

The Club News

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Chairman's Chat

As I have said on several occasions already we will be making quite a few improvements to the bar this summer. The bar is really not just a bar it is used for many different things including a second rehearsal room, for committee meetings, or hired out for events such as the regular coffee mornings that the Lattice Group Retired

Employees Association hold.

We are nearing the end of the theatre season, with Harvey being the last production. We have already planned out next season's plays and shortly we shall be announcing the productions. We shall be having auditions for these plays over the summer. If you are not on our acting list and

would like to audition please let Val Harris or any member of the committee know so that your details can be added to our acting register.

We hope to enter a float in the Altrincham Festival. If you are in Altrincham on July 2nd watch out for us.

Spit and Polish!!

It is a constant battle trying to keep the theatre in a decent clean state between productions and by the time the next play is due to start it is in need of great attention. Thank you to those who came to help last time. It would be nice to see some new faces so we could spread the load! Therefore if you can help please join us on **SAT the 7th May at 12.30** when we will be manning the hoover's before 'Harvey'. As always we guarantee cups of super tea/coffee, excellent company in the guise of the 'Club Drama' tutor's and a piece of heaven made with Val Harris's own hands!!



400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on Thursday 17th March 2005.
The winners were:-

£50 Mrs M Mullins

£30 Mr & Mrs F R Eades

£10 Mrs M Mitchell
Mrs J Clarke
Mrs M Ashley
Mrs J Marshall
Mr D Aubery
Mrs G Jones

£5 Mrs B Brooker
Mrs R V Moorehead
Mrs I Gleed
Mr J B Verity
Mr & Mrs W Hodgkinson
Mrs A Tudor
Mrs H Norval
Mrs J Ankers
Mrs E Gregory
Mr P D Ball
Mr M Granger-Brown
Mrs J M Clark

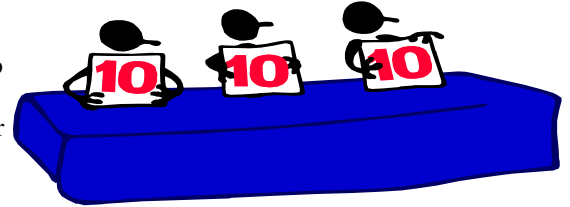
£50 Winner

Mrs M Mullins

Bravery Award

One skill a good director should have is the ability to be flexible so that they can cope with any unforeseeable problems that can crop up. These can be few or many and every director hopes for the former. Better still none at all!! It is, however, thankfully rare when a director has to take over, at the last minute, a major role in his or her production. This happened to director Peter Nawn for 'Natural Causes' and it is to his credit that even with the book in his hand he gave a very good performance in the role of 'Vincent'.

WELL DONE Peter and full marks for making this brave decision and providing us with a very black yet funny comedy. It is a long and hard job getting the best out of the story and cast and most directors are happy to finally sit back and let everyone get on with it after Dress Rehearsal. Peter didn't get that rest so we do hope that he has, by the time he reads this managed to recover from the dual duties that he had to undertake.



A Top Twist

WELL DONE also to 'Club Drama' who performed the enchanting and gripping production of Charles Dickens's famous classic 'Oliver Twist'. We were delighted to be able to put the 'Sold Out' signs up for this play and what a treat was served up to those who witnessed the young people bring all those well known characters to life. This play came hot on the heels of 'Natural Causes' and a big thank you to the small band of people who spent all of that weekend at the theatre taking down one set only then to go straight into erecting another!! May we also give thanks to all the departments who did not get time to draw breath but went straight into another Technical and then Dress Rehearsal on the Monday and Tuesday so that all would be ready for opening night. What will they serve up for us next year? Whatever it is don't leave it to the last minute to book.

6 Foot One and a half of Bunny!

Our next play is a comedy where the main star is a six foot one and a half invisible rabbit called, Harvey. The play named after this rabbit is being directed by Val Harris and sees actor John Banks, who played the blind father in 'The Snow Queen', taking on the role of Elwood P. Dowd, a bachelor who is the only one who can 'see' Harvey. Don't be confused but instead amused as you watch his sister Veta and niece Myrtle Mae, beautifully played by Cherrill Wyche and Hilary Slater, try to get Elwood committed. This is a very funny play and an excellent one to end this season on. Val Harris has been whipping her cast into shape from day one of rehearsals..and that's a sight for sore eyes!! Miss this and you will miss a treat. The play that is not the whipping!!! In association with the Forester's Fund for Children the Club Theatre has asked the cast to agree to do an extra performance of the play with the proceeds going to that charity. PLEASE note that the tickets for that performance however are not being handled by Stella or the theatre.



Ice Cream for Barry

The Club Theatre's own wizard of light Barry Swithenbank has a problem. He buys and keeps so many little bits and pieces that he has run out of storage boxes. Now he has discovered that the ideal container for all these pieces are ice cream boxes! Specifically the Walls 2 litre ones because they are stronger. Please don't throw it away but drop it off at theatre for Barry. He can guarantee it will have a use and a good home.

Hale One Act Festival

The Play Reading Casting Committee have been hard at work on deciding next year's season but before that you still have a chance to see a lot more plays. Make a note in your diaries that the Hale One Act Festival starts on the 6th June and runs until the 11th June. Societies from all over the Northwest come to compete in what is traditionally known as the 'Friendly Festival'. If you love theatre then you will love this week of plays. There is usually something for everyone. More details will be sent out nearer the time so watch out for those. Once again 'Club Drama' will be flying the flag for the Club Theatre so please come and support these talented young people.

**And there's even
more plays
galore!!**

Race Night

As was briefly mentioned in the last newsletter we are having a race night on Saturday June 4th, the doors will be open from 7.00pm and the first race will about 7.45pm, all proceeds will go towards the bar refurbishment fund. Entry is £5.00 each and includes a buffet supper and the bar will be open all evening.

For those of you who have not been to a race night I will outline the way it works.

We have a video projector set up in the bar on which we show videos of real horse races. The videos are specially hired for the night so we don't know which horse will win. There will be 7 races during the night at about 25 minute intervals, with a buffet supper after the third race. Each race has 8 horses in it, before each race a tote is opened for you to bet on the individual horses in multiples of 50p. When all the bets have been made one of the videos is selected at random by a member of the audience and that video is shown. The theatre takes half of the total money bet on the race and the other half is split between the persons betting on the winner. No problems working out the odds we do that for you.

In addition to betting on the horses in each race you can buy a horse for £2.00. You give the horse a name and it will be entered on the race card, if it wins the race you win a prize of a bottle of wine. The last race is an auction race where we shall auction each horse off during the evening and the winning owner gets a bottle of whisky or gin.

Finally we offer a chance to sponsor a race and have it named after you for £15. The race card will have all the runners and owners along with space for you to enter who won.

Everyone who came last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so come along and bring your friends it really is fun.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the theatre will be held in the theatre auditorium on Friday July 15th 2005. Why a Friday? Well we are busy up until then with the Navigation Road School end of year production ending the night before. In fact we shall have had 5 major events encompassing 15 days of actual performances between the end of Harvey and the AGM, a very busy time.

The agenda will be sent to you shortly along with details of the Hale One Act Festival and advance information on our selection of plays for the 2005/06 season.

400 Club Unclaimed Prizes

This last season several people have won money on the 400 club and so far not collected their prizes. The treasurer is anxious to get the money paid out (if you believe that!) and so here is a list all the unclaimed prizes.

£10	Mrs B J Norman	Mrs H Pritchard	Mr & Mrs B R Lane
	Mrs M Batten	Mr & Mrs Hodgekinson	Mrs D H Nork
	Mrs M Baker	Mrs J Astells	Mr D A Marsden
		Mrs M Nork	Mr & Mrs Burnup
£5	Mr K McCormac	Mrs A J Wright	Mrs & Mrs J L Harris

Please call in the bar to collect your prize during Harvey. We have lost several cheques recently in the post, so we don't like to send money out in the post.

**My word he's
won. It's Red Rum
and a Barcardi
and Coke!**



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Useful 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.

Chairman	Mr Ian Bowden	0161 980 2551
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Treasurer	Roy Burman	0161 928 1477
Stage Director	Steve Smith	0161 941 2116
Costumes	Enid Holt	0161 928 1113
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The End Bit

We always try to find interesting and informative articles for this newsletter and such a piece arrived recently on the newsletter desk. Every day a new piece of technology is unveiled and within 12 months of some new flanged device being introduced into our every day lives a new updated one is then launched! However I think this one will run and run for a good many years and our thanks to *Hilary Moore* for bringing it to our attention.

“Announcing the new Built-In Orderly Organized Knowledge device (BOOK). It’s a revolutionary breakthrough in technology—no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It’s so easy to use, even a child can operate it. Just lift it’s cover.

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Portable, durable and affordable, the BOOK is the entertainment craze of the future and many new titles are expected soon due to the surge in popularity of it’s programming tool, the Portable Erasable-Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus (PENCILS)”



FOOTNOTE: Concerning the above thank you again. Newsletter has received only one other contribution which will appear at a later date. So don’t be shy if you see something of interest that you think would fit ‘The End Bit’ the send it in to the theatre c/o of the Secretary . We now look forward to a flood of articles!!!!