

# NEW VENTURE

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Hi ,

## **Lockdown**

Remember the old saying, "No News is Good News"? Sadly, it's not proving entirely true for theatres during these strange times... Those of us with a passion for the arts can only wait for an update as to when it's safe to reopen the NVT. One thing is clear: it could be a way off.

## **Financial Update**

On the bright side things do, at least, look good financially. As you may know, this year's business rates have been waived, saving us great cost. Happily, we also received a government maintenance grant of £10,000 which offsets the year's ongoing expenses.

## **Next Season's Programme**

As soon as the spring season was cut short, we began discussing a new schedule. Our Artistic Director, Rod Lewis, and the shows' directors have now agreed the cancelled plays should be next season's first five shows. However, this does depend on the availability of cast and rights, etc.

## **Membership**

Clearly, one of Covid 19's knock-on effect is that none of us are currently benefitting from membership! For that reason, we plan to extend all current memberships for the full period of the closure. Once we know when we're reopening, we'll automatically add the number of 'fallow' months to each membership.

## **Vacancies**

We have a few vacant/potentially vacant roles! Please read through these and see if they're of interest. Also, might you know someone who suits one of the roles? It would be great if you could give thought to your friends, relatives and contacts...

First, our **Treasurer** is standing down soon. Since all our roles are voluntary, the ideal candidate for this might be a trainee accountant, or a retiree. Mike Stubbs is overseeing this vacancy and is happy to chat with those who show an interest in filling the role. Call Mike on [07990 514949](tel:07990514949), or email [mike.stubbs@newventure.org.uk](mailto:mike.stubbs@newventure.org.uk). Many thanks to Iain for all the hard work he has put in.

Our other opportunities are: **Membership Secretary, Social Secretary, Props Coordinator** and **Front of House Coordinator**, as Scott Roberts and Melissa Noble are stepping down. If any of these are of interest, please contact Charly via [volunteering@newventure.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@newventure.org.uk). Finally, there's been one other role change: Chris Stubbs has stood down from the role of Box Office Manager. Many thanks to Chris and Scott for their hard work over the last few years. To make sure we're ready to reopen when the time comes, Ian Amos has kindly agreed to step into Chris's role. Thank you, Ian.

We plan to send out a newsletter shortly.

Best wishes and stay safe,

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