



# Stage Gossip

February 2022

## **Next Production**

Our next production is a comedy, *Hysteria*, a play by Terry Johnson. It is a fictional account of the meeting in 1938 between Salvador Dali and Sigmund Freud. Tickets are being allocated as before with a single seat between each group of patrons. Please book as soon as you can, with these restrictions there is about a 25 percent reduction on seating capacity, which will make booking for some nights very tight.

On the subject of bookings if you put in a request for an end seat it might not be possible to provide them, especially in mid week. Also for this play there is a run off constructed for a production immediately after this play, this means that the first 3 seats on A row are out of action due to restricted leg room and access problems.

## **Special Offer**

We have been offered the chance to show a recording of the recent National Theatre of Scotland production of "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde". We plan to show it on Sunday 20th March, there will be a maximum of 80 tickets available.

Tickets will be offered to the general public via a ticket agency from Saturday 26th February so get your orders in quickly.

## **300 Club**

The winners of the second draw are

£100	Mr Tim Hermolle	£50	Mr & Mrs J C Finlay
£30	Mrs P E Stuffins	£30	Ms Lizsl Hesketh
£15	Mr S Glover	£15	Mr A Hulse
£15	Mrs T Kufeldt	£15	Mr N Kelly
£15	Mrs D Fraser	£15	Mr I Bowden

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

### **Contact Information**

Telephone no 0161 928 1113  
Email [alt.theatre@msn.com](mailto:alt.theatre@msn.com)  
Ticket Email [ct.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:ct.tickets@gmail.com)

### **Address**

Altrincham Little Theatre  
Oxford Road  
Altrincham  
WA14 2ED

## **Tickets in the Post**

Last play we were plagued with problems with the post. Some people did not receive their booking letters till over a week after we posted them. If possible please have your booking letters sent by email to speed up the delivery.

If you don't receive your tickets by the night you have requested don't worry we have a copy of all the bookings on the computer and the person on the door should be able to give you your seat numbers when you arrive.

The phone line is manned on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for two and a half weeks before the play between 7.30 and 10 pm. You can phone in your ticket order and collect the tickets on the night. The person answering the phone will take your order and unless we contact you, you will get tickets on the night you requested.

Alternatively you can email us on [ct.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:ct.tickets@gmail.com), we will acknowledge your email with your seat allocation and the tickets will be waiting for you on the night.

## **Stage Work**

Following our appeal in the last newsletter we have had three new volunteers for the stage, but we need more, especially for the construction of the set for the last play of the season.

I know it is difficult to commit regularly but once a week does make a difference. Please talk to me on the bar during the show if you feel you can assist.

## **Last Play**

Unfortunately the attendance for this production was down. A lot of that was due to the Omnicron variant causing people to worry about the safety, indeed I held off posting the booking letters until the last minute because of the possibility of a short lock down. I can assure you that we take the utmost care to be covid safe.

The people who did see the show were well entertained and left having enjoyed the production. The film some like it hot was unfortunately shown over Christmas.

Lets hope things are improving and we can once again in the near future run without looking over our shoulder at the spectre of covid.

## **300 Club Unclaimed Prizes**

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

Mrs E A Anderson	Mrs D Laver
Mrs J Ankers	Mrs C Lucas
Mr & Mrs Bannister	Mr E Mardale
Mr P Brady	Mrs H O'Callaghan
Mrs B Cartledge	Mrs S Percy
Mr C Cook	Mr M Russell
Mrs B Coombs	Mrs B Swettenham
Mr D Copley	Mrs L Syme
Mrs J Copley	Mr H Thorpe
Mr & Mrs D W Copley	Mrs G E Tickle
Mrs K Critchley	Mrs G Tyler
Mrs I Emery	Mr J Walton
Mrs D A Greening	Mr & Mrs M G West
Mr M Heyhoe	Mrs Woodhead
Mr & Mrs P F Jackson	Mr & Mrs Wyche

The total of all these winnings amounts to over £1000. We don't usually post winnings after a couple got lost in the post.

## **Looking forward**

We have quite a few dates entered in the theatre diary taking us up to the end of July. After our show "Hysteria" there is the Sale and Altrincham Musical Society's production of "Little Voice" from 29th March to 2nd April. This is followed by our last production of the season "Suddenly at Home" from 22nd to 28th May. After that we have the usual 2 school productions then from July 27th to 30th we have South Manchester Operatic performing "Little Women".

In addition to that we have quite a few film shows from both Manchester and Salford Film Society and Manchester Film Weekender. Tickets are available for all the non Altrincham Little Theatre productions from the relevant societies.

This represents a lot of work for the few members of the stage crew but helps the theatre survive financially in these difficult times.

