

The Devonshire Park Theatre is a Grade II listed building designed by Architect Henry Currey, built in 1884 originally for the Duke of Devonshire. The Theatre was further improved by celebrated Theatre Architect Frank Matcham in 1903 and is now widely regarded as one of the finest examples of a small Victorian Theatre in the country with an ornate interior featuring decorative plaster work with scrolls and caryatids by Holloway. The Theatre has won the Martini/TMA Regional Theatre Award for 'Most Welcoming Theatre'.

The Theatre has a capacity of 930 creating an atmosphere of closeness enjoyed by the audiences and artistes alike. Indeed, the Devonshire Park Theatre has been home to many illustrious stars of the theatre world, holding a number of performances which have previously been seen in the West End.

The Friends was formed in 1984, the centenary year of the Theatre, to help and encourage support for the Devonshire Park Theatre and for theatre-going in general.

Since their formation, the Friends have raised valuable funds to support the theatre in every aspect of its work. The Stalls, Dress Circle and Upper Circle have been renovated with financial assistance wholly attributable to the Friends.

The purpose of the Friends is to support the Devonshire Park Theatre through:

- Coming to productions and encouraging others to do so.
- Financial assistance from various fundraising events.
- Helping theatre staff by becoming volunteer stewards and assisting with duties including audio-description, photography, DIY and fundraising.
- You can become involved as little or as much as you like, but the main thing is to enjoy your membership. Join us as we continue to support the Devonshire Park Theatre in all that it does.

Why not find out more about the Theatre and the support we, as Friends, can provide. Please visit our website at [fodpt.org.uk](http://fodpt.org.uk).



## **Membership Details & Application Form**

*Patrons: Clive Francis, Anita Harris, John Hester,  
Brian Murphy, Kevin Pallister & Simon Shepherd*

## Friends of the Devonshire Park Theatre Membership Form

**First Member** Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other .....

Forename .....

Surname .....

Address .....

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Post Code ..... Telephone (inc. Code) .....

E-mail .....

By providing your email address you are indicating your consent to receiving emails from us. Please tick  the box if you **do not** wish to receive emails from the Friends of the Devonshire Park Theatre.

**Second Member** Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other .....

Forename .....

Surname .....

I/We require a:

I wish to pay by:

Single Membership [ ]

Cash [ ]

Joint Membership [ ]

Cheque [ ]

Standing Order [ ]

**Please return this form to New Members Secretary:**

Jackie Knights, 181 Bridgemere Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8TZ

Your membership card/s and details will be sent to you by post.

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## Friends of the Devonshire Park Theatre

The Friends of the Devonshire Park Theatre has over 1300 dedicated and enthusiastic supporters who enjoy the theatre, and are keen to help it and want to ensure that the Devonshire Park Theatre remains a part of our local community.

The current Friends' membership benefits include:

- Price concessions (normally 25% on first two nights) at the Devonshire Park Theatre, and occasionally at Eastbourne's other theatres
- A regular quarterly newsletter keeping you informed of all events and activities in our programme
- A constantly updated website (fodpt.org.uk)
- The opportunity to take part in a variety of social events, including trips to other regional theatres
- Meeting with the cast at "after show" receptions
- Becoming a volunteer steward assisting Theatre staff with a number of duties, or becoming part of the audio-description or photography teams, or assisting in DIY projects around the Theatre or helping with fundraising activities.

### Membership Fees

**\*\* JOINING FEE £2 \*\***

Annual Subscription - Single £12.50 – Joint (using the same address) £20

Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque (made payable to FDPT)

or Standing Order