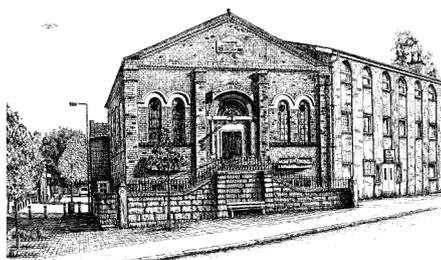


ALTRINCHAM LITTLE THEATRE

(FORMERLY CLUB THEATRE)

News & Views



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Chairman's Chat

Already the last play of the season has come round. The theatre won't close after this next play, there are several other events coming. The first one is the Hale One Act Play Festival which ends on 22nd June with presentation of awards. As in previous years we will have up to three different one act plays a night, mixing comedy and drama. Tickets are £5 for each night with a season ticket costing £10 for all nights. At present we don't have the programme as entries are still coming in, we should have it finished by the play, see the display in the bar and foyer. Next seasons flyers will also be available by then.

With this newsletter is the agenda for the next AGM, I know it is a series of reports and most people can find something better to do on a (hopefully) sunny summer evening, but they are informative and give members a chance to talk to us.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there are appeals for help, please try to help us in any way you can, it is the only way we can keep costs down.

5th Play— 'The Happiest Days of your Life' by John Dighton

The last play of the season is already half-way through rehearsal—and promises to be an hilarious end to the season. It has a large cast, which caused us some problems when several actors, cast last summer, had to drop out for one reason or another. However, we managed to replace them with actors I am sure you will welcome to our stage. We do, of course, have plenty of well-known faces in this production as well, all brought together under the expert direction of Garth Jones. Together with your ticket booking form you will find a flyer telling you of a special ticket offer for the last night of this play. We really want the season to end on a high. However, be warned—we shall be checking costumes very carefully in the foyer! Also enclosed with this mailing we are delighted to be able to announce next season's plays, plus details of auditions for each of them. Please pass the message on to anyone you think may be interested.

ALTRINCHAM LITTLE THEATRE
(The Club Theatre)
Oxford Road Altrincham

THE HAPPIEST DAYS
OF YOUR LIFE
by John Dighton



26th May to 1st June 2013
Curtain up 7.40pm



TICKETS £8.50
Tel 0161 928 1113
Email ct.tickets@gmail.com
Website www.altrtheatre.org

300 Club Winners**£100 Winner****Mr Tom Harvey**

£100 Mr Tom Harvey

£50 Mr Jaime Sommers

£30 Mr John Ranson
B Coombs£15 Mr Herbert Southern
David & Helen Copley
K Waring
Mr P Batten
Mrs J G Copley
Mrs Janette Atkinson

MANCHESTER & SALFORD FILM SOCIETY

May 11

Ballad of a Soldier

Grigory Chukhari 1959 USSR 89mins



In the middle of the Second World War Alyosha is commended for destroying two German tanks. He requests a four-day pass to visit his mother. On the train eastwards he meets Shura who is on her way to visit her aunt. In those few days together they fall in love.

Plus AGM – *please note early 7pm start*

June 8

Another Earth

Mike Cahill USA 2011 92mins



On the night of the discovery of a duplicate planet in the solar system, an ambitious young student and an accomplished composer cross paths in a tragic accident.

Introduced by Darryl Buxton, author and film researcher

June 29

Jour de Fête

Jacques Tati 1949 FRA 70 mins



Tati plays a rural postman who sets out to emulate the technology and speed of the American postal system. Eventually tradition and progress clash, heralding perhaps an early warning on the perils of globalisation.

PLUS annual Quiz and Supper.

NEWS & VIEWS

A message from Alan Reidsma, our House Manager

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who took time to help with the Front of House this last season. I do appreciate this very much.

It has been very difficult at times to get volunteers, especially for Sunday evenings, and I have had to ring round to members to see if they are willing to help. Some, but not enough, members do let us know on their booking forms which evening they can help, but we would dearly appreciate more volunteers. This would save my having to ring round quite a few people to make up our weekly list. If we had a good list it would mean we do not have to ask everyone for every play.

We could also do with a few younger helpers. They would provide invaluable help serving coffee in the auditorium as our senior helpers are finding it difficult carrying trays with arthritic hands. We don't want to stop this service as we know you enjoy having coffee brought to your seats.

If you could assist one night other than the night you watch the play, please add your name to the Front of House section on the Booking Form, or your email, and we will contact you as soon as possible to confirm which night we should like you to help.

Once again, thank you all very much for your help and support.

Kind Regards
Alan Reidsma, House Manager

THEATRE CLEANING

We are in **SERIOUS** need of more volunteer cleaners. When only one or two volunteers turn up, the cleaning ends up being done by the chairman, who is already doing many jobs to ensure that we all enjoy our next visit to the theatre.

Please turn up on the Saturday morning before the next play begins, that is Saturday 25th May, at 10:30am; it will only be about one hour of work, and you will enjoy the next play all the more for having a clear conscience as well as a clean theatre!

Thank you.
A volunteer

WE COULD HAVE A SPECIAL SLOT—JUST FOR YOU

Above we have printed two appeals for volunteers to help us run this theatre, but these are not the only skills we use or need. It would take too long to list them all here and we would be sure to miss some areas of expertise you may possess. Instead, let us ask for you to volunteer some **TIME** instead. We can always find jobs which need doing, some major some minor, and which, if someone would do them for us, would free us for those jobs only we can do either by experience or skill. Of course, if you have a particular interest or ability please let us know. I am sure there is a special slot for you here—it's just a case of finding it.

Useful Numbers

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Website: www.alttheatre.org

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	

What the Adjudicator thought

The Cheshire Theatre Guild Adjudicator, Garth Jones, said of this production that “this production had clear communication with the audience at key moments so that the dramatic and comic impact was confident. The skill and endeavor of the cast created a credible sense of character and they supported one another using good interaction between themselves and the audience. There was good use of sound, lighting and design to underpin the production creatively and to indicate mood and atmosphere. Well done ALT for giving the audience the chance to experience this thoughtful, funny and sad play.”

We should like to apologize to those of you who were offended by the strong language used during this production. We should have warned you in advance and will make sure we do so in future should the need arise again.



Good Home Needed

I have hundreds of unwanted plastic flowerpots needing a new home. Unfortunately I have not had time to scrub them clean, but looking at them, I don't think they're too dirty. If you would like some or all of them, please give me a ring, 0161 881 8416, to arrange a convenient time to collect them from Chorlton. I am giving them away but I wouldn't refuse a small donation to the theatre in return for them.

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