in puppetry for more than thirty years working in film, TV and theatre.

Ages 8-12 years

Wed 19 Aug 10am – 4pm with a short performance for parents at 3.30pm  
Musical Theatre Workshop

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Step into Shakespeare's fantasy comedy world of magic and mischief. In this workshop we shall explore characters, text movement and song, and create our own adventure. There will be a short performance at the end of the day.

Ages 8-12 years

Thu 20 Aug 10am – 4pm with a short performance for parents at 3.30pm  
Musical Theatre Workshop

## The Wizard of Oz

Let's go to Oz!! A workshop exploring the magical Land of Oz! You will become the Munchkins, folk of Oz, Jitterbugs and flying monkeys. We will use movement, song and speech to work towards a short performance at the end of the day. Polish those ruby slippers!!

Ages 5-7 years

Fri 21 Aug 10am – 4pm with a short performance for parents at 3.30pm

## West End Musicals Workshop

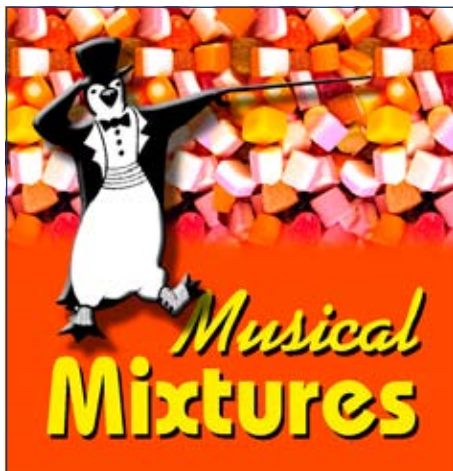
Lucy Thatcher, acclaimed West End musical star (Rat Pack / Imagine This) will coach you to sing and dance to some of the current favourite songs from shows such as 'Hair-spray', 'High School Musical', 'Sister Act' and 'Oliver' bringing the West End to Compass – **For One Day Only!**

Ages 8-12 years

### Five Fantastic Workshops with something for everyone

All sessions are from 10am - 4pm with a short performance / show-case of work for parents at 3.30pm. Please wear comfy clothes and bring a packed lunch.  
Tickets £16.50





**Thur 23 - Sat 25 July at 7.45pm**  
**Pastiche Musical Theatre present**

## Musical Mixtures

Once again Pastiche present an assortment of musical delights as they serve up another delicious bag of musical goodies. A mixture of sweets from The West End, Broadway and Hollywood will tantalize your senses. There will be something for everyone, big set piece numbers from your favourite musicals to solo's, duets, dance numbers and novelties. Sit back, be entertained and in the process help raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, our nominated charity for this show. Pastiche Musical Theatre have now raised almost £45,000 for good local causes and charities so come along and enjoy an exhilarating, uplifting evening and help us to help those in need.

**Tickets £10/£8 concs**



## Also in May

**Wed 29 Apr - Sun 3 May at 7.45pm**  
**Sat/Sun matinee at 2.30pm**

**Wembley Operatic Society present**

**The Matchgirls**

**Tickets £12/£10/£8**

**WOS box office 07983 103444**

**Thu 7 - Sat 9 May at 7.30pm**

**Margaret Howard & Company**

**present**

**Suessical The Musical**

**Tickets £16/£12 conc**

**telephone 020 8421 8008**

## Also in July

**Thu 16 - Sat 18 Jul at 7.30pm**

**360 Youth Theatre present**

**Summer Show Case**

**Now That's What I Call Comedy 2009**

**- a comedy game show**

Showcase of short films, a devised piece of work and a variety of sketches.

**Tickets £5/£3 concs**



## Compass Café/Bar Art Exhibitions

**6 Jun**

**Shivashtie Poonwassie**

*'Is your world the same as mine?*

*My work explores how reality is interpreted and determined by experience, knowledge and emotion. What do you see?'*

**4 Jul**

**Jenny Wilson**

*My work expresses the exploration of line and plays with an interchangeable relationship between drawing and text*

**1 Aug**

**Nisha Chadha**

*I am a textile artist based in London. I studied at the Royal College of Art. I have had many exhibitions in London and Japan.*

In this issue we spotlight on what our customers said about Compass Theatre in our latest annual survey.

*'The Compass is a lovely little theatre and we are lucky to have it in Hillingdon'*

*'Since we have made bookings at the theatre we have been very pleased with the service of your staff i.e. very helpful and obliging'*

*'A wonderful facility- we are so lucky to have it in the local community'*

*'More one day children's workshops please.'*

*'The children's workshops in holidays were very good but seem to have stopped. This is a shame as they gave a good opportunity for children to gain theatre experience!'*

*'As a blind person with a guide dog I would just like to say all the staff (who will look after the dog if necessary) are most helpful. In the interval the staff come to see if we need assistance - excellent service makes it an enjoyable experience.'*

Thank you to all our customers who returned the recent questionnaire, we hope where possible we can act upon the feedback received.



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Stage

Wheelchair seats

## Theatre and Backstage Tours

Please contact the Theatre Manager on 01895 632488 to arrange a tour of the Theatre and Ickenham Hall.

## Space Hire

Theatre – 158 seat theatre suitable for lectures; presentations. Auditorium 11 x 11 metres, stage 5.5 x 7.6 metres including wings with a usable height of 5.5 metres. Contains raked retractable seating with everyone guaranteed a clear view of the stage. (With Induction Loop).

Studio – A large rehearsal space. (With Induction Loop).

Oak Room – Oak Panelled Room on the ground floor of Ickenham Hall suitable for meetings and presentations. 6 x 4.4 metres. (With Induction Loop).

Long Room – Large light room on the First Floor of Ickenham Hall suitable for meetings and presentations. 14.2 x 4 metres. (With Induction Loop). Please note that the Long Room is not easily accessible for those with mobility problems.

Please contact the Theatre Manager on 01895 632488 for details on availability and rates.

**Large print copies of this brochure can be obtained by calling the Box Office on 01895 673200.**

*A full copy of our terms and conditions is available upon request at the Box Office. This programme is correct at the time of going to press, but Compass Theatre reserves the right to make such alterations as may be necessary.*

## Bookings

Ticket bookings can be made in person, by post or by telephone. Box Office is open from 10.30am-5pm, Monday – Friday and from 10am-1pm on Saturdays. If paying by cheque, please make payable to *London Borough of Hillingdon*. Tickets can be reserved for 5 working days however if they have not been paid for during this time they will be put back on general sale.

## Ticket Exchanges and Resales

We regret ticket money cannot be refunded unless a performance is cancelled. If you are unable to attend a performance for which you have booked tickets, the Box Office will try and re-sell your returned tickets although we can only do this once a performance has sold out. We may be able to transfer tickets.

## Access

The auditorium and theatre are fully accessible for customers with mobility problems. We have two dedicated wheelchair spaces in the auditorium, car parking facilities and an adapted toilet. Accompanying personal assistant tickets are free, please advise Box Office at the time of booking.

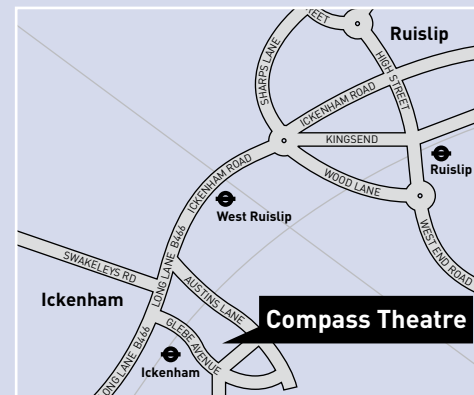
We welcome assistance dogs at Compass and a bowl of water can be provided for all assistance dogs, please ask at the Box Office. Our auditorium and box office are fitted with induction loops. Baby changing facilities and a disabled access toilet are available in the foyer area.

## Latecomers

In order to minimise disruption to audience and performers, latecomers may be asked to wait for a suitable pause in the programme before being shown to their seats.

## Café Bar

Our coffee bar and wine bar are open for all performances, 45 minutes prior to a show. *We strongly recommend that you order interval drinks from the wine bar in advance.*



## How to find us

Compass Theatre is on Ickenham's Glebe Avenue, just 150 yards from Long Lane. Ickenham underground station is just across the road (Metropolitan & Piccadilly Lines). West Ruislip station is a 15 minute walk away (Central Line & British Rail). Ickenham is served by the U1 & U10 bus routes. Compass Theatre has limited free parking; however there is a large pay and display TFL car parking facility very close by at Ickenham Underground station.

## Children and Babes in Arms

We welcome children and young people and have a programme of performances, workshops and other activities dedicated to our younger patrons. Age ranges are indicated on all children's shows as a guide only; *please note that most shows are not aimed at under 3 years*. Under the Rules of Management for Theatres, a ticket must be purchased for ALL children, however young and children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Should your child become restless during the performance, please feel free to accompany them to the foyer until they are ready to return to the auditorium.

## Photography, Video Recording and Mobile Phones

The use of cameras and any kind of recording apparatus is not permitted in the auditorium and we ask that patrons turn off their mobile phones.



**Photography is not permitted without prior permission**



# At a glance

## May

13-16	7.45pm & 2.30pm	<b>Cold Comfort Farm</b>
20-23	8pm	<b>Habeas Corpus</b>
31	TBC	<b>Purple Pieces Too</b>

## June

1	TBC	<b>Purple Pieces Too</b>
2	7.30pm	<b>Community Concert</b>
3	7pm	<b>Battle of the Bands</b>
4	7.30pm	<b>Pig Earth - An Evening of Alternative Folk</b>
5	TBC	<b>Purple Pieces Too</b>
6	TBC	<b>60 Years Of Popular Music</b>
10-14	7.45pm	<b>Home</b>
13	11am	<b>Journey of Turtle ☺</b>
17-20	7.30pm	<b>Monstrous Regiment</b>
24-27	7.45pm & 2.30pm	<b>It's Show Time!</b>

## July

16-18	7.30pm	<b>360 Youth Theatre Summer Show Case</b>
23-25	7.45pm	<b>Musical Mixtures</b>

## August

17	10am – 4pm	<b>Strictly Compass Dancing ☺</b>
18	10am – 4pm	<b>Junk Puppet Workshop ☺</b>
19	10am – 4pm	<b>A Midsummer Night's Dream ☺</b>
20	10am – 4pm	<b>The Wizard of Oz ☺</b>
21	10am – 4pm	<b>West End Musicals Workshop ☺</b>

Children's events ☺

## Volunteers

**If you are interested in joining Compass Theatre as a volunteer to assist with Coffee/Wine Bar, Box Office or Front of House, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Julia on 01895 632488.**

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