

Banbury Cross Players

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A Man of the “People”

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People is a new play by Alan Bennett being directed by Bloxham resident, Ray Atkinson.

“When we moved to Bloxham over 30 years ago”, says Ray, “one of the first performances we saw was by B.A.T.S. (Bloxham Amateur Theatrical Society) in the gardens of The Red Lion. My wife Sue and I supported BATs productions and thoroughly enjoyed seeing residents get involved with local theatre”.

Ray trained at the New College of Speech & Drama in London and has been a long-time fan and supporter of local theatre. He uses techniques learned in this training in both his leadership development business and at Bloxham Boys’ Brigade where he is Lieutenant. Ray was delighted to bring his passion for The National Trust and local theatre together when given the opportunity to direct People for BCP.

“Although BATs no longer exists, with the newly refurbished Mill Arts Centre and so many local groups in the area, a good performance – be it musical, dance or theatre - is never too far away and I strongly believe in supporting local events and groups.”

Whether you’re a National Trust supporter or a fan of local performance, Alan Bennett’s hilarious, moving and slightly risqué play is sure to raise your spirits. Perhaps you’ll find you share Bennett’s views on England, Society and our mixed-up values?

People runs from 25th – 28th April 2018 at The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury. Tickets are available now from the Box Office on 01295 279002 or online at <https://www.themillartscentre.co.uk/Event/141154>

