

The Club News

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£50 Winner

Mrs M N Sellers

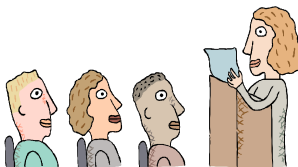
Chairman's Chat

Although this is the last play of the season we shall still be very busy. There is still the Hale One Act Festival which runs from June 12th to 16th. Each night there will be 3 different one act plays performed by visiting groups. At the end of each night the adjudicator will give a brief adjudication

of each of the plays, and on the Saturday night the awards will be presented. We will be entering two plays in the festival. Club Drama will be performing *Ernies Incredible Illucinations* on Wednesday 13th June and CYD will be performing the *Droitwich Discovery* on Saturday 16th June,

come along and support them. Why not book a season ticket to see all the plays and see if you agree with the adjudicator. With this letter you will also receive a copy of the AGM agenda. Copies of last years AGM minutes will be available at the AGM.

AGM 2007



Our AGM this year will be on the 11th July at 8.00 pm. Do consider coming as it is not a long meeting and you can find out what we hope to achieve next year. It is also the event where you can voice your views directly to the Committee and have your say on any matter. Although we are not a member's only theatre our members are very important to us and we need their feedback on all that we do. So make a date in your diary now please. You can also decide if you are happy with the present Committee's work and if not you can stand for a position on it or vote them all back in again. If you wish to nominate anyone for the Committee please put it in writing and the nomination should be with the Secretary no later than 14 days before the AGM. We look forward to seeing you.

400 Club Winners

The 400 Club was drawn on

£50 Mrs M N Sellers

£30 Mr W R rimmer

£10 Miss P J Derbyshire
Mr R Prowse
Mr & Mrs J C Finlay
Mrs E M Nall
Mr R Ballantyne
Mrs S Neaves

£5

Mrs C Lucas
Mrs M Pownall
Mr I Bowden
Mr & Mrs D L Cope
Mr & Mrs D Copley
Mrs P F Brelsford
Mrs S Wheeler
Miss D C Harris
Mr R A Lucas
Mr D Copley
Mr & Mrs A Laver
Mr I Bowden

A Slice of History



Was it an omen? Opening night for our last play saw snow on the ground and patrons struggling to get to the theatre. We always aim to try and please our audiences with every production that we present but have to be honest about our work. This *Lion* failed to roar as well as we had hoped. This was not helped by poor houses on the first couple of nights, a long first act and some audience members not being able to hear the actors. However, on the whole the play was fairly well received but we have taken on board all the comments that were made to us. Our thanks to Owen le Blanc for taking on the challenge of directing this classic yet difficult play and the cast who worked hard to bring this piece of English history to life. We believe that our audiences, directors and actors should be given choice and variety and feel that we were right to include it in our play season.

Auntie's Coming!

As one play ends another starts to breathe life in the rehearsal room. Peter Nawn, last seen acting in 'Comfort & Joy' is, as this goes to press, putting his cast through their paces for the last play of the season.

This is 'Charley's Aunt' a classic farce that will hopefully have you leaving with a smile on your face at the end of the evening. Farce is fast, silly, just pure fun and although it may not tax your grey cells is very popular. We are delighted to be welcoming yet another new face to the Club Theatre stage in the form of Ryan Ellershaw who will be playing the title role. The two other main characters are played by John Fisher and Chris Robinson. We are pleased that John is making a welcome return to the front of the stage, this time lit! He was last seen in our production of 'Dead Guilty' moving the props around in semi darkness. Plus not

one, but three members of our talented group 'Club Drama' have roles in this production. They are Natalie Brown, Sammi Waring and Grace Fryer. The play was chosen well before we found out that a professional touring production was going to do the rounds. However, from some reports it was not very good at all so come and see how the Club Theatre will do it justice.



Artist's impression of John Fisher who was unavailable to pose!

Hale One Act Play Festival.

This theatre never stops and as soon as the above play is over we will be looking forward to the Festival. This will run from 11th June-16th June, It will feature a variety of plays from groups within as well and some from outside the region and is well worth coming to.

The 'Show' must...did go on

'That's Entertainment's 2007' ran into problems just 10 days before it's performance. Tutor, Ian Bowden who was to have stage managed the production fell ill. Tutor, John Banks who was directing a play in Wilmslow, found himself having to take the main role and go on with the book when he lost his leading actor. As this play was running at the same time as the 'Club Drama' & 'CYD' production he became unavailable. Many thanks therefore are due to Paul Affleck who although ill and in pain came in at the 11th hour to be the SM for the three nights. The show must go on, as they say, be it in Wilmslow or Altrincham. The young people presented classic excerpts from well known plays as well as new material, a mixture which included comedy, dance and song. The students from 'CYD' performed a one act play, 'The Droitwich Discovery' the first production from this new group. Audiences were good and the show was well received.

Day not Night!



We have sadly lost some valuable help on the stage. This has left us struggling to get sets built. Barry Swithenbank our in house set designer and builder used to have a couple of people come in on a Thursday during the day to help him. This 'Thursday Club' has all but ceased to exist but Barry still needs help. If anyone is interested in coming down during the day instead of evenings to help in any way then please contact Barry. He will be delighted to hear from you. His number is on the back - 'Thursday Club'. Any help of any kind is welcome so feel to drop in and talk to us.

It's friendly & fun. Help day or night and find out for yourself.

Film Society

Film Society, our next film, **12th May** is **Where the Truth Lies** (Canada)

Director Atom Egoyan runtime 108 minutes Cert 18.

A rich brew that draws on Citizen Kane and Rashomon in telling the story an ambitious journalist setting out to re-examine the circumstances that led to the break-up of a successful show business act (played by Colin Firth and Kevin Bacon), fifteen years earlier in mysterious circumstances involving the death of a young girl. The film is full of ambiguity, with the testimony of various parties being in sharp conflict and switches in flash back between convincingly evoked versions of the 50's and 60's as it unfolds grippingly.



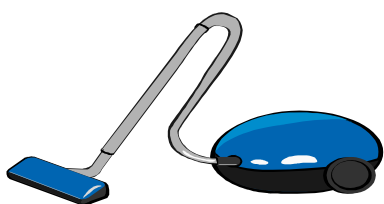
23rd of June we are showing **Bon Voyage** but this for members only as we have our end of season social and quiz on that night

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

Teaser III — Some Famous People!!

Yet another teaser quiz from member *Robert Fysh*. Well I thought the last one was hard! If you know your history and politics then you're in with a chance. Don't blame me if you end up pulling all your hair out with this one. Thanks, Robert but can we have one for the simple folk like me. Good luck with this and once again answers on the back.

1. Did this famous sailor navigate the world on a well-known make of bicycle?
2. Duck's mate, an appropriate name for a navigator.
3. This Prime Minister was the outside of an apple.
4. Another Prime Minister skilled at re-roofing.
5. This opposition leader of a few decades ago sounded a strong politician.
6. Their surname suggests the politics of these noble earls was neither black or white.
7. Were the precursors of the number 6's concerned with fairground stalls?
8. Did Noah commission this shipbuilder?
9. Half of this man is a wrestling hold.
10. One of this duo was presumed to be a doctor.
11. The queen of a station.
12. This Prime Minister sounds like a hole in the ground.
13. This mapmaker measured the rate of travel.
14. This lordly Prime Minister went in a single direction.
15. A conquering chap by Richard Compton.
16. Was this painter also a policeman?
17. A lathe worker who painted.
18. A worker in precious metal who was a dramatist.
19. Did this impostor in 1487 give his name to a cake?
20. This politician sounds like a loud noise on a trumpet.



Super Hoovers II

Again thank you to the two people who came to help the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary clean the theatre last time. We now have not one but two new Hoovers which are a great help. Just need, as always, hands to operate them. Even if you can only come for an hour it all helps.

Help needed SAT morning the 19th May at 12.30

In our Thoughts

Sadly there are quite a few of the small team who keep the Club Theatre running who are at present not well or have suffered physical setbacks. One or two are soldiering on, others are at home recovering or having to take things at a more leisurely pace. This also applies to some of our acting members as well. To one and all, the Committee wish them well and they are in our thoughts. Out of sight does not mean out of mind. Take care and we hope to see you again at the theatre when you can make it.





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And they were? Quiz answers.

- 20. Blair.
- 19. Lambert Simnel.
- 18. Goldsmith.
- 17. Turner.
- 16. Constable.
- 15. William the Conqueror.
- 14. Lord North.
- 13. Speed.
- 12. Pitt.
- 11. Victoria.

- 10. Doctor Livingstone.
- 9. Half Nelson.
- 8. Arkwright.
- 7. Booths.
- 6. Grey.
- 5. David Steele.
- 4. Thatcher.
- 3. Peel.
- 2. Drake.
- 1. Raleigh.



FOOT NOTE!!! (Well nearly)

We may be coming to the end of our season and this will be the last newsletter but before we know it next season will be upon us and I will be having to put the next one together. Therefore if you find anything that you feel may be of interest to other people for the newsletter then please send it in to the theatre for my attention. Thank you and I hope you have enjoyed reading them.

The Editor

The End Bit

My thanks to a work colleague who supplied me with this little gem.

There was a man who worked all his life, had saved all his money, and was a real misery when it came to spending it. Just before he died he said to his wife, “ When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take it to the afterlife with me.” And so he got his wife to promise him, with all her heart , that when he died she would put all his money in with him.....Well he died.

He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there, dressed in black, and her friend sat with her. Just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket the

wife said, “Just a moment”. She had a small metal box with her, she came over to the casket and put the box in with her husband. The undertaker then closed the casket and rolled him away.

Her friend said, “Girl, I know you were not foolish enough to put all his money in with him”. The loyal wife replied, “ I am a good Christian and I can’t go back on my word. I promised him that I would put the money in and I did.” “You mean to tell me you put all of his money in the casket? her friend asked.

“I sure did.” replied the wife. “ I got all his money together and put it into my bank account and wrote him a cheque. If he can cash it, he can spend it!”

