



Altrincham's Little Theatre

The Club News

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Chairman's Chat

It's already the last play of the season. As I have said many times the season doesn't stop here there are several visiting companies which will take us through to the end of July. Recently Steve Smith our Vice Chairman

represented us at the Little Theatre Guild A.G.M. He came back with several interesting pieces of information ranging from the new child protection legislation as it affects amateur theatres to the latest rules on using laser and LED lighting in the

theatre. He also met delegates of the other member theatres. He was able to discuss common problems and learn about their ways of overcoming them. Altogether a good and informative weekend.

Ian Bowden

AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are fast coming towards the end of another season. The next year commences 1st June 2010 and the end of year will bring the usual flurry of business culminating in the Annual General Meeting at 8pm Wednesday 21st July 2010.

- Please note that we have included a copy of this year's AGM 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.
- It is always worth reminding you that we the Committee run the Theatre on your behalf, so you the Membership have a voice in what goes on, 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.

300 Club Winners

The 300 Club was drawn on Wednesday 17th March 2010. The winners were:-

£100	Mrs JB Gill OBE	£15	Mrs MEB Griffith
			Mr I Bowden
£50	Mr&Mrs R Ashley		Mr WB Coffey
			Mrs S Neaves
£30	Mrs S Percy		Mr R Gresty
	Mr WR Rimmer		Mr S Smith

£100 Winner

Mrs JB Gill OBE

Film Society

Please note the dates for the next films are in 2010, as always further information, as well as tickets, may be obtained from John Grieve on 0161 928 7472.

Saturday 15th May 2010

THE BAND'S VISIT— *Eran Kolirin—Isr/Fr 2007 87m (12)*

In this gentle comedy drama, a band, made up of members of the Egyptian police force, travel to Israel to play at the inaugural ceremony of an Arab arts centre, only to find themselves lost in the wrong town. Won awards at Cannes, Montreal, Munich and Tokyo.



“What ultimately makes “The Band’s Visit” such an unmitigated pleasure to watch is the unforced way Kolirin brings the chapter of the band’s journey to its natural but still deeply affecting end” Washington Post.

Saturday 26th June 2010

SHORT FILMS, SUPPER AND QUIZ

A varied selection of shorts will make up part of the final session of the year, along with a supper and our famously entertaining team quiz.

NEXT SEASONS PLAY AUDITIONS - ACTORS & ACTRESSES

The Season 2010/2011 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 will have the new season flyer available at the last play so you can pick one up then, there will also be one in the membership re-newal letter in early August. In the mean time for those interested the 5 plays for the next season are:-

10th to 16th October 2010	“Run For Your Wife” by Ray Cooney
28th Nov to 5th Dec 2010	“Separate Tables” by Terence Rattigan
23rd to 29th January 2011	“Albert Nobbs” by Gordon Steel
13th to 19th March 2011	“Quartermain’s Terms” by Simon Gray
15th to 21st May 2011	“Don’t Dress for Dinner” by Marc Camoletti (adapted by Robin Hawdon)

We are holding OPEN AUDITIONS, for the 5 main plays, in June and this year we are planning to complete them in just over a week.

1st Audition on Tuesday 1st June 2010 from 7:30pm for Plays 1 and 5:-

“Run For Your Wife” and “Don’t Dress for Dinner” - these are the two farces.

2nd Audition on Thursday 3rd June from 7:30pm Plays 2, 3 and 4:-

“Separate Tables” , “Albert Nobbs” and “Quartermain’s Terms”.

3rd Audition Tuesday 8th June at 7:30pm for ALL FIVE PLAYS:-

For all those who could not make the previous two nights, plus those parts not cast by the directors

We look forward to a great season and hope these will tempt you to give us your support also you may feel you would like to try treading the boards—just come along and don’t be shy..



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.
14th to 19th June 2010**

THEATRE NAME CHANGE TO

“ALTRINCHAM LITTLE THEATRE”

The history of the theatre shows us that the name has evolved/changed over the years.

The start was as the Bible Reading class of St. Margaret's Church, then we have "The St. Margaret's Church Institute Amateur Dramatic Society. Following on from this we had the amalgamation of the St. Margaret's ADS and the Club Players of Timperley to become "The Club Theatre" in 1947.

In the late 1980's David Lane, the then Chairman, wanted to change the name to "Altrincham Little Theatre" but the membership of the day rejected the proposal, clinging to the past.

Now we come to the second decade of the second millennium and we need to re-launch the identity of the theatre to remove the miss-conception of the word "Club" from the title. People are still unsure if we are a theatre or a club, must they be a member to see the plays!

This is a decision that the Committee cannot take alone and would have to be voted on at the AGM or and EGM. As you can see, from the front page, the AGM is approaching and will soon be upon us and that will be your chance to have your say and vote on the proposal.

We are already Altrincham's Little Theatre and this name change merely underlines the fact. So come give your support to your committee and help us to improve the face of our Theatre.

If you are unable to attend the AGM you can still show your support by sending in your agreement with your booking for tickets for the May play.

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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**

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Vice Chairman	Steve Smith
Acting	Peter Nawn
Treasurer	Peter Ball
Stage Director	Barry Swithenbank
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NEW ROOF and the SCAFFOLDING

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we may be having more scaffolding around the Theatre.

Well it happened and it was needed because we had significant water ingress inside at the rear of the Theatre and Charles Thomas (Properties Master) had threatened to put in an expenses claim for a wet suit. Not only were some of the props getting wet we also had a problem with the plaster on the rear wall. This was starting to crumble and we had almost permanently wet bricks.

We have been making do over the last few years and it was decided that we must have this dealt with and soon. We called for quotes and Gallaghers started at the beginning of April, scaffolding went up and the old roof came down. The new roof was installed and the tiles completed and then the guttering was fitted, job done. The scaffolding came down on Monday 19th April.

Now we have a new roof at the rear and it is a single slope roof not an apex like the old one. This will see a vast improvement in the interior and Charles will not get his feet wet. More investment in the fabric of the building.

THANKS TO THE SPICK & SPAN CREW

We would like to thank you 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 22nd May at 12:30 we can spruce up the theatre. 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.

