

# PEARLS FROM THE GRIT

THE MOST EASTERLY FISHING VILLAGE RISES AGAIN

A new touring show, written by Dean Parkin

26 SEPTEMBER – 6 OCTOBER 2018

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*Board up all the windows, empty all the houses  
dig up all the roads, scatter all the people  
turn the place to rubble, but like the sun, we'll rise...*

In the early 1900s Lowestoft's fishing village – known locally as The Grit – was home to 2,300 people, three schools, churches, shops and 13 pubs. There was a strong sense of independence and community spirit among the often poor 'Gritsters'. What made it such a special place to live and why did it disappear in the 1960s?

Using the words of his old friend Jack Rose as a guide, writer and poet Dean Parkin travels back in time to piece the story together. Meet no-nonsense fisherman, old Ned; Billy, a larger-than-life skipper during Lowestoft's fishing boom; and Ruby (Billy's daughter), one of the tireless taskforce of women keeping the fishing industry afloat.

A surprising, tender, entertaining family show mixing stories and poems, films and songs.

**Writer & Narrator DEAN PARKIN Composer & Pianist MAURICE HORHUT**  
**Cast SALLY-ANN BURNETT, TIM FITZHIGHAM, DAVID REDGRAVE**  
**Director ALYS KIHl of WONDERFUL BEAST THEATRE COMPANY**

### SEPTEMBER 2018

**Wednesday 26th Seagull Theatre, Pakefield NR33 0JH (1.30pm & 7.30pm)**

TEL 01502 589726 book at Theatre Box Office [www.theseagull.co.uk](http://www.theseagull.co.uk)

**Thursday 27th Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket IP14 1DL**

TEL 01449 676800 book at Tourist Information Centre [www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit](http://www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit)

**Friday 28th The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth IP19 8BY**

TEL 0300 303 3211 book at Cut Box Office [www.newcut.org](http://www.newcut.org)

### OCTOBER 2018

**Tuesday 2nd Avenue Theatre, Ipswich IP2 9AF**

TEL 01473 603388 book at Theatre Box Office [www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit](http://www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit)

**Wednesday 3rd The Long Shop Museum, Leiston IP16 4EF**

TEL 01728 832189 book at the Museum [www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit](http://www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit)

**Thursday 4th Bethel Theatre, Lowestoft NR32 1DE**

TEL 01502 533200 book at The Marina Theatre Box Office [www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit](http://www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit)

**Friday 5th Bethel Theatre, Lowestoft NR32 1DE**

TEL 01502 533200 book at The Marina Theatre Box Office [www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit](http://www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit)

**Saturday 6th Christ Church Halls, Lowestoft NR32 1XD**

TEL 01502 533200 book at The Marina Theatre Box Office [www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit](http://www.bit.ly/ticketsourcegrit)

**ALL PERFORMANCES: 7.30pm unless stated**

**Tickets £6.50, Under 16s £4**

**ENQUIRIES: 01986 872033 (Poetry People)**

