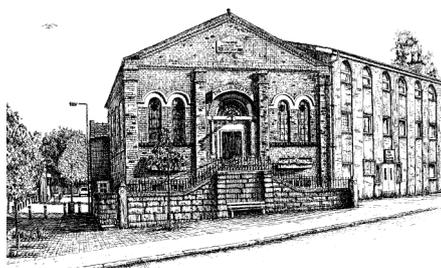


ALTRINCHAM LITTLE THEATRE

(FORMERLY CLUB THEATRE)

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It was only five weeks ago that we shut our doors for the summer break, and what a break it was. We have been busy as usual with several improvements to the theatre. The first one is the interval bell, no longer will you be summoned into the theatre by a bell, instead you will receive announcements over the new public address system we have installed throughout the bar and foyers. Also on the sound system we have replaced our stage speakers with ones that are matched to the front of house speakers. The sound from them is superb and allows us more flexibility in productions.

For many years we have had a selection of cameras relaying information onto small black and white monitors around the theatre, especially the bar, stage manager and lighting box. These cameras have begun to fail, so we have replaced them with a new system that gives us a better view around the theatre.

*Ian Bowden***1st Play— 'Kindly Keep it Covered' by Dave Freeman**

Here we are already on the verge of the first play and to cheer you all up after a pretty dismal summer (weather-wise at least—it's thundering and teeming with rain as I type this!) we have a riotous farce. Roland runs a health farm with his wife Julia. They bought it with the rather large insurance policy paid out when Julia's first husband Sidney died. Unfortunately Sidney turns up again and threatens to reclaim Julia. This is the night of the Midsummer Ball and as Roland's guests gorge themselves on diced carrot and celery, (well, it is a health farm after all), the police jazz band booked to provide the musical entertainment is robbed of its meat pie supper by a demented dieter. Did I mention the stuffed camel? No, well all will become clear on the night Or maybe not!

Our Director for this play is Terry Hollinshead, well-known to our audiences as both an actor in, and director of previous shows here. Half of his cast will be very familiar to you but we have several new faces as well. Janine Walters and Simon Moore are making their first appearance on the Altrincham Little Theatre stage as is Ann Robinson, though you may recognise her if you have seen amateur musicals in Trafford.



NEWS & VIEWS

INCREASING TICKET SALES

Research has shown that the best way to sell tickets for our shows is either by word of mouth (i.e. tell everybody you can about our shows, and offer to get tickets for them if necessary) or by making sure as many people as possible see our **Orange Season Flyer** for the shows.

We are doing our best to cover the area with them but with your help we can do even better and we would be extremely grateful.

Can you think of an outlet where we could display them?

We have thought of places such as Doctors' surgeries, Dentists' waiting rooms, local shops which might accept a few to display on the counter.

- Are you a member of a club, organisation, class or group?
- Could you distribute them to people where you work?
- How about taking a handful of the orange flyers distributed around the club to put through your neighbours' letterboxes?

If you can help in any of these ways, please ask a member of the front of house team for a handful of orange flyers to take with you when you leave the theatre.

Bored?

Interested in acting?

Want to know more about theatre and all that it entail?

At a loose end on Sunday mornings from 10.30am to 1.30pm?

Want to make new friends?

Aged between 10 and 18?

Why not become a member of **ALTRINCHAM YOUTH THEATRE?**

Experienced Tutors cover all aspects of theatre including the technical side of putting on a production (lighting, sound, set-design and building, wardrobe and make-up) as well as acting.

At the end of the season students will take part in a full-length productions as part of the Altrincham Little Theatre season and they will also enter plays in several of the local One-Act Festivals.

Cost £35 a term (£90 a year)

For further information contact Ian Bowden (0161 928 1113)

300 CLUB SHARES

Shares in our 300 Club are still available—you can join via the subscription reminder form you will have received or by contacting us at the theatre.

Just a quick reminder that each share is £10 to buy and there will be a draw during each of the 5 main plays. The prizes for each draw are:- 1st £100.00; 2nd £50.00; 3rd two at £30.00 and 4th six at £15.00. This totals £300.00 prize money for each play. If we can get 300 people to join at £10 each (you can buy up to five shares each), over the season, the scheme will raise £1500 for the theatre and £1500 to pay out to the lucky 50 winners—all of whom get at least more than their money back.

MANCHESTER & SALFORD FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society is back with a very full and exciting programme. Please make a note of the dates and contact John Grieve if you require any further details. Guest tickets are £5.00.

We do have full mounted facilities in the projector and screen.

September 22

Midnight in Paris



Woody Allen 2011 USA/Spain 94 mins

During a pre-wedding trip to Paris, a disillusioned American writer is transported back in time to a 1920s party thrown by Scott Fitzgerald where he meets such luminaries as Buñuel, Hemingway and Picasso: a marvellous movie where Paris glows intensely and seductively.

October 20

The Day I Became a Woman

Marziyeh Meshkini 2000 Iran 74mins

A film depicting women at three stages of life in Iran. The first centres on a young girl on her ninth birthday who is told that she can no longer play with the boys. The second part is about a young woman who decides to enter a bicycle race against her husband's wishes. Finally, the third part shows us an old woman who has come into some money and is now free to do what she wants.



Tickets can be obtained by ringing John Grieve on 0161 283 6565
Email grieve.john32@gmail.com.

Useful Numbers

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There is always someone who will be able to help or put you in touch with the right person if you have any questions or queries about any aspect of the theatre.

Feel free to call **0161 928 1113**

Chairman	Ian Bowden
Vice Chairman	Steve Smith
Play Selection/Casting	Mike Russell
Treasurer	Peter Ball
Stage Director	Barry Swithenbank
Secretary	Meg Cooper
Wardrobe Mistress	Lisa Barker
Publicity Officer	Meg Cooper
Front of House	Alan Reidsma
Ticket Bookings & Altrincham Little Theatre Office	

Occasional Help Needed.

There are times during the season when we should be grateful for some extra help with work involved in running the theatre. Secretarial help with jobs such as: folding newsletters and booking forms and stuffing them into envelopes before each play: replenishing the stocks of orange flyers from time to time (we print them but they need folding into three). We always need volunteers for front of house duties during each play and we also need help from time to time cleaning the theatre so that it is spic and span for our audiences. We are not looking for a long-term commitment (though that would be nice) but if you would be willing to have your name added to a list of those we could contact at reasonably short notice for an evening's help, we should be extremely grateful. (We will gladly provide coffee and biscuits as an enticement!) We already have a small band of willing volunteers but we could always do with more, so if you are able to help in any way, please leave your name and contact details with one of the front of house staff or ring the theatre on 0161 928 1113 and leave a message.

Bring a Friend

Can we set you all a challenge for the new season? It's very simple — just bring an extra friend to the first play of the season (one who doesn't usually come already). If everybody would do that we could, in theory, double the number of people in the audience. Wouldn't it be nice to see people queuing down Oxford Road to get in to see 'Kindly Keep it Covered' at Altrincham Little Theatre this September?

And finally:

It was with sadness that we heard of the death recently of Basil Morrison. He was a well-known figure in this area and much has been written of his contribution to life in Trafford. We here at Altrincham Little Theatre best remember him for his beautiful and detailed pen and ink drawing of the outside of our theatre, which we display on much of our advertising.