

Mandy Winters, Memorial Theatre, Hilderstone



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MANDY Winters is adored by her Thanet audiences. You can see it and feel it and it is no surprise because every [performance](#) she gives is a masterclass in professionalism.

This Ramsgate-born lass who now lives in Broadstairs, has [showbiz](#) running through her veins; mum, dad, grandparents. She was born to perform and she does, with ease, all over the world.

At the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs her [show](#) was particularly personal and heartwarming. Dad Ronnie was in the audience and part of the performance included an interview with long-time friend and fellow entertainer Paul Harris.

Mandy revealed her past, her proud moments and insecurities and unsurprisingly, the fact that she is never more comfortable than being on stage.

She comes across as charming, [funny](#), an excellent raconteur, generous in her praise of others and in her support of local charities and rather self-deprecating but allowing herself the occasional moment of pride.

But it is when she begins to sing that she settles into her comfort zone. She may be known as Thanet's Dolly Parton and

she gives a mean delivery of Elvis or Sinatra, but Saturday demonstrated how beautifully Mandy can carry a ballad too.

Mandy manages to build such a personal rapport with her audience, calling out names of people she recognises, dedicating songs, even singing Happy Birthday.

She may deserve to be a diva, but she doesn't act like one. And that is why people love her [shows](#).

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