

The Club News

Chairman's Chat

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Enclosed with this newsletter is a short questionnaire which we hope you will complete. This is intended to help us get feedback from you about what you think about the programme of plays which we produce. We will send a feedback form with each booking

letter from now on. We ask that you fill it in for the previous production and either send it in with your booking letter or leave it at the theatre when you come to the show. Please fill in the form as it will help us in choosing plays in the future.

May I also draw your attention to 'Club Drama's next production which is 'Toad of Toad Hall' on the 3rd-5th April. Rehearsals are going well and this promises to be an excellent production for everyone.

Ian Bowden

Numbers NOT Ticks Please!

Here at the theatre ticket booking office can we please make a plea. When you send your booking form in, as stated on the form, please put the total number of tickets you require in the date box of your choice and not just a tick! We have identified mistakes that have occurred due to this and then people have rung up saying that they have not received all the tickets that they had ordered.

Also please check your tickets carefully once you receive them. During the last play we had to give out tickets to some people's second choice night. However they still turned up on the night they usually come. We will always try to make sure you get tickets for the night you ask request but sometimes those nights get sold out so we are forced to go to second choices.

So help us to help you. Thank you.



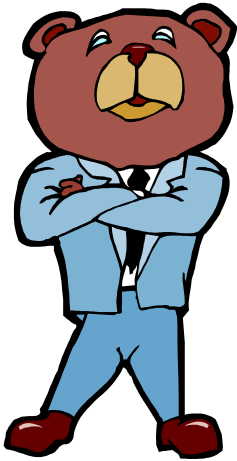
400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on Wednesday 30th January 2008. The winners were :-

£50	Mrs K M Waring	£5	Mrs M Nork
			Mr N Gregory
£30	Mrs J Newton		Mr D Copley
			Mrs J Copley
£10	Mr & Mrs W D Sharp		Mr & Mrs G R Lane-Young
	Mrs J Newton		Miss D C Harris
	Mr P E Peel		Mr & Mrs F R Eades
	Mrs J Gibb		Mrs P L Pull
	Mrs L Pilkington		Mr H Southern
	Miss D C Harris		Mr R A Lucas
			Mrs A Kenny
			Mr & Mrs D Eastwood

£50 Winner

Mrs K M Waring



They Called Him 'Mr Wonderful'...or so we're told

It was touch and go for a few days but he took it on and won. Well done and a big thank you to Peter Lawless for taking on the directing reins of 'Mr Wonderful'. As reported in the last newsletter, Peter took on this job at very short notice but succeeded in putting it together and delighting our audiences. Although Peter did not get the chance to choose his cast he was very pleased with them and worked them hard. We were pleased to welcome newcomer John Wagner to our stage. John usually does most of his acting for the Durham Massey Players and was making his debut at the Club Theatre. He enjoyed his time with us and we hope that he will come and act for us again soon. Reports that The Teddy 'Mr Wonderful' was a wonderful actor to work with, knew all his lines and never missed his cues could be true but has not been confirmed. We will however 'bear' him in mind for future roles.

A Life on the Boards

As soon as one ends, or even before, another play goes into rehearsal! With less time than the last play to do it in, Val Harris has been cracking the whip to get her cast in shape for the challenge that lies ahead for them. 'The Dresser' by Ronald Harwood is set during wartime and tells of a touring drama society led by the fearsome 'Sir', one of the last actor-managers. Assisted by his faithful dresser 'Norman', Sir prepares to take on, once more, the challenging role of 'King Lear'. Garth Jones is 'Sir' and John Banks plays his dresser, 'Norman'. This is a beautifully written piece, full of drama, full of humour, pathos and touching moments. Not to be missed!



Director Val Harris (seen here in costume) during the storm sequence

Historical Happenings

Thanks to member *Robert Fysh* who has submitted another quiz to the newsletter desk. Robert writes: "You are given the year that something major happened, please work out from the initials provided who it was, ie 1066 B of H = Battle of Hastings."

1. 1843 N o t W founded
2. 1936 The year England had TK
3. 1997 D of D-P of W
4. 1739 D T was hanged
5. 164 Last H in G B
6. 1914 o of the G W
7. 1966 E win the J R T
8. 1798 C died at his castle of Dux in Bohemia
9. 1666 The G F of L
10. 1966 A M D in W
11. 1873 Nurse M A C was hanged
12. 1934 U win first W C T
13. 1849 W H Attempted killing of Queen Victoria
14. 1954 C C 1st Sports Personality of the Year
15. 1939 G invades P
16. 1665 The G P
17. 1969 N A 1st M o t M
18. 1890 In America 1st D by E
19. 1944 D-Day L takes place in N
20. D of A H

Answers on the back page.

Film Society

A final reminder to Club Theatre members that the Film Society are showing '**A Taste of Honey**' on Saturday 23rd February at 7.30 pm. There are a limited number of free tickets to see this film which can be obtained by contacting John Grieve on 0161 928 7472.

March 8th '**Pan's Labyrinth**' (Spain/Mexico) 2006

In fascist Spain of 1944 the bookish young stepdaughter of a sadistic army officer escapes into an eerie captivating fantasy world. This film won 3 Oscars and 53 other awards.

April 12th '**The Lives of Others**' (Germany) 2006

A close study of Stasi surveillance of East German citizens before the fall of the Berlin Wall and the effect on all involved. The film won not only an Oscar and 30 other awards but also a Bafta this year.

Tickets for Club Theatre members cost £10.00. As usual full details about the society and tickets can be obtained by contacting John Grieve on 0161 928 7472. .

Speak Well of Us

During the last play several people told me that it was their first visit to the theatre, that they would come again and they had heard about it through word of mouth. This cheered me up as over and over again 'word of mouth' has proved to be one of the best methods of promotion but cannot be used as the only one. We don't always get all that we do right, we are human after all and all possible errors are listened to and noted. Some constant negativity about all we do is however, harmful to the theatre and the brave people who run it. So do feel free to talk to us, talk about us to others but I hope in a positive manner. Compared to some other smaller societies we are a big theatre, this does not however mean we have a large staff. Regular help, as you have read before, is always sought. so speak well of us and happily that will help us get more helpers. That tiny band of brothers and the odd sister work very hard to maintain the high standards we set ourselves and they look to our appointed Trustees, our Vice Presidents and members to support, not condemn all we strive to do. Speak to us, speak well of us and spread the word. May the words be friendly and of a positive nature so that the theatre can continue to move forward. In this way our audiences will grow, help will be forthcoming and many more people will discover the little gem that is The Club Theatre.



John F. Banks—Publicity Manager

PS: Our play posters are also an important selling tool. If anyone would like to design them for our productions then please contact the office.

Race Night



Many people have asked us when we are going to have another Race Night as this has proved to be very popular in the past. We can now tell you that a date has been set, 19th April 2008. The doors will open at 7.00 pm and the first race will start about 7.45 pm. All proceeds from this event will go towards the theatre toilet refurbishment. Entry is £7.50 each and includes a buffet supper while the bar will be open all evening. For those of you who are interested and have not attended this event before allow us the explain how it works.

We have a video projector set up in the bar on which we show videos of real horse races. The videos are especially 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, the buffet supper after the third race. Each race has eight 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 as we do that for you. In addition to betting on the horses you can buy a horse for £3.00, give it a name and it will be entered on the race card. If it wins the race you win 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 to sponsor a race and have it named after you for £10. The race card will have all the runners and owners along with space for you to enter who won. Everyone who came last time really enjoyed themselves and that is why we are doing it again. So come along and bring your friends, it really is fun!

Elbow Grease

Once again thanks and thanks again to those people who came to help us dust and polish the theatre. There were a couple of new faces and we were delighted to see them. So thanks again and anyone who can spend an hour or two is welcome especially by the Club Drama tutors.

Help needed SAT morning the 6th Feb at 12.30



**GMDF
Courses.
Ask the office
for details.**



The Magic Number

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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Quiz Answers

1. News of the World
2. Two Kings
3. Death of Diana-Princess of Wales
4. Dick Turpin
5. Hanging in Great Britain
6. Outbreak of the Great War
7. England wins the Jules Rimet Trophy
8. Casanova
9. Great Fire of London
10. Aberfan Mining Disaster in Wales
11. Mary Ann Cotton
12. Uruguay Win First World Cup Trophy
13. William Hamilton
14. Chris Chataway
15. Germany invades Poland
16. Great Plague
17. Neil Armstrong 1st Man on the Moon
18. Death by Electrocution
19. Landing in Normandy
20. Death of Adolf Hitler

The End Bit

The part most people read first!! Thanks to one of our trustees *Peter Ball* for the following that appeared in church notices!

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: “ Jesus Walks on the Water”. The sermon tonight: “ Searching for Jesus”
- Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing:” Break Forth Into Joy”.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practise.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang” I will not pass this way again” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm. Prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.
- The primary 7’s will be presenting Shakespeare’s Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.
- This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- Don’t let worry kill you off, let the Church help.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.