



Stage Gossip

December 2021

Next Production

At the start of the season we said that the January production was to be announced later. Due to licensing issues it has taken us longer that we intended to announce the full details of our third production.

We are going to split the week up into two events.

Firstly on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday we will be showing the classic film "Some Like it Hot" starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. The second half on the week from Wednesday to Saturday we shall be performing three radio style plays on each night. The first of which is "The Bowmans" from the script library of Galton and Simpson and originally featured Tony Hancock. The second one is an episode of the comedy series "Cabin Pressure" devised by John Finnemore called "Gdansk". Finally we shall perform a thriller written by Charlie Cook called "Who Do You Think You Are Killing". Charlie has been a successful actor, director and writer for many years.

Members can book for either production and can attend both productions by paying £5 extra on top of your voucher. Tickets for non members will be £10 for either production and £15 for both. Seats may be limited due to having two events in the same week so ensure you book early for either or both shows.

300 Club

The winners of the second draw are

£100	Mrs D Laver	£50	Mr & Mrs P Wyche
£30	Mrs M Ballantyne	£30	Mrs D Copley
£15	Mr M Heyhoe	£15	Mr C Cook
£15	Mrs B Cartledge	£15	Mrs T Kufeldt
£15	Mrs J Copley	£15	Mr D W Copley

Please note that there are still many uncollected 300 club prizes from before June 2020. A full list of names is listed on the third page of the newsletter. Please check for your names as you might be missing out on up to £100 prize money per draw.

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Covid Precautions

The first two plays have been performed successfully. We have been asked by many of you about our policies which we have published before. The main point is to ask anyone who does not feel well or displays some of the covid symptoms not to attend the theatre. Where possible we ask that people carry out a lateral flow test before coming.

We have been actively spacing people out within the auditorium and are leaving at least one empty seat between any group. We also ask that everyone wears a mask—which is now mandatory. The Auditorium ventilation is set to run significantly faster than we normally run it during productions. Bar windows are also open to aid greater airflow.

Every night we clean and sanitise all handrails and points of contact after the production starts, this is then done again after the interval and finally again at the end of the night. At the end of the night we also clean all the auditorium seat backs plus armrests and clean all other surfaces as above, once again.

The coffee tokens have been replaced by single use paper tokens and instead of milk cartons we are using jugs of milk handled by the coffee bar staff only and pre wrapped Biscoff biscuits.

These measures are to keep everyone safe to ensure the continued operation of the theatre. We will obviously continue to follow and implement the latest government advice as and when any new advice is delivered.

Stage Work

Over the years we have put out appeals for help on the stage which have been reasonably successful. However due to the increasing age of some crew and other people leaving we are now extremely short of help on the stage. If we cannot get some more help then the sets might not get built. So far this season the sets have been built by an average of two people per night.

The work is not difficult and any training you require will be provided. If you can spare a few hours on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 7.30pm and 10pm please let us know.

There is stage work for all regardless of your past experience — we can train you up on anything that is needed. We have a team of men and women who come when they have spare time, however, Covid has reduced peoples willingness to come and help — hence we are again repeating this appeal.

Raffle and Programme

Some of you have asked why we have not had a raffle this season. We want to recommence the raffles however we decided that for the first two plays at least it would not be advisable. We will restart the raffles as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Raffle and Programme Continued from overleaf

The regular programmes have been replaced with single sheet copies with basic details. We would rather produce our regular programme and we hope to do that from this production. The rise of the omicron variant might cause us to reconsider our options.

300 Club Unclaimed Prizes

In addition to the winners from the second play the names below have prizes that have not been collected.

From First Play

Mrs D Barker
Mrs H O'Callaghan
Mr & Mrs P Wyche

Before June 2020

Mrs E A Anderson	Mr E Mardale
Mrs J Ankers	Mr S Moss
Mr R Ballantyne	Mrs J Ormerod
Mr & Mrs Bannister	Mrs H Parker
Mrs S C Blackburn	Mrs S Percy
Mrs J E Blinkhorn	Mr M Russell
Mr P Brady	Mrs B Swettenham
Mrs H Bratt	Mrs L A Sykes
Mrs S M Clark	Mrs L Syme
Mrs B Coombs	Mr H Thorpe
Mrs K Critchley	Mrs G E Tickle
Mrs R Donaldson	Mrs G Tyler
Mrs I Emery	Mr J Walton
Mrs D A Greening	Mr & Mrs M G West
Mr & Mrs P F Jackson	Mrs Woodhead

Heating

After 2 plays without heat we can now announce that our new twin boiler installation is running very well. Our Thanks to Martin Howard and Son who stepped in to help us and installed the boilers as soon as it was possible.

The full installation took nearly two weeks and the cost was £8,226 plus a lot of work from us to clear the boiler house to create the space needed to change the boilers. All that still needs to be done is to remove the chimney sticking out of the roof at the back of the building, that will have to wait until the summer as it will require some roof repairs and modifications in the back stage area.

The building is now very warm once again and it's essential given we need to open various windows for some fresh air and increase ventilation rates within the building.

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2021 / 2022 Season

**Sunday 16th to
Tues 18th Jan 2022**

Warm up your January and join us to watch an iconic comedy from Hollywood's golden era, on our silver screen.

Starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis & Jack Lemmon

"SOME LIKE IT HOT"

Wed 19th - Sat 22nd Jan 2022

LIVE ON STAGE



Amateur dramatic performances from a selection of Radio Plays and episodes, including

A classic episode from one of the Nation's favourite TV comedies. Hancock's acting causes drama in a long running radio play.

**HANCOCK'S
HALF HOUR**
by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson



CABIN PRESSURE



GDANSK

John Finnemore's Award winning comedy about the wing and prayer world of a tiny, one-plane charter airline, no job is too small but many are unusual. Join us to experience their unique customer service as they fly a Chamber Orchestra to Gdansk.

Terry Johnson's award winning comedy, fictionalises the real-life 1938 meeting between Salvador Dali & Sigmund Freud



HYSTERIA

13 - 19 March 2022



Suddenly At Home

Francis Durbridge's classic thriller with unconventional twists and turns...

22nd to 28th May 2022

Charity Registration No:

Amateur performances by arrangement with FilmBankMedia.com, United Agents John Finnemore, David Pibworth Productions, Samuel French, Josef Weinberger & Methuen Drama