

# Touring theatre company back with new show about radical



EDDIE Ahrens, Mark Emmons, Georgina Liley and Lauren Robinson and, inset, Jennie

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A POPULAR touring theatre is set to make its first visit of the year to Winsford with its new show telling the story of a radical MP.

Now in its 52nd year touring the country with its original plays, the Mikron Theatre Company returns to town later this month.

The new show, ‘Jennie Lee’, tells the story of Scottish MP Janet ‘Jennie’ Lee, who played a leading role in the foundation of the Open University.

The Friends of Winsford Town Park group is sponsoring the new show and are offering Guardian readers the chance to win two tickets to see it.

John Malam, chairman of the Friends group, said: “This will be Mikron’s take on someone we have a lot to be thankful for, and

which we now take very much for granted.

“In 1929, Jennie Lee left her coal-mining family in Scotland to become Westminster’s youngest MP – so young that, as a woman, she couldn’t even vote for herself.

“Jennie fought with her every breath for the betterment of all our lives – for wages, health, and housing, and for art and education too.

“Her role in the foundation of the Open University and the expansion of the Arts Council changed the 20th century.

“Oh yes, and founder of the NHS Aneurin ‘Nye’ Bevan was her husband. But Jennie is no footnote in someone else’s past.”

Mikron began performing its hugely popular shows in Winsford in 2012 and since then several thousand people have experienced its fast-paced, fun and highly informative style of theatre, told in both words and

music.

John added: “With 200 people already booked to see the show, it’s going to be a great start for their travels to venues across the county.

“It’s live, professional theatre at its best, and the audience will be in for a treat.”

To enter the ticket draw, email [matt.simpson@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:matt.simpson@newsquest.co.uk) with your name, address and a contact telephone number, by midnight on Thursday, April 11.

The successful name will be drawn on Friday, April 12, and the winner will be contacted.

Tickets are £14 or £12 for concessions, with a group offer of ‘buy five get a sixth ticket free’.

The show takes place at Winsford Academy Theatre in Grange Lane, and starts at 7.30pm.

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