



The Club News

Chairman's Chat

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Welcome to the first play of the new season. We have a varied season of plays planned for your entertainment.

Quite a few changes have been made during the summer (well season of slightly warmer rain).

Some you will see when you come and some concern the backstage workings.

With the temporary loss of Steve Smith (see back Page) we are a little short of assistance on the stage. If you would like to try your hand at set

building please contact Barry Swithenbank or any other member of the committee. Any training will be given and as anyone who works on the stage will tell you no one sees it close up.

Ian Bowden

SUMMER RENOVATIONS

During the summer break the Theatre has been resounding to the noises indicative of painting, sanding, hammering, drilling, shredding and the occasional curse. Yes we have not been closed, on the contrary we have been very much open and preparing for the new season.

First I am sure you will notice the lovely rich carpet that now adorns the lower foyer, the stairs and the upper landing and then the stairs up to the perch door. The old carpet was almost threadbare and was considered a safety risk as well as being unsightly. It is now nice and soft underfoot.

Secondly we have made a tremendous effort and sanded all the doors and matched them in colour, this is one of those jobs that if it were not mentioned it would go un-noticed.

Third we were the recipients of a great deal of clothing donated to the wardrobe and these have all been sorted and covered and hung.

Fourth, we have purchased a proper accounting system (Sage) and to assist all users and for other computer functions, we have utilised the help of Fathom IT, one of our programme advertisers, and up-graded the computers in the office. This means we have now our own servers with linking computers and all users can get to the same computer files stored on the server. The chairman, secretary and the treasurer have been extremely busy making all these changes along with filing, shredding and preparing for the onslaught of the new season.

The auditions have been held and the plays cast, the first set is now complete and the rehearsals have been going well.

Thanks to the Summer Crew

The summer renovations that you read about on page 1 of this newsletter, were all planned, supervised and carried out by the members below. Without their efforts the Theatre would grind to a halt, so I wish to thank them all publicly as they have all worked extremely hard to achieve all that was put before them. As they say on the TV - in no particular order a round of applause goes to:-



Alan Reidsma - Peter Ning - Chris Nock - Simon McBride - Charles Thomas - Barry Swithenbank - Lisa Barker - Pam Etchells - Gillean Thomas - Steve Smith - Ian Bowden - Janet Reidsma - Lucy Wilson-Barnes - Tim Norwood - Peter Nawn - Carmel Bird - Christine Heath - Andrew Sutton - David Keeling - Leo Schroeder - David Samsbury—Peter Ball.

A reminder to you all about the New 300 Club.

NEW 300 CLUB DRAW

The re-vamped draw has the prizes listed and there are a few shares remaining so if you have already renewed your membership but forgot to book your draw share then phone in. If you haven't renewed your membership then fill in your form and send it in or you will miss out.

1st Prize = £100.00,

2nd Prize = £50.00,

3rd & 4th Prize = £30.00 each,

5th to 10th Prize = £15.00 each.

The Draws will now be held during the interval of the Monday night performance of each of the 5 main plays. This will not delay the curtain up but will allow you to witness the draw being made.

Coffee Service Extended

Over the years we have adapted our coffee and the coffee service all in the best interests of you our patrons. We have the coffee served in the auditorium and the filter coffee served in the bar at the interval. **Now** we are offering filter coffee served in the bar after the curtain comes down. So if you are the “nominated” driver and you don't want a “soft” drink - come into the bar and have a coffee while others are supping other libations and you can still meet the cast when they rise from the dressing rooms. Enjoy the play.

Spic and Span for the Start



SAT-10th October at 12.30.

We have been very fortunate to have a regular cleaning crew to give the Theatre the once over before the opening nights. We thank these wonderful people and invite others to join them to make the job easier all round.

So if you can spare an hour on this Saturday please come along we have all the necessary equipment so you just need to bring yourself.

Commitment to the Theatre Not only do we have all the individuals who commit their time and effort to our wonderful Theatre and to all these we say thank you, we have various outside groups who have also committed to using the facilities we have to offer,

We have Forest School who have been coming to the Theatre for 15 years to give an end of year production for the Parents and Families of the School. More recently we have the commitment of Navigation Road School who are doing the same for their children.

The Manchester & Salford Film Society have been coming here for 10 years and have now committed further to using the Theatre to show its films. Their new projector and screen have been permanently installed and if you look carefully you will see the screen in the auditorium ready to be deployed when needed. If you look just below the “Perch” window you will see the aperture for the lens of the projector.

Gas Pensioners - We always welcome these regulars and afford them every assistance we are able to. To this end we all wish to thank our “outside” sponsors for the trust and faith that is shown with their commitment.

THANK YOU.

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. You will be able to view through the new projector and on the new screen.

Saturday 19th Sept 2009 “Thank You for Smoking”
Directed by Jason Reitman 2006, USA. Run time 92min.

Satirical comedy follows the machinations of “Big Tobacco’s” chief spokesman, Nick Naylor, who spins on behalf of cigarettes while trying to remain a role model for his twelve-year-old son. . . .
 Independent Spirit award winner.



THANK YOU



Saturday 10th Oct 2009 “I’ve Loved You so Long”
Directed by Philippe Claudel 2008, France, Run time 115 mins.

Juliette, a forty-something woman who after a long and painful separation has been taken in by her younger sister, Lee

Saturday 31st Oct 2009 “Let the Right One In”
Directed by Tomas Alfredson 2008, Sweden, Run time 114 mins.

A well crafted horror film in the tradition of Guillermodel Toro’s “The Devils Backbone”. Let the Right One In ably blends vampire genre chills with genuine feeling and intelligent story telling

Tickets can be obtained by ringing John Grieve on 0161 928 7472 Email johnpmgrieve@tiscali.co.uk





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Bad News Year!!! Surely Not.



With just four & a half weeks to go to the first night of the first play we received yet another shock but surely a bigger shock to Steve Smith (Vice-Chairman). Steve suffered an Heart Attack on the 9th of the 9th 2009. His boss didn't like the look of Steve and called 999 for an ambulance and he was whisked off to Warrington

Hospital and into the Heart Unit there. He is now home and getting bored with the enforced rest. We are very glad to say that Steve will make a good recovery, although he will be a little slimmer. No one knows what the future holds so we will carry on in all meanings of tradition and we all send our best to Steve on his road to recovery.

(What a way to get out of doing the sound effects!)

GET WELL SOON

OBITUARY

Mrs Betty Eades

It is again with great sadness I report the passing of one of our long standing and very loyal members and Vice-Presidents.

Betty, along with Ray her husband, were members of the Theatre when Vicki & David Lane started in 1947. Ray helped David devise the ticket voucher scheme, which we still use today, and he was also Secretary of the Theatre for many years.

Ray interviewed me before I was voted in as Chairman in 1991/92 and along with his lovely Betty gave me great support. Just as they have supported the theatre for over 60 years.

I would sometimes see them strolling, hand in hand, around the Devisdale when I was walking my dogs.

Our deepest condolences go to Ray and Family.

Peter Ball