

Dear All,

You are probably aware of the current situation with our theatre – Storm Eunice decided to do her worst and rip off 95% of the theatre's roof and dump it into the car park.

The auditorium, stage and back stage areas are exposed to the elements. I am sure there are many conflicting stories and rumours going around so the committee wants to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on where we are and what plans we have going forward.

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who rallied to the call for help over the weekend. We were alerted around lunchtime on Friday that our roof was flying off. Thank you to those who quickly responded to that call and made the theatre equipment safe from water damage.

Saturday saw a huge turnout of people doing what they could to make the theatre safe. Two roofing contractors were on site to help guide covering the roof with tarpaulin with an attempt to keep out the worst of the rain.

This week we are gathering quotes from roofing contractors and have a meeting with the loss assessors from our insurance company.

The committee have contacted professionals to assist with the decision process to ensure that the right decision is made on a new roof.

At this moment we do not have any secure timescales and therefore our planned season is in a state of flux until we have a firm date from the selected contractor.

PLEASE NOTE - The theatre currently has the electricity switched off so unfortunately it is out of bounds to everyone unless they are carrying out work keeping the theatre safe and secure.

Last Tango in Whitby

The committee, with the show's production team, agreed to postpone the show. Rehearsals will take place either at an alternative venue or on zoom. A firm decision on a new performance date will be released soon.

Our House

We are unsure if the show can proceed on stage at the end of April/beginning of May. There are two options that are being explored by the production team – to continue with the same timescales but at an alternative venue or move the show to perform at the theatre in the autumn. We hope that a decision will be made very soon. Rehearsals to continue in the meantime and alternative venues are being sourced.

Beauty Queen of Leenane

We are hopeful that the show can continue as planned but it may be prudent for the production team to look at alternative venues, just in case. Rehearsals are to proceed but at an alternative venue.

Youth Group Shows.

We are again hopeful that the shows can continue as planned at the theatre. Rehearsals are to continue at alternative venues until it is safe to return to the theatre.

Quiz

We are looking to hold the quiz at an alternative venue and hope to let everyone know by the end of this week.

The committee are meeting on a regular basis and will update you all as soon as we can.

Please be assured – we are doing everything to continue with our productions and aim to have a safe theatre for us to enjoy for many years to come.

Gordon Bird
Chairman