

# The Club News

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## Chairman's Chat

I am pleased to say that we have finally found a new Wardrobe Mistress. A warm welcome therefore to Lucy Wilson-Barnes. We are all very grateful to Enid Holt for not only having stepped back in after Helen's departure but also for staying and helping ease Lucy into the role. Enid has a lot of experience and I am sure that Lucy will greatly benefit from having Enid around to show her the ropes as she

starts to get to grips with all the different aspects of this important job.

The smoking ban that was introduced during the last play has proved to be a success. I have learned since that when the smoking ban is introduced in July we will be held jointly responsible with the smoker for any cigarette ends left outside the theatre. We shall shortly be installing some outside cigarette ash trays so that

smokers can dispose of their cigarette ends safely and legally.

Due to the dates for Easter the youth group show has to be the week immediately after The Lion in Winter, this means we will have to work extra hard on the Sunday to change the set. Anyone who can assist us please contact Paul Affleck or myself before or during the play.

*Ian Bowden*

## Got a seat Val?



Thank you for reading our piece last time about booking tickets and a huge difference was detected during the booking of our last play. However there were STILL a couple of people ringing up Val Harris at home to book tickets for them. Please don't. Val can do nothing as it is all run from the theatre office. She is always happy to hear from members about any other matters especially people who wish to help with the cleaning or doing front of house but not tickets. So please call the office. Thank you.

## 400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on Monday  
29th January

£50 Mrs M Stewart

£30 Mr T Harvey

£10 S M Cooke  
Mrs D Harding  
Mrs J M Clark  
Mr & Mrs G Lane-Young  
Mr & Mrs A Thorpe  
Mrs I Gleed

£5

Mrs M Nork  
Mrs B M Swales  
Mr & Mrs D L Cope  
Mr & Mrs W A Ward  
Mrs M Manning  
Mrs J Spilsbury  
Mr K Spavin  
Mrs B Coombs  
Mr R Ashley  
Mr & Mrs A Laver  
Mrs J A Granger-Brown  
Mr & Mrs P Wyche

**£50 Winner**

**Mrs M Stewart**

## Roaring In

As this newsletter goes to press rehearsals are well under way for our next production, 'The Lion In Winter'.

Although a historical drama it has some surprising funny moments as the King and Queen verbally take arms against each other. We delighted to welcome back to the stage, actor and one of the theatre's trustee's, Peter Ball who tackles the role of Henry the II. In the opposite corner facing him is Barbara Fuller who will be playing his Queen, Eleanor. The last time these two met on stage Barbara was also playing a Queen, 'The Snow Queen' in John F. Banks production of the same name. Peter played one of the hunters and in fact shot her dead!! It won't be so easy this time!! This promises to be a delightful clash of acting giants. Another 'hunter' Chris Robinson returns to join the cast while Martin Jones, last seen in 'Comfort & Joy', takes on the role of 'Richard'. We're also very pleased to introduce more new faces with Tim Norwood, and Zack Evans making their acting debuts here at The Club Theatre. We sincerely hope that they enjoy the experience and will want to do more with us. The director is Owen Le Blanc, an actor and director from Wilmslow Guild Players, who is, in turn, making his directing debut here and we wish him well. Owen is determined that you will all have an enjoyable evening with this play so don't miss it!



## Foursome Fill Houses

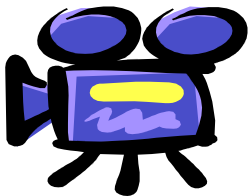


Well there were only four of them but they had everyone guessing, certainly at the end of the first act!! After making his Club Theatre directing debut with 'Pygmalion' last season, Mike Russell came back and

scored gold with his next production. 'Dead Guilty' which brought us excellent houses and a job well done by director and cast. Congrats to the stage crew who produced another great solid set. In fact the sets are getting so good now we are having to evict squatters!!

We were also delighted to welcome two new actresses, Mike's wife, Kathy Russell and Carmel Bird and we hope that they have enjoyed the experience and will grace our boards again.

We would also like to give a big thank you to the people who never appear in the programme but who are essential when putting on any production. These are the ticket booking staff in our office, the people who man the ticket desk each night and of course our excellent front of house teams who do so much in welcoming and looking after the audiences who come to see the plays.



## Film Society

**3rd March Infernal Affairs.** Director Wei Fung Lau Hong Kong 2002 101 minutes cert. 15 English Subtitles

Infernal Affairs is a story of a mole in the police department and an undercover cop in the Triads. Their objective is to find out who is the mole, and who is the cop. The setting is the

never ending war

between the police and the Triads of Hong Kong. Chan is a cop who has been assigned to undercover work inside the Triads for so long that he has been able to rise through the ranks to a position of authority. Lau meanwhile is a secret member of the Triads who has infiltrated the police with equal success. As they feed their bosses information the plans and counter-plans of the organisations they pretend to serve, they both begin to feel the stresses of their double lives as they become torn between the oppressive obligations they owe to their superiors and the growing camaraderie they share with the foot soldiers around them. As the two organisations become increasingly aware of the moles in their midst's, the race is on for Chan and Lau to try to get out of the game alive. Highly recommended

**April 14th Fear Eats The Soul.** Director Rainer Werner Fassbinder. Germany 1974 cert 15 93 minutes. (English Subtitles.)

Released for the first time on DVD in 2006 Fear Eats The Soul is the story of Emmi, a woman truly in the second half of her life who falls in love with Ali a young Arab Guest worker who is more than ten years younger. When they both decide to marry, every body and everyone seems to be against them. When everyone starts to calm down a bit, Emmi and Ali get deeply unsure of their relationship.

Tickets can be obtained by ringing John Grieve on 0161 928 7472

**Classic film  
magic drama in  
the darkness**

## Our Young Representatives



'Club Drama' and our new youth group 'CYD' do a lot for this theatre. They regularly represent us in the various One Act Play Festivals as well as manning The Club Theatre float at the Altrincham Festival. Students also help build the sets, have assisted the back staff crews and front of house staff during play runs. They are proud to be part of this theatre and we are very proud of them. I am sure that Vicki Lane, who started it all, would be delighted to see her work being continued. This year their production is 'That's Entertainment 2007', an evening of comedy, drama and song. An order form is enclosed with this newsletter. Your vouchers are not valid for this production but tickets are just £5.00 so please come and support them. It has been already said, but it is so true, that they are the future of this theatre. I was shocked last year when a long standing member asked who 'Club Drama' were!! If there is anyone in our membership who still does not know and has not seen the work of these talented students then don't miss this production. You will be impressed as well as being treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment.

*John F. Banks—'Club Drama' & 'CYD' Tutor*

## Cleaning Up Gang

This is a message to those members who enjoy the Club Theatre plays. But there is another side which can also be enjoyable and helpful to the Club. The Saturday before the show, there are a few jobs which have to be done to make everywhere clean and nice so that you can sit back and enjoy the play.

So please, if you can spare time on the Saturday before the show commences from 12.30 for an hour or so, to help with a bit of dusting or 'hovering' do join us, many hands make light work-doesn't take long. We have a break for tea/coffee and a piece of Val's lovely home made cake.

You can also help on show nights with 'Front of House' duty— selling programmes, raffle tickets and/or serving coffees. Whilst the play is on, you can have a drink and a chat, get to know other people involved and make friends.

My husband and I, aged 79 and 78 respectively, do NOT find these tasks over exerting, but very rewarding. We have been associated with the Club Theatre for many years, and enjoy every aspect of it's life. We have made many friends and feel part of the whole experience.

So please give the aforesaid some thought, and we hope to see some more helpers in the future.

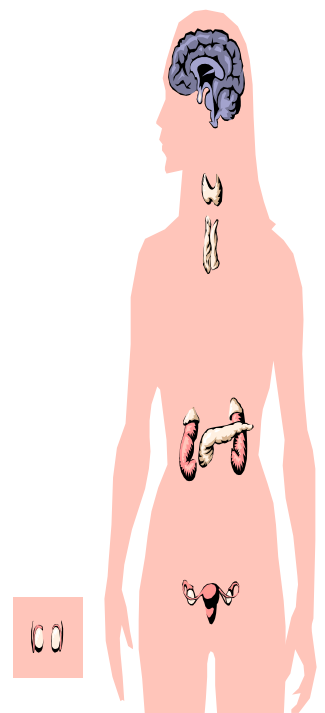
*Joan Harvey*

## Help needed SAT morning the 17th March at 12.30

### Teaser II — Body Parts!!

Our thanks for yet another teaser quiz from member *Robert Fysh* to get you working those little grey cells. This one has had mime over cooking and I was just typing it out!! Below are clues to various bits of the body!! Good luck with this, you are going to need it.

1. Ammunitions
2. Two Tall Trees
3. Shellfish
4. Ships (Or parts of)
5. What a Plumber has to deal with
6. Imperial Measurement
7. Parts of a Chair
8. Two Young Bovine Animals
9. A Sacred Building
10. Two Flowers
11. You'd find these in a builder's tool box to fix things
12. Personal Pronoun
13. A Fruit
14. Part of a hill
15. Use this to cross a river
16. Made out of marble
17. Found in marble
18. Salt Water Fish
19. Musical Instrument
20. Ajar Cover
21. Minty Breath Fresheners
22. Found on Rose Bushes
23. Lady like pieces of toast
24. This tells the wind direction
25. Take on a sea voyage
26. Negatives
27. Horse measurement
28. Extravagance
29. To pull behind you
30. Sticky stuff



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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.

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mr Ian Bowden</b>	<b>0161 980 2551</b>
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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Roy Burman</b>	<b>0161 928 1477</b>
<b>Stage Director</b>	<b>Paul Affleck</b>	<b>07870 780910</b>
<b>Costumes</b>		<b>0161 928 1113</b>
<b>‘Thursday Club’</b>	<b>Barry Swithenbank</b>	<b>0161 980 7743</b>
<b>Secretary/Press Officer</b>	<b>John Banks</b>	<b>0161 486 1843</b>
<b>‘Club Drama’</b>	<b>Val Harris</b>	<b>0161 928 2277</b>
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**Body Parts Discovered!**



- 1. Arms
- 2. Palms
- 3. Muscles
- 4. Vessels, Navel, pipes, Pumps, Bowels
- 5. Joints, Elbows, Waste (Waist), Bladder, Pipes,
- 6. Pumps, Valves
- 7. Arms, Legs, Back, (1/2 point for feet)
- 8. Calves
- 9. Temple
- 10. Irides ((Not Tu-tips)
- 11. Nails, Hammer (Not Nuts)
- 12. Eye
- 13. Apple (Adama)
- 14. Brow
- 15. Bridge



- 16. Arch, Column, Bust
- 17. Vein
- 18. Sole
- 19. Organ, Drum
- 20. Lid
- 21. Gum
- 22. Hips
- 23. Fingers
- 24. Vein
- 25. Trunk
- 26. Nose (No's)
- 27. Hands
- 28. Waist (A waste)
- 29. Toe (Tow)
- 30. Gum(s)

**The End Bit**

Due to space just a few quickies for you this time.

Man comes home and finds his wife with a friend in bed. He shoots his friend to death. Wife says “ If you behave like this , you will lose ALL your friends”.

Husband asks, “ Do U know the meaning of WIFE? It’s “Without Information Fighting Every time”.  
Wife replies, “No, It means, “With Idiot For Ever!!”

Woman asks man who is travelling with six children. “All these kids are yours?” “No”, he replies” I work in a condom factory & these are customer complaints”.

Two men meet while both looking for their lost wives.  
1st Man: “What yours look like?”  
2nd Man: “She’s 5’7”, 36-24-36, fair with blue eyes. What about yours?”  
1st Man:” Forget mime. Lets find yours!!