

News, Views & Results

Chairman's Chat

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Welcome to the first newsletter of a new year. Accompanying this newsletter is your membership renewal form. The good news is we haven't altered the prices for this year with the exception of casual tickets which we have put up to £8.00. Members will still get the 2 for 1 on a Sunday.

What have we done since the last play "Come Blow Your Horn"? Well immediately after the play we embarked on a series of seven separate events in a period of eight weeks. Starting with Sale And Altrincham Musical Theatre and ending with two One Act Plays being tried out prior to going to the Edinburgh Fringe. Although we haven't yet made it to the Fringe one of our bar tables is currently performing with one of our bar stools at the fringe.

Over the years we have changed things when they need changing, we don't change for change sake. A couple of years ago we were losing about £120 a year on printing our programs, we have always had a photocopier but we took the plunge and invested in a colour copier and now print our own programs turning the loss into a small profit, which helps keep prices down. This year we have bought a ticket printer which will allow us to print tickets directly from our booking software. Once I have amended the software we will be able to immediately print as we book the tickets.

Another innovation we started over the last year is the theatre has a Facebook page which is a quick way of sending out information. If you have a Facebook account why not link to us. We shall not be replacing the traditional means of communication with this it is an addition. Finally if you are on email why not have your newsletter and booking forms sent by email. If you also send us your bookings online it will save you quite a lot of money.

. Ian Bowden



300 CLUB

Recently updated - members can buy up to five 'shares' at ten pounds each and have a chance in each of the five draws throughout the season to win up to £100. The total prize fund available per play is £300. Prizes are 1st £100, 2nd £50, 3 & 4th £30, 5-10th £15. Request your shares on your membership application.

PARKING

Parking on Oxford Road is a nightmare at the best of times. So you may park in Sainsbury's instead. They very kindly let theatre patrons use their car park on performance nights.



BOOKSTALL

May I take the opportunity of conveying my appreciation to those of you who kindly donate to the Book Stall. The Stall provides us with a little extra income for our beloved theatre. Perhaps others of you may have a book or two that we could sell on it. We also have cassettes, CD's, DVD's and videos. Remember please feel free to have a browse yourself before the play or in the interval. You never know you may just find a little something you have been looking for.

Christine Heath



Altrincham's Little Theatre

AND THE WINNER IS!

I am please to announce the following awards and nominations won by the acting and backstage team at The Club Theatre for the 2009/10 season.

Hale One Act Festival

WINNER:

Best Play (Comedy) "A Night Out" Club Theatre
 Best Individual Junior Yolanda George for Trudie in "Garlic & Lavender" Club Drama
 Best Play Junior "Garlic and Lavender" Club Drama

GMDF One Act Festival

WINNER:

Best Actor (Comedy): Fred Yeomans for "Dad" in "A Night Out"

Greater Manchester Drama Federation Awards

Nominations:

Best Director: Garth Jones for "See How They Run"
 Best Actor: Bob Homer for the Judge in "Rough Justice"
 Best Actor: Ian Tyler for Reverend Toop in "See How They Run"
 Drama Sheild Best Play: "See How They Run"

WINNER:

Best Supporting Actress: Leila Pilkington for Mrs Baker in "Come Blow Your Horn"

Cheshire Theatre Guild Awards

Nominations:

Best Actress: Carmel Bird for Maureen in "The Beauty Queen of Leenane"
 Best Actor: Peter Nawn for Gerry in "The Time of My Life"
 Best Junior Actress: Katie McKellor for Mrs Price in "Farndale . . . Macbeth"
 Best Junior Actor: Jack Corcoran for George Peach in "Farndale . . . Macbeth"

There is an exciting season ahead and all the plays are already fully cast following the June auditions. All parts of the theatre are preparing for you're your entertainment and enjoyment so don't miss out.

The new season flyer is enclosed with this newsletter.

So remember to put your reminders in your diaries and on your calendars.



300 Club Winners

The last draw of the 2009/2010 300 club was held on Wednesday 26th May 2010.

The winners were:-

£100 Winner Mrs JD Atkinson	£100	Mrs JD Atkinson	£15	Miss M Dawson
				Mr R Fry
	£50	Mr J Hanson		Mrs J Clarke
				Mrs RE Ward
	£30	Mrs M Smith		Mrs V Smith
		Mrs S Neaves		Miss D Harris

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.



18 September 2010

An Education - UK , 2009 , 95m, Dir by Lone Scherfig. Drama.

A coming-of-age story about a teenage girl in 1960s suburban London, and how her life changes with the arrival of a playboy nearly twice her age.

2 October 2010

Emma's Bliss - GER, 2006, 110m, Dir by Sven Taddicken. Romantic Comedy.

Is a romantic tragic-comedy that takes place in contemporary rural Germany. Upon being informed that he is fatally ill with cancer, Max, who works at a used car lot, steals over seventy thousand illegally gained euros from his boss. The story unfolds .



23 October 2010

Katyn - POL, 2007 , 118m, Dir by Andrzej Wajda, Historical Drama

An examination of the Soviet slaughter of thousands of Polish officers and citizens in the Katyn forest in 1940.



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

THEATRE TICKETS

Following on from printing our own programmes, we are now printing our own play tickets. There were some difficulties last season and it was decided to purchase the necessary equipment and we are now set to be even more independent. We will only print the tickets that are required and this will reduce any waste to the theatre as well as to the planet. Yes we do think about our "Carbon Footprint"



PAINT & PROPS



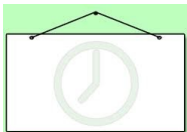
We use a lot of paint in the theatre so don't throw away those half used cans, we can use them. We are only interested in water based paints (emulsion). Let us know what you have and our maintenance/ stage team will put it all to good use. Also any useful items that we can use as props or pieces of furniture (Not too big!) that need a good home then please think of the theatre before the tip. If it's in very good condition then next time you see it, it may be on our stage in a production! We are always on the lookout for things to keep our sets looking fresh.

COSTUMES

The Club Theatre has its own wardrobe that costumes all its productions. If you like dress making, sewing or just interested in helping out in this busy but very interesting department give the theatre a call. Better still come and see for yourself. The costumes can also be hired out for parties and social events.



OPENING TIMES



Some say we never sleep or if we do its at the theatre! The Club Theatre is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening from 7.30 pm onwards. You can also pop by on a 'Club Thursday' day or drop by during a week when a play is being performed and see us in action.

SCRIPT HIRE

We always buy our own scripts and these are collated and available for hire to other groups if they wish to avail themselves of a cheaper hire fee.



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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Summer Break!! What have we done!

It may be the "Summer Break" and many people are on summer holiday soaking up the sun or maybe it was the summer rain!

The term have been "relaxing" (my little joke) and we have been tending to general tasks all around. Finalising everything for the membership renewal, stripping all the flats to keep them in good shape, making sure we are as tidy as possible below in the furniture and props stores, making sure all the scripts are accounted for and stored and logged, All the lights are checked and tested, all the safety devices work, the new kitchen door is fitted and has a safety release magnet, the wardrobe is tidy and the items are being catalogued, cleaning of the areas for your comfort has been done, the list of tasks seems endless but we get through and we will be ready for the opening night. Then it is just for you to turn up and complete the cycle and that we very much look forward to.

So fill in your membership renewal and apply for you play tickets and we will see you at the plays where you can relax in the friendly atmosphere and lose yourself in the muse of the plays.

Publicise Yourself In the Theatre and the Programme

As a member of The Club Theatre you can publicise yourself as well as help us.

Following previous suggestions we still offer the chance for people to sponsor a theatre seat for £25.

You will have a plaque with your name on it permanently fixed to the seat back. You may want to dedicate the seat plaque to someone as a surprise or as a memoriam.

Contact the Treasurer Peter Ball on the Theatre number if you are interested.

You may wish to help the Theatre as a sponsor for the programme whereby you may wish to sponsor an individual page of the programme for just £10 per play.

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You could alternatively of course put an advert in the programme to publicise yourself or your business and this starts at just £25 for a quarter page and for this your advert will be in all 5 plays

Very easy advertising for the year and you also get to be entertained when you see the plays.

For more details contact Peter Ball on 0161 928 1113.

