

# The Club News

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## Chairman's Chat

Happy new year to you all.

This next play is a well known and ever popular play, An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley. This year the play is one of the GCSE set works, so if you have any children / grandchildren studying it this year bring them

along.

We have just received a letter from the Council regarding our rubbish removal (for which we have to pay commercial rates). The letter says that as the VAT rate has been reduced to 15% our charges for waste will be amended accordingly. We

have been issued with a credit note for the remainder of the year and a new invoice. The VAT difference is £2.39, however there is an admin charge of £2.36 plus VAT which brings the bill back to the same charge.

*Ian Bowden*

## Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain

We are very pleased to announce that we have been accepted into the Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain. This a Guild of theatres whose members all own their own premises but also have to reach an acceptable standard of production. Our acceptance was notified during the run of The Railway Children. The sharp eyed of you may have noticed the addition in the final page of the programme along with our other affiliations.

This is an exciting addition to our connections and I am sure will afford us great assistance in all areas. I was reading their November Newsletter after the latest committee meeting and made many notes where we can improve our performance for the future. There are also the Conferences where we will be able to meet like minded Theatre goers and also get ideas from the workshops. We brought back the idea of performing "Underground" from Dumfries which we did in 1991. So there will be many benefits for the Theatre on stage, back stage and socially.

## 400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on Wednesday 5th December 2008. The winners were:-

£50	Mrs CM Burnup	£5	Mrs BM Swales
			Mr R Prowse
£30	Mrs C Weaving		Mrs WB Coffey
			Mr&Mrs P Wyche
£10	Mrs JA Granger-Brown		Miss J Worrall
	Mrs BC Wade		Mrs S Neaves
	Mr JC Finlay		Mrs R Threlfall
	Mr R Lucas		Mrs JA Granger-Brown
	Mr I Bowden		Mrs M Mitchell
	Mr&Mrs DC Smith		Mr R Lucas
			Mrs M Pugh
			Mr DR Copley

**£50 Winner**

**Mrs CM Burnup**

## 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 7th February ***“The Diving Bell and the Butterfly”***  
Director Julien Schnabel France 2007 Cert 12A  
Running time 112m.

After a stroke, the playboy editor of Elle can only move one eyelid. He manages to dictate a book using this sole facility. Nominated for 4 Oscars.

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.

## Items For Sale.....

If you have been into the bar this season you will have noticed the new tables we purchased, these replaced some old rickety tables.

We want to keep these new tables in good condition and we therefore purchased some “Table Safe” table protector.

Having completed the job we find there is some left over on the roll. Approx 20m. If anyone needs some of this we are willing to let it go for only £2/metre.



We also have 2 brand new unused roller blinds, orange and made to fit 1150mm x 1150mm and they will cut down. We are willing to let these go at £5 each. If you need either item please contact us on 928 1113 or come and see us at the theatre on any work night (Mon, Wed or Fri from 7:30pm)

## 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”.

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.

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## 'IAIN MORAN'S FAMILY SHOW WAS MAGIC'

**This was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008.**

With an audience of 70 Iain Moran beguiled, confused, confounded, amazed and to-ally entertained us.

One always feels that there is some sort of collusion between Magician and the audi-ence members' selected to "assist", but let me be frank, I know these people and trust their integrity.

We were treated to a wonderful performance of dexterity, prestidigitation and amazed bewilderment at what we all saw. We were treated to "mind reading" - and after each presentation the words on the lips were "how did he do that" " where did that come from" "where did that go to".

An evening of consummate entertainment and the only thing missing was a full house which is what it deserved.



### What Scaffolding!!

During the first play of the season, in October, it was hard to ignore the fact that there was scaffolding all over the Peter Street side of the Theatre.

When you are in the Auditorium look up and you will see two large "roses", the one nearest the stage has the pipe work to the new ex-tractor fan. The rose which has the chandelier also has the pipe work to the old ventilation system and this was the reason for the scaffolding. That is to remove the ventilation tower through the roof and seal it over while also re-fitting the ridge tiles.

We had some cross-flow ventilators fitted in order to reduce the dampness. All this is part of the con-tinuing attention to the fabric of the building, trying to keep it in tip top condition.

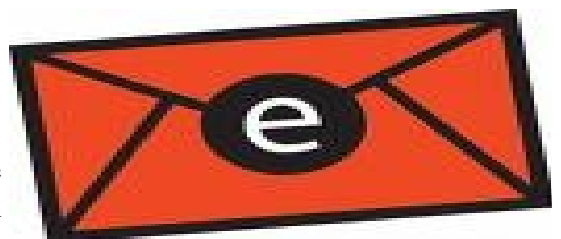
### Newsletter & Booking Form by e.mail

In order to keep up to date, and to reduce costs, we are looking at out the Newletters 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 .

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.





## 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**

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<b>Stage Director</b>	<b>Barry Swithenbank</b>
<b>Costumes</b>	<b>Lucy Wilson-Barnes</b>
<b>'Thursday Club'</b>	<b>Barry Swithenbank</b>
<b>'Club Drama'</b>	<b>Val Harris</b>
<b>Ticket Bookings &amp; Club Theatre Office</b>	

## The Name Game

Add a boys or a girls name to complete the word.  
le:- N\_\_R = + EVE = NEVER

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| 2) ___ _CEN     | 12) F__ _         |
| 3) PA__ _MA     | 13) T__ _ED       |
| 4) T__ _FUL     | 14) CA__ _CADE    |
| 5) SPO__ _      | 15) ___ _HOS      |
| 6) EN__ _MENT   | 16) UNI__ _       |
| 7) ANA__ _Y     | 17) S__ _ _ _G    |
| 8) PAR__ _      | 18) ___ _ _ _IOUS |
| 9) S__ _ _ING   | 19) S__ _CH       |
| 10) TER__ _ _TE | 20) BIG__ _       |

Supplied by Robert Fysh.....Answers in the next Newsletter.

## Saturday Makeover

Just like all of us the Theatre needs to look its best when having company. Unfortunately we can't send it away to a spa for a facelift etc – no, we have to ensure we are looking our best when you come through the door.

If you can spare an hour on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at 12:30 we can get this facelift done in that time. We have all the equipment, vacuums, carpet cleaners, dusters etc we just need 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.

