THAME PLAYERS

Local theatre - and much more



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON THE HISTORY OF THAME PLAYERS FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO THE PRESENT

80 YEARS OF THAME PLAYERS







Tony Long is giving an illustrated talk on the history of

Thame Players Theatre Company

at

The Black Horse, Thame

11 Cornmarket, Thame, OX9 2BL

Thursday 18th July, 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Entry is ***free*** plus there is a complimentary glass of Prosecco for the first 50 guests

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BY TONY LONG

Thame Players have come a long way, from humble Second World War beginnings, to the vibrant, thriving theatre group we see today. At their home, **The Players Theatre** in Nelson Street, Thame, they stage five of their own productions a year, from serious drama to pantomime, plus 30 visiting shows and 25 screenings hosted by Thame Cinema For All. Audiences have grown from 400 a year in the early days to some 8,000 a year now. Quite some achievement by enthusiastic volunteers, who were determined to bring quality theatre to Thame! None of this would have been possible without generous funding from local councils, businesses, and grant organisations.



To mark **Thame Players'** 80th Anniversary in July 2024, Tony Long will be giving an entertaining talk, illustrated with images of past shows and of the theatre building as it has developed over the years. He will take us back to the first mention of **Thame Players** in July 1944, when ticket sales contributed to *Salute the Soldier Week* and *Thame Forces Welcome Home Fund*. He will explain how **Thame Players** managed to survive post-war thanks to enthusiasts - especially Jack Lightfoot, a Thame solicitor. He will recount how, after 30 years when productions were staged at the Town Hall, **Thame Players** acquired the former Church Hall in Nelson Street, and how they have developed the building as the modern, well-equipped theatre we see today.

