

'Stripped' in her Marbella home

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THE HAPPY HOOKER: Xaviera Hollander will host Stripped from October 5-8

By James Bryce

FOR most people in their 60s, it's a time to sit back, put their feet up and enjoy a well-earned retirement.

And for those who choose to retire to the Costa del Sol, a chance to make the most of the glorious weather.

But for one so-called 'pensioner', the thought of settling down and leading a quiet life is a long way from her thoughts.

Xaviera Hollander, the famous madam who spent her earlier years at the forefront of the Sexual Revolution, is as busy as ever.

Besides running a bed & breakfast in Amsterdam, the former *Penthouse* columnist is now putting on theatre productions at her villa in Marbella.

One-woman show *Stripped* reveals what goes on behind the scenes in a strip club.

Former pole dancer Hannah Chalmers plays 12 different characters in the show, which portrays a world all too familiar to Hollander.

“It brought a tear and laughter to my face as it reminds me a lot of my younger years,” Hollander tells the *Olive Press*.

“It provides a fascinating look at the intriguing world of strippers.

“But it’s not a strip show,” she hastens to add.

“The show is sexy and naughty but it’s not shocking, it is revealing without revealing all.”

The prolific author, who counts *The Happy Hooker* among her 17 books, insists her productions help bring an extra dimension to life on the coast.

“People complain there is no culture on the Costa del Sol, but here I am offering a great show in my lovely villa.

“I have been going to Edinburgh Festival for 33 years and if I see a play that makes me feel emotionally attached, I know it’s right for my audience.

“I can’t do anything that makes me feel cold,” the 68-year-old explains.

“I do these shows every few months and I always try to include comedy.”

Hollander is set to hit the bright lights of Broadway next year, as *The Happy Hooker* is turned into a musical about her life.

A sure sign, if one were needed, that the world’s most famous madam ‘is far from retiring behind the geraniums’.

STRIPPED runs from October 5-8 at the Theatre Villa Caprice, Calle Pizarra 184, Rocio de Nagueles, Marbella.

Starts 9pm – 22.50 euros.

Call 952 857 575 or email xie@xavierahollander.com for tickets.