



Carlisle Green Room Club Newsletter

September 2022

Editorial

First of all, a big thank you to all who helped the Gala Dinner to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Club to be such a success. Also congratulations to Jason and his team for their production of *Talking Heads*.

Looking forward, the Club has a busy period coming up. Rehearsals have started for both the October production of *The Odd Couple* and this year's pantomime. Auditions are being held for the *Celebration of Musicals* to be held in February. Along side this, the launch of the 2023 Season is scheduled for Friday the 23rd of September, when you are cordially invited to see what the Club intends to offer audiences next year. Finally, the Club is hosting the Little Theatre Guild conference (details of this will be supplied separately).

There are also two touring shows coming to West Walls in September. The first is a concert from *The Houghton Weavers*, on the 10th, which was advertised last month. The second is *Two's Company*, a play by Gillian Duffy on the 17th. As usual, tickets can be obtained via the Club's website.

October is also when the Club has its AGM. Many of the committee are standing down, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work. However, the Club needs officers and committee members to operate. If you are at all interested in helping, please complete a nomination form.

Tim Padley, Editor, newsletter@carlislegreenroom.uk

Visiting Hour

Director's Production Report

Director **David Wood** writes:

This was the production which never should have been. Nevertheless it provided endless delights for me as a director and I would stick my neck out and say a personal best in my Green Room Club repertoire. The reason it never should have been was because *Straight and Narrow* was billed for the July slot and it could not be cast. Even eating into valuable rehearsal time, we tried to make this work but in the end it was inevitable that I would have to change my play. *Visiting Hour* was a play which I had previously directed at Dalston and before that at Chelford in 2005, so it is a tried and tested piece in my opinion. I have had it up my sleeve for several years and suddenly the rainy day appeared and with the help of a very talented and skilful team, we put this show on in four weeks.

The work itself is very complex and has difficulties in both line learning and characterisation but it is novel and quirky and appealing because of it. The two halves have a monologue in the middle of them and these were executed to perfection in our Green Room production. We did five out of the six playlets, and I was fortunate enough to retain three of my original actors from *Straight and Narrow* who were very loyal to me. However, the greatest stroke of luck came in the six new members who not only joined during the time of the rehearsals but all but one of them appeared in the play or had important back stage employment.

I would not have been able to put this on without the expertise and hard work of the technical team. There were some very tricky lighting effects, some of which lasted only for one second, and these were executed with great skill as were the sound cues, which were many, due to each playlet having its own theme music.

All in all, for me this was a major victory, not because of my direction but because of the terrific teamwork that was maintained throughout and is retained still to this day well after the final curtain has fallen.

I extend my grateful thanks to the Green Room Club for allowing me to produce this play and to everyone in the highly talented and loyal team who made *Visiting Hour* a reality.

The Odd Couple

The production is now in rehearsal with a very strong cast and creative team. Still needed however is help backstage. Members are reminded that this is the 'showcase' event for the LTG conference, and we want to put on a good show. If you can help, please contact Stewart Grant on 07966714312 or stutgrant@gmail.com.

Invitation to the Club AGM

Dear Members

You are cordially invited to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Green Room Club to be held in the Theatre on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 19:30. The following documentation is included in the September 2022 newsletter - the Agenda for the 2022 AGM, the minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 and the nomination forms to elect the Officers of the Club for 2022/2023.

I look forward to seeing as many of the members as possible at this important meeting.

Best wishes,

Anne Wilson,

Secretary,

Carlisle Green Room Club Limited

Awards Ceremony 2022 and Buffet

In late 2017 a decision was made to celebrate our achievements at the Green Room Club even further by introducing our own awards ceremony. The results were made even more special by the fact that the various awards were voted for by the members and in 2018 the GRC had its first awards night with just four trophies. They were:

- Best Actor
- Best Supporting Actor
- Best Director
- Best Technical Presentation

In 2019 two further trophies were added, those for :

- Best performance in a pantomime and
- Best **Non-Acting** Contribution.

This year we are presenting our awards again just after the AGM and adding a new trophy, that of Best Actress Award so that a fairer method of separating Best Actor and Best Actress can be achieved.

The voting form is enclosed so just choose one name from each column and underline clearly your chosen name, not forgetting to include the technical and non-acting awards. Additionally this year, all those acting in a pantomime will be eligible for the Best Actor and Best Actress award. So why not fill the form (attached) in now and drop it through the Green Room letter box or email your results to me at wyncliffe46@gmail.com or telephone 01228 711798. I look forward to seeing you on the night, straight after the AGM.

After the ceremony, retiring Chairman David, and Michael, invite you to an informal buffet with wine or drinks of your choice in the bar. There will be no charge but please let me know if you would like to attend for the purposes of catering and I will send you and your guests a ticket. David and Michael would love to see you there for a relaxing end to a very busy evening and a busy six years of Chairmanship, also to offer many congratulations to the awards winners.

Little Theatre Guild Regional Conference at the Green Room

Having submitted our programme of events for the weekend of 14th to 16th October 2022 to the Guild, I am pleased to say that this was accepted unconditionally.

An application form with all details of meals and workshops will be sent out by email or by post to all members under separate cover very soon.

Please get your applications in as soon as you can because the cutoff date is 30th September. All those involved with helping out with the conference will have free access to all the weekend's activities. Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help. Your opportunity to be involved in something really special will arrive that weekend

70th Anniversary Gala

Our 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner held in the Auctioneer was a huge success. The food was beautiful; the entertainment first class and everyone looked amazing in their posh frocks and bow ties.

A huge thank you to the following for donating the most extraordinary prizes which were all won on the night:

AST Signs, Amatos, Andalusian, The Gentry, Dalston Leisure Pool, Acorn House Coffee Shop, Fantails, Donaldsons, David's Restaurant, Worldwide Travel Connections, Greystone Road, Carlisle, Sandra White, Judith Brier, and Pat Harkness.

Touring Production

Two's Company by Gillian Duffy

West Walls Theatre, 17th September at 19:30.

Tickets £14 (Members £12-50) available through the Club's website.

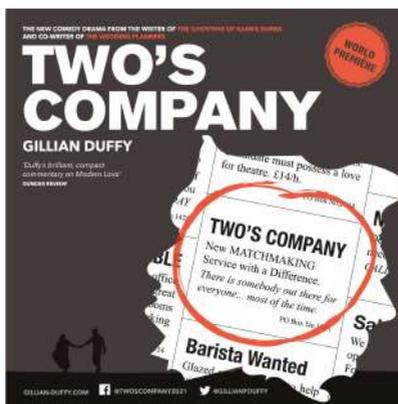
Maureen Parker is a hopeful romantic. She is also 55, twice divorced, single and the owner of Scotland's new Matchmaking Agency - *Two's Company*.

Maureen is in the business of love but hasn't had much luck in love herself. As she spends another weekend with a bottle of Pink Gin, Alexa's Top Tearjerkers and a pile of lonely hopefuls the tide wouldn't take out, she gets an enquiry which rings a few unexpected bells; her first love, Michael, the one who broke her heart, is back in town - and he's looking for a date...with her!

But does she want to see Michael again after all these years?

And, more importantly, is Maureen ready to stop looking for love for others and find it for herself?

- 'Gillian Duffy's work is beautifully written and laced with humour throughout' - *Into Creative*
- 'Duffy's brilliant, compact commentary on Modern Love' - *Dundee Review*
- 'Gillian Duffy's writing takes you on a roller-coaster ride of emotion' - *Goodreads.com*



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MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITIONS

10TH SEPT FROM 1PM

Come along and audition for our upcoming showcase, "A Celebration of Musicals" on February 17th and 18th 2023.

Auditions slots will be given from 1pm.

Just come along with a musical theatre song prepared.

TO BOOK A SLOT, PLEASE EMAIL DEBBIE2010@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

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A Celebration of Musicals Auditions

Performance Dates 17th and 18th February 2023 in the Theatre

7th September from 18:30 in the Bar, 10th September from 13:00, and 26th September from 18:45.

If you are interested auditioning, book a slot by e-mailing Debbie2010@hotmail.co.uk Dates for Your Diary

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Wednesday 7th September

Musical Theatre Auditions from 18:30 in the Theatre Bar

Saturday 10th September

Musical Theatre Auditions from 13:00

Saturday 10th September

The Houghton Weavers, 19:30 in the Theatre. Tickets £12:00 available via the Club's website carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets

Saturday 17th September

Two's Company by Gillian Duffy

Tickets £14 (Members £12-50) available through the Club's website carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets

Friday 23rd September

2023 Season Launch. Come and find out what the Club has planned for next year, 19:30 in the Theatre.

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Sunday 25th September

Monthly Quiz Night, 19:00 in the Theatre

Monday 26th September

Musical Theatre Auditions from 18:45

October 2022

Monday 10th to Saturday 15th October

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon, directed by Stewart Grant, 19:30 in the Theatre

Tickets £10 (Members £9. Monday 10th only all tickets £5) available via the Club's website carlislegreenroom.uk/tickets

Friday October 14th to Saturday October 15th

Little Theatre Guild Conference in Carlisle

Tuesday 18th October

Club AGM and Theatre Awards 19:30 at the Theatre

Thursday 20th October

Doing Whodunnit at the Theatre

Friday 21st October

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