

The Club News

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**Wipe, Wash,
Sweep and Polish**

Chairman's Chat

As I write this we are still working very hard to finish all the essential work on our very long 'To Do' list.

The bar will finally be finished while downstairs we hope to have everything correctly put away on the new racking in the furniture store. The latter has had parts of the floor replaced, the walls treated and a new layout

to maximise the storage area. The rehearsal room has also been reorganised and is already in use for play rehearsals and for use by our drama youth groups. I would like to thank those people who have given so much of their time to make all this happen. I would especially like to thank our Stage Director, Paul Affleck who has planned and overseen

all the work that has been undertaken.

There have been other changes we have had to make which are explained in this new letter.

A new season is upon us and I hope you will enjoy all that we have in store for you. I look forward to seeing you all at the first play.

Ian Bowden

Important Changes

There are several changes that have taken place since last season so please bear these in mind when you come to theatre. As you know last year we increased the programme to 70 pence which, when compared to many other theatres is excellent value for money.

This year we have had to increase the price of the coffee to also 70 pence. We have kept the prices down for as long as we could but this is sadly no longer possible. The tickets for non members are now £7.50 so there is still

a huge advantage in becoming a member of the theatre and this is worth passing onto any friends who as yet are still undecided.

Finally again due to rising costs and low income we have done away with the sweet stall (Better for your teeth anyway!). All these changes have been carefully discussed and these decisions have been made, as always, with the long term benefit of the theatre in mind.



Dirt Banishers

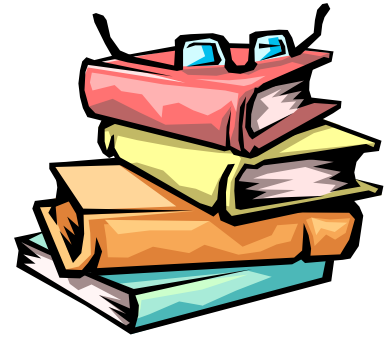
The theatre is filthy! There is no other word. We are pushing very hard to get essential summer work finished and the stage ready for the first play. We appeal to everyone and anyone who is linked to the theatre in any way to come and help us get it shining for the start of the season. So DO consider helping on

SAT morning the 14th October at 12.30

Thank you.

84 Charing Cross Road

They are hard at it up in the new rehearsal room! The first play of the season is being whipped into shape by director Val Harris and is not one to be missed!! Gillian Thomas takes the title role of Helene Hanff, a demanding and super part. The play tells the story of this American writer's friendship with staff in a London bookshop that spans a period of 20 years. Leaving his director's hat firmly on its peg this season John Banks takes on the part of the bookshop manager and he and Gillian are very well supported by Carol Scott, Janet Reidsma, Don Saunders and Lelia Pilkington. Plus we are delighted to have two ex-Club Drama students Claire Keeling and Martin Thewell also taking parts. So don't miss this super season opener and don't delay in getting your ticket orders in.



Coming Up! This Season

'Comfort & Joy'

After singing his way into our hearts in 'Quartet' we welcome back to The Club Theatre **Terry Hollinshead** who makes his directing debut here with this year's Christmas offering. This comedy concerns a family get together that tries to make sure that 'goodwill' to one and all will hold out come what may.

'Dead Guilty'

What? Who? Where and When? All the questions a good thriller asks and they are all in this one. After the gentle pace of the classic 'Pygmalion' director **Mike Russell** gets gritty! This tight, tense thriller will keep you guessing if everyone is really what they seem to be as a woman tries to discover the truth behind her husband's death.

'The Lion in Winter'

We go back in history for our fourth play of the season. This is based on the relationship between Henry II and

his Queen Eleanor. The story is about the fight that ensued as both fought for their favourite son to have the lion's share of kingdom's when Henry dies. This is hard hitting and exciting drama and will be directed by **Owen Le Blanc**. Owen is well known as a director and actor at Wilmslow Guild Players and is now making his directing debut here with us.

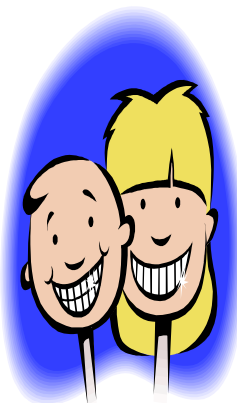
'That's Entertainment 2007'

'Club Drama' and the new youth group (See below) present an evening of drama, comedy, song and dance and more which will display this group's many talents that have won them many awards over the years.

'Charley's Aunt'

Peter Nawn finishes our season off by directing this classic comedy. They say when in a crisis you soon find out who your friends are and what they are prepared to do for you!! An evening of great fun is in store for you all.

Val's Gang



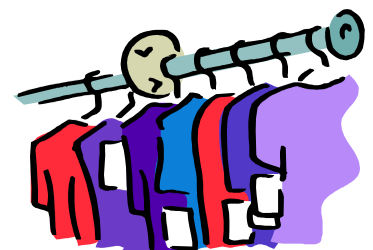
'Club Drama' has started back with 23 members! Meetings have already started and the tutors, Val, Ian, John and Colin are working hard with them. The last three tutors in particular in trying to remembering all the new names! As mentioned in a previous newsletter we were starting another group so as to keep the older members once they had 'done their time' in 'Club Drama'. This group, with its temporary working name of 'Val's Gang', has also started this last week. There are 7 students, two of whom are playing parts in the first play. Both groups will be seen in the Club Drama March production.

The Theatre that
never lets us rest
or sleep

Strip the Beds!

I need your sheets! If you have any plain, not patterned, double sheets you don't need or use any more I could really use them in wardrobe to cover the clothes rails. Everything helps in keeping the dust at bay. Thank you.

Helen Walker—Wardrobe Mistress



Film Society

The Film Society has started back and its first film 'Crash' by directed Paul Haggis just missed this newsletter. However below are the details for the next one. So make a note in your diaries. On the 28th October the film will be:

'HIDDEN' France 2005. Director Michael Hanke. Cert. 15 1 Hour 57 minutes. English Subtitles. The Laurent's – Georges (Daniel Auteuil), Anne (Juliette Binoche), and Pierrot (Lester Makesonsky) - are an average middle-class Parisian family going about their daily routines until the arrival of a package from an anonymous sender. It contains videotape that shows a two-hour surveillance of their front door by a camera positioned down the street facing their townhouse. There is nothing remarkable on the tape but the implications are ominous — someone is watching. What is going on?



As usual more details about the society and tickets can be obtained by contacting John Grieve on 0161 928 7472.

Pounds From Anywhere

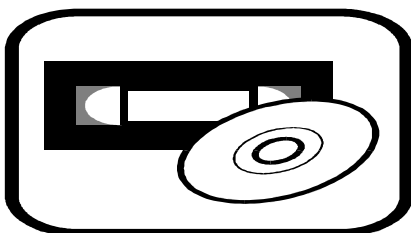


As you are all aware and for those new people who are not, the Club Theatre is run and maintained by a VERY small band of people. None of these people are paid in any way. They have to not only regularly maintain the fabric of the theatre but also try to improve it. The Theatre is a registered charity but receives practically little in the way of outside grant money. Therefore like every charity we are always looking for ways of getting money for the theatre so we can make these improvements. There are still many projects we would love to put into motion but the main ones are very, VERY expensive as you can imagine. One of our members, Steve Abell, has taken on the difficult job of trying to find sponsorship and grant aid for us. He travels a lot with his job at present so the appeal is this. If you see, read or know of any one or any group that could help us in gaining much needed funds via any legal means then please let Steve know. You can leave a message at the theatre or drop a line to him care of The Club Theatre. In this case it's 'many ears and eyes make light work' or certainly helps cover a lot of ground. And as you know every penny we can get goes straight back into this lovely theatre. Thank you.

Open Evening

How do they actually do that? (*I have often wondered myself—Ed.*) The 4th October the theatre is having an **Open Evening** so that people can come and see just what this theatre and the helpers in it get up to. At the moment we are in preparation mode for the first play '84 Charing Cross Road. Here is the chance to come and peep behind the scenes, talk to the people who help make the magic of theatre come alive. The Club Theatre can be visited during the year

and we although we can arrange to come and give talks to other societies this is a chance to actually come and see other areas that one would never see on a performance night. So please help us advertise this event. There may be someone you know who may be interested in acting or helping in any one of our many departments such as wardrobe. This is an excellent evening for people to see what we are all about and hopefully get involved themselves, joining the happy dedicated band of people who love this theatre.



Bookstall

Well the sweets have gone and we have slowly phased out the bric and brac. However the bookstall is still going strong and proving just as popular. So please if you have any good quality books we would love to have them. Also we are including on this stall, videos, tapes, and CD's. So don't throw them away but let someone else enjoy them by bringing them into theatre. You never know someone may just bring in that elusive tape with that song on that you have spent years searching for.



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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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Just the Job

You’re looking for something different to give to someone as a present . Or maybe just to say thank you for being a good friend or for doing a great service. Something different. Why not two tickets to the theatre but not any theatre, The Club Theatre. You can now purchase a gift voucher that will allow anyone to have a couple of free seats for any production this season. This can also be adapted to include a free programme and two coffees. For more details just ring the theatre and ask to speak to Val Harris or John Banks.



The End Bit

Yes it’s back!! That famous bit of the newsletter that some people read first!!

The Ten Human Commandments

1.SPEAK TO PEOPLE.

There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting

2.SMILE AT PEOPLE

It takes 72 muscles to frown—only 14 to smile.

3.CALL PEOPLE BY NAME

The sweetest music to anyone’s ears is the sound of his own name.

4.BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL

If you would have friends—be friendly.

5.BE CORDIAL

Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

6.BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE

You can like almost everybody if you try.

7.BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE

And cautious with criticism.

8.BE CONSIDERATE WITH THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS

There are usually three sides to a controversy– yours, the other fellow’s and the right one.

9.BE ALERT TO GIVE SERVICE

What counts most in life is what we do for others.

10. Add to this a good **SENSE OF HUMOUR**, a big dose of **PATIENCE** and a dash of **HUMILITY**—and you will be rewarded.