

The Club News

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£50 Winner

Mr JC Finlay

Chairman's Chat

I was talking last night with the secretary of the Manchester and Salford film society about next years film show dates and fitting them in with our other commitments. I realised that yet another season has almost finished. But there is more

we have the Sale and Altrincham Musical Theatre and if you feel that you will miss the theatre during the summer, why not come along to the Hale One Act Festival there will be plenty of plays to watch and the prices are very reasonable at £3.50 per

night and £10.00 for the whole week. When you come you can listen to the adjudicator talking about each play and see if what he says matches up with what you felt about the production.

Ian Bowden

AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are fast coming towards the end of this season. The next year commences 1st June 2009 and the end of year will bring a flurry of business culminating in the Annual General Meeting at 8pm Wednesday 22nd July 2009.

We have included a copy of this year's agenda with this newsletter, please bring it with you

when you come. This is where the Committee is selected and we report our progress to you the membership.

Remember we the Committee run the Theatre on behalf of you the Membership so come and hear our results and have your say if you wish.

If any one is interested in joining the Committee then please ensure your letter plus the name of a proposer and seconder is with the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

We look forward to greeting you and the bar will be open before and after the meeting. See you on the 22nd July.

400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on Friday 20th March 2009. The winners were:-

£50 Mr JC Finlay

£30 Mrs J Ankers

£10 Mr S Smith
Mr PD Ball
Mr&Mrs WD Sharp
Mrs C Lucas
Ms D Hawthorne
Mrs J Atkinson

£5 Mrs D Lowe
Mrs E Sparkes
Mr J Hanson
Mrs M Stewart
Mr&Mrs P Wyche
Mr FR Eades
Mr S Smith
Mrs J Marshall
Mr TE Roberts
Mr RC Burman
Mrs J Marshall
Mrs J Atkinson

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 16th May *“London to Brighton”*

Director Paul Andrew Williams UK 2006 Cert 18

Running time 86min

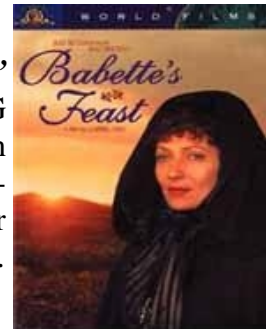
Two women make a dash to get to Brighton from London. They need to stay alive for the next 24hrs.”Brilliantly assured debut” (BBC Films). Plus AGM.

Saturday 27th June *“Babette’s Feast”*

Director Gabriel Axel Denmark 1987 PG

Running time 102min

A Parisian woman working for two sisters in a remote religious community in Denmark, decides to prepare a sumptuous banquet for the puritanical villagers. Won Oscar 1988. *Plus Social and Quiz.*



NEXT SEASONS PLAY AUDITIONS - ACTORS & ACTRESSES CAN YOU BE OUR NEXT LEADING MAN OR WOMAN??

The Season 2009/2010 Play Selection has been made and the ratification of the Committee has been granted. We have applied for the performing licences and the scripts are on order. We hope the new season flyers will be available during the run of Blythe Spirit so you can pick one up then.

BUT

If you think we have missed you off the acting register or you feel you would like to try for a part then let me know soonest and you will be added to the list and you will receive an invitation to the auditions for the new seasons plays. We always hold open auditions and anyone is welcome to attend. So don't be hiding your light under a bushel come and give it a try.

From Dark River To Blithe Spirit

THANK YOU! Two very important words and, although fully aware that people work for the good of the theatre, I am very grateful as the director for all the help that was given to 'Dark River'. This production was a big challenge to 'Club Drama' as many of the young people were new and it was their first time on our stage. However, the feedback from them and their parents has been very positive. The two houses were good and thank you not just to parents but theatre members who also came. Young people need support that can be seen. It is not sufficient to merely write about giving it!

The next play, 'Blithe Spirit' is taking shape even as you read this. The cast is excellent, working hard and having fun which, at the end of the day, is what it is all about. I am delighted to be presenting two new faces to the Club Theatre stage. Ian Tyler is taking on the lead role of Charles while Jane Newman plays his wife Ruth. Club regular, Lisa Barker plays his other wife Elvira while Janet Reidsma tackles the demanding part of Madame Arcati. They, in turn, are being well supported by Val Harris, Alan Gibson and from the CYDS group, Sammi Waring.

Finally, a request to all members. We are looking for a large amount of ornaments that can be broken for this play. If you can help, have anything that has no value and were thinking of throwing it out then please get in touch with the theatre ASAP.

John F. Banks - Director

Don't Forget The Hale One Act Festival.

We are entering Club Drama and Adult plays in this years Hale One Act Festival. Why not come along and support your Theatre and also see some varied plays from groups all over the north west.

Tickets are available at £3.00 per night or a Six Night Season Ticket at £10.00.

Each night there will be 3 one-act plays, except Saturday when there will be 2 on the night followed by the prize ceremony.

Curtain up at 7:30pm each night.

15th to 20th June 2009

LITTLE THEATRE GUILD

You will have read in a previous newsletter that the theatre has rejoined the Little Guild of Great Britain. Your committee has accepted Steve Smith's offer to act as our representative to the Guild and Steve, together with Barry Swithenbank, attended the AGM at the Crescent Theatre in Birmingham. We were embarrassed and uplifted by the cordiality of our reception especially when Steve was called on stage to be presented with our membership certificate. This is now displayed in the bar.

It became obvious that this organization is extremely vigorous and is able to lobby the interests of its members even as high governmental level. To give some idea of its strength we learnt that of all the societies in Great Britain only 57, of those eligible, were not members.

Regrettably we could only attend the Saturday morning session of the meeting because we had to return for the evening presentation of 'A Sting in the Tale' but it was very apparent that it is essential that we must, in future, attend for the whole meeting, such was the interest.

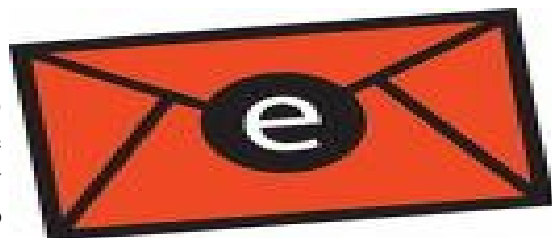
Newsletter & Booking Form by e.mail

I don't apologise for repeating this but we do need to keep up with technology, 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 is 30p and this means costs in the 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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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	

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.



Obituary

Arthur Johnson.

Once again this season I sadly have to report the death of another former stalwart of the Theatre., during April, he was 93.

Arthur was another of the old school gentlemen and he acted many times.

For many seasons he was on the Committee and I believe his last time on stage was in Saturday Night at the Crown in 1985 but he also helped out on the stage crew after that.

He remained an audience member until his health stopped him coming out at night.

SPICK & SPAN

We would like to thank the wonderful people who have helped to present the Theatre looking its best when you the audience attend the shows. We do still need some assistance with the final clean up and it would be great to have the extra help again for this the final play of the season.

If you can spare an hour on Saturday 23rd May at 12:30 we can spruce up the theatre. We have all the equipment and 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.

