

West Meon Youth Theatre head for the Theatre Royal Winchester!

Following their '*rip roaring success*' KIPPS, at the Meon Hall in April, West Meon Youth Theatre have a chance to be part of the Winchester Youth Festival and will be performing this musical retelling of the HG Wells novel again on Thursday 26 July at 7.30pm on the stage of the Theatre Royal Winchester.

A cast of 56 young people aged 7-16 and coming from up and down the Meon Valley delighted audiences at the Meon Hall with their enthusiasm and talent.

KIPPS was creatively directed and choreographed by Suzanne Hall with '*fabulous attention to detail*' as one audience member put it. Suzanne had carefully adapted the story to allow everyone a chance to have a line or two, be in several of the big set numbers, sing solos and be integral to the whole show.

The cast was led by James Forsyth as Arthur Kipps and Abi Edwards as Ann. These two talented fourteen year olds performed with confidence and skill against a simple, effective and colourful set of moveable scenery that created Victorian Folkstone so well. The many costume, created by parents, added so much to the final effect.

'What stars those youngsters are' said another audience member, *'a wonderful production'*

Well if you missed it, or indeed didn't, but want to see it again – then please come along and support these young people for one night only on

Thursday 26 July 7.30pm

We have 400 seats to fill – and these youngsters deserve to play to a full house!

Tickets will be on sale from the Theatre Royal but not until July.