

Final curtain



AFTER 40 years of entertaining islanders, Mull Little Theatre has had to close its doors after the lease ran out.

However, few people would dispute that it was time for the final curtain for the former byre.

With very little space and basic facilities, the Theatre wasn't weather proof and access was difficult, but there's no denying that audiences loved it, coming back year after year to see Mull Theatre's acclaimed productions.

Mull Little Theatre began with an invitation to 'bring your dinner chairs with you' from actors Barrie and Marianne Hesketh, who staged their first play to entertain guests staying at their guesthouse, Druimard. The Hesketh's soon built up a worldwide reputation, producing plays in what was the smallest theatre building in the world, even making

it into the Guinness Book of Records, and touring them all over the country.

The Hesketh's were well supported by Mull residents, who kept the theatre going by putting on amateur productions to raise money. The Friends of Mull Theatre have played a vital role in the theatre as it has gone through many changes, finally becoming a Scottish Arts Council core-funded company five years ago.

Through the years, locals and visitors alike have

been seated on a variety of benches, dining chairs and old sofas to watch the performances. However, when the Highland Theatre in Oban was renovated, the plush blue

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MULL LITTLE THEATRE

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Hopefully, the tradition of professional theatre on Mull will be resumed again. t52the2d