

The Club News

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£50 Winner

Miss DC Harris

Chairman's Chat

You will have read in the last newsletter that we have rejoined the Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain. Already several good items of information have come out of this. The Guild newsletter had some very interesting articles in it about using online ticket

booking and the pitfalls that can occur if it is not done correctly. We are currently introducing facilities to book seats over the internet, you can now book your seats by email using the address ct.tickets @ googlemail.com (the

spaces are to stop spam). We shall send a reply giving your seat numbers. As this is still being tested we shall continue to send out both email and postal tickets until the end of the season.

Ian Bowden

Trafford Funding for the Arts

There was an article in the Sale & Altrincham Messenger commenting on the possibility that Trafford are giving consideration to cutting the Arts Grant Funding to Altrincham Garrick Theatre. Although we are very sad that this may come about let me please calm and steady any nerves, in our membership, to inform you that this decision to cut Arts Funding will not affect The Club Theatre as we do not have and never have had any regular funding from Trafford or other councils. We are debt free but do have the considerable running costs to cope with.

We have an historical connection with the Garrick in that committee members of the Club Theatre (formerly St Margarets Church Institute) were prominent in helping the Garrick to form and perform in 1913. It is this connection that prompts us to wish the Garrick well in sorting out this situation.



400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on Thursday 29th January 2009. The winners were:-

£50 Miss DC Harris

£30 Mr H Southern

£10 Mrs BA Fuller
Mr&Mrs R Townsend
Mr WB Coffey
Mrs JC Finlay
Mrs J Ball
Mr A Keeling

£5 Mr JC Finlay
Mr&Mrs G Bird
Mr R Lucas
Mrs O Blease
Mrs R Richards
Mr&Mrs K Jones
Mrs J Jenner
Mr R Jubb
Mrs JC Finlay
Mrs N Sellers
Mr DR Copley
Mr&Mrs RH Ballantyne

Film Society

Please note the dates for the next films are in 2009, as always further information, as well as tickets, may be obtained from John Grieve on 0161 928 7472.



Saturday 28th February ***“This is England”***

Director Shane Meadows UK 2006 Cert 18

Running time 101m

The story of a troubled boy growing up in England in the aftermath of the Falklands war. Winner of a Bafta award.

Introduced by film historian Darrell Buxton

Saturday 28th March ***“Le Couperet”***

Director Costa-Gavras France 2005 Cert 12

Running time 122m

Bruno loses his job after downsizing. Still jobless two years later, he hits on a plan to eliminate the competition. Nominated for French César award.

Saturday 25th April ***“Late Chrysanthemums”***

Director Mikio Naruse Japan 1954 Cert 12

Running time 101m

What is the life of a Geisha like once her beauty has faded and she has retired?

Kin becomes a moneylender.

Who Wants £210.00?

Un-Claimed 400 Club Prizes:-

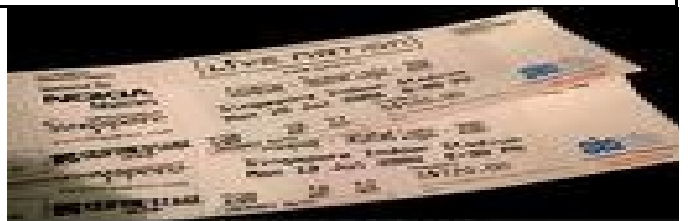
We have a total of £210.00 in un-claimed 400 club prizes and these are being held behind the bar waiting for the winners to come and claim their dues. The front of this newsletter lists the winners from the last play but we still have some from season 06/07, if your name is in this article then you have that prize waiting for you next time you come to a show—just see Ian behind the bar.

£50+£10– Mrs M Stewart, £30– Mr JC Finley, £15– Mrs J Astells, £10– Mrs M Burton, Mrs BJ Norman, Mr WB Coffey, Mr A Keeling, £5– Mrs M Manning, Mrs H Norval, Mrs DA Marsden, Mrs BR Lane, Mrs AJ Wright, Mrs E Gregory, Mrs M Mitchell, Mrs M Pugh, Mr DR Copley, Mrs N Sellars, Mr R Lucas, Mr&Mrs K Jones, Mr&Mrs RH Ballentyne.



Obtaining your tickets for the plays & events

For all members it is easy for you to redeem your vouchers for the play tickets when you receive your booking letter. If you need extra tickets you may also fill in the required space on the booking letter.



Tickets may also be ordered by phone on 0161 928 1113 or by email through “ct.tickets@googlemail.com”.

Tickets May be Purchased By

To make things easier you may also pay for your cash tickets by credit card, by phone or by filling in the details on the booking form. Please do not send credit card details to our email address.

Phone on 0161 928 1113

By e-mail on “ct.tickets@googlemail.com”

The Future of the Theatre

In common with all other organisations, your Theatre is dependant on the youth of today to ensure the continuity of talent to carry us forward to the next generation.

We encourage young people to have an interest in live theatre in a number of ways. Firstly we provide facilities for local primary schools to stage their summer shows, secondly we welcome work experience students and thirdly we maintain our two youth groups, Club Drama and CYDS (Club Youth Drama). At their own level they have achieved many awards in local festivals, as have their tutors for direction.

These two in-house groups stage their own dedicated show at Easter but where appropriate they may be cast in main stream productions. However, in the past, some of our presentations have possibly depended on the inclusion of too many students but we feel that to expose the students to an audience much more critical than perhaps Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc does no harm.



In taking these drama courses the students learn self confidence in the face of an audience, which will stand them in good stead as they progress through life.

Many of the students, as they grow older, will give up the theatre in the face of the many varied opportunities available in the world today.. A few of them will become valued and talented members of the Theatre (or other theatres). Just occasionally we discover a prodigious talent who will eventually make a stage career.

Please help us to encourage our youth groups, and reward their efforts, by coming to see their productions, albeit praising or criticising them as appropriate.

Barry Swithenbank

New Letterbox

To keep you up to date with improvements at the Theatre we now have a new letter box. We have taped up the old one in the door to enable us to have a larger capacity box. We have installed a new box through the wall under the window to the left of the main entrance door on Oxford Road.

This is a safer arrangement and will stop mail from just ending up on the floor. This move has paved the way for a better quality set of doors which will be fitted in the near future.

Again we thank Alan Reidsma for his hard work and expertise in this field.

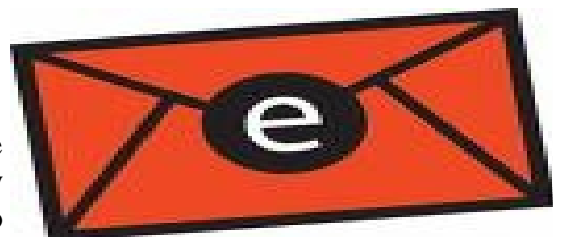
Newsletter & Booking Form by e.mail

In order to keep up to date, and to reduce costs, we are looking at sending out the Newsletters and Booking Letters by e-mail, to those who have e-mail accounts and would like to receive them electronically.

The cost of a 2nd class stamp has just risen to 30p and this means the postage for each play is £150.00., and therefore a minimum of £900.00 for the seasons postage.

If you do wish to receive your newsletter by e-mail then please fill in the portion on the Booking Letter with your e-mail address and we will put this on the system and start sending for the March Play, we will continue to send the hardcopy via the "snail-mail" until next season.

If you do not have access to e-mail please do not worry we will still post your newsletter and you will not miss out on anything.





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The Magic Numbers

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	Mr Ian Bowden
Acting & Front of House	The Theatre
Treasurer	Roy Burman
Stage Director	Barry Swithenbank
Costumes	Lucy Wilson-Barnes
‘Thursday Club’	Barry Swithenbank
‘Club Drama’	Val Harris
Ticket Bookings & Club Theatre Office	

**Don't Forget Club Drama's
"Dark River" by Alex Romanes.**

Please support your drama group.

**2nd & 3rd April 2009
See the booking form with this letter.**

**ANSWERS TO THE
NAME QUIZ FROM
THE LAST
NEWSLETTER**

- 1) SPLENDID
- 2) SARCEN
- 3) PANORAMA
- 4) TRUTHFUL
- 5) SPOKEN
- 6) ENJOYMENT
- 7) ANATOMY
- 8) PARDON
- 9) SCATHING
- 10) TERMINATE
- 11) VERACITY
- 12) FLUKE
- 13) TRICKED
- 14) CAVALCADE
- 15) PATHOS
- 16) UNITED
- 17) SMARTING
- 18) VICTORIOUS
- 19) SNATCH
- 20) BIGAMY

Supplied by Robert Fysh

OBITUARIES

Ray Deegan

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Ray Deegan, although he has not been an active member for almost ten years, due to health problems, we have been kept updated on events over the years. Ray died 3rd February 2009.

Since he joined us in 1972 he had acted in many plays and constantly helped on front of house duty when not in a play. He was also not averse to helping with the Saturday cleaning of the Theatre and I remember on one occasion, when he had been criticised for cleaning of the toilet floors, he retorted "I bet I've got the water on up-side-down". A quick wit, a lovely manner and a gentle man—he will be missed.

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Jane Worrall

We are also sad to report the death of Jane Worrall. Jane was an old girl from Culcheth School and had been an audience member since the early 1970's. She was another stalwart member who helped on front of house duties and also supported all events as well as coming to help with the jumble sales we used to hold for help with the funding. Jane was a quiet but warm person who loved coming to the theatre, may she rest in peace.



Just a Little Bit of Elbow Grease

We all like the Theatre to look its best when you the audience arrive each night of the play run. Since the curtain came down on An Inspector Calls we have all been working hard getting all ready for A Sting in the Tale but we do still need some assistance with the final clean up.

If you can spare an hour on Saturday 14th Mar at 12:30 we can spruce up the theatre. We have all the equipment we need with a few willing hands to operate them. Please ring the Theatre on 0161 928 1113 to offer your services or even mark it on your booking form and we will confirm by 'phone.

