

## Salisbury Shakers



**We have been on stage at the Salisbury Playhouse!**

### Shakers On Stage

Salisbury Shakers enjoyed the wonderful experience of a backstage tour at Salisbury Playhouse on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Playhouse archivist, Arthur Millie led the group around the parts of the Playhouse not normally seen by the public. We were able to stand on the empty stage, discover the hidden trapdoors and see how the stage could be adjusted and moved for different performances. We saw the Prompt corner and other back stage areas. Then we went into the huge workshop where staging and props are made and into the costume room where we saw rack upon rack of costumes, hats, shoes and props.

## Playhouse Secrets

We were taken into the dressing rooms, the 'Green Room' and the Archive room. We learned that the 'language' of theatre is similar to the language of sailors, and reference is made to rigging, deck amongst many nautical terms. Arthur, our guide, told us many other interesting facts.

After our tour, Arthur talked to us about the history of the Salisbury Playhouse. He had prepared a small display of old programmes, posters and photos. Many famous names are associated with this theatre including Timothy West, Prunella Scales, Stephanie Cole and Christopher Biggins to name just a few.

Everybody really enjoyed the morning and there are now plans afoot to attend a matinee performance or even to get tickets for the pantomime.



**The Salisbury Shakers picked up their copies of 'The Answer is Mushy Peas'**