



Carlisle Green Room Club

Newsletter

November 2022

Editorial

Congratulations to all involved with *The Odd Couple*. Not only did we have good audiences, but it was very well received by the delegates to the Little Theatre Guild Conference.

The conference itself was also a great success. David Wood, our LTG Representative, his team and other helpers put on a good show as the many e-mails of congratulation and appreciation show. A big thank you to all involved. A report about the conference will appear in the December Newsletter.

We have also held our Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Club, to thank all the retiring office holders who have kept the Club running during the period when the theatre was 'dark' and its immediate aftermath. Equally, I would like to welcome the incoming office holders and wish them all the very best as they take the theatre forward into, what I hope, will be more normal and prosperous times. A list of the new office holders can be found inside this Newsletter.

We also held our Awards Night. Again there is a list of the winners inside this Newsletter. Congratulations to all who won awards. However, they could not have done it without the help and support of all involved with the Green Room.

Finally, I would like to wish all involved with *3 Little Pigs*, this year's pantomime, all the best of luck.

Tim Padley,
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Casting Reading

The Luvvies

by local playwright David Ross

Do come and audition for this hilarious play which is having its première at The Green Room. A mishmash of wannabe actors answer an advert in the parish newsletter and hey-presto an amateur dramatic society is formed in the village hall. Their first performance is a parody of *The Merchant of Venice* penned by an unknown writer.

The cast consists of:

Cathy (Count/Servant). Director. Wants to direct in the West End.

Monty (Shylock). Downtrodden husband of Jill.

Jill (Jessica). Lady of the manor type.

Bert (Bassanio). Farmer, lonely since his wife died.

Pat (Portia). Shop assistant. Lacking in confidence.

Larry (Lorenzo). Fireman, fancies himself as a 'ladies' man'.

Norma (Nerissa). Wannabee professional actor.

Alan (Antonio). Janitor of the village hall. Hates actors.

Auditions will be held on November 16th at 19:00 in the bar. If you would like to see a script beforehand or if you're interested and you can't make it on the 16th, please contact **Stewart Grant** on 07966714312 or stutgrant@gmail.com

Come and be part of the excitement of putting on something brand new!

Annual General Meeting

Results of the elections to the Committees

Position	Person Elected
President	John Metcalfe
Chair	Jason Munn
Vice Chair	Verity Ramsden
Secretary	Claire Whitehouse
Treasurer	Kate Sparkes-McSevich
Directors of Production	Dawn Armstrong & Sarah Waters
Front of House Manager	Debbie Armstrong
Membership Secretary	Terry McCarthy
Little Theatre Guild Representative	David Wood
Production Secretary	Carolyn Mooney
Co-ordinator of Set & Design	Tim Baugh
Co-ordinator of Sound	Darren Kierman
Wardrobe Manager	Lynne Lang
Newsletter Editor	Tim Padley
Bar Manager	Kath Paterson

The following positions are vacant: Maintenance Director, Box Office Manager (At present being covered by Carolyn Mooney), Co-ordinator of Lighting. Interest was expressed in the post of Publicity Secretary, but the person interested said that they needed more information before they decided whether to take up the post,

Green Room Theatre Award Ceremony

18th October 2022

David Wood writes:

Well done to all those who were voted by the members to achieve one of the theatre award trophies for the 2021/2022 season on 18th October. Thank you to all those who attended and it was a pleasure to host Michael and my little celebration party afterwards which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The votes for this year's awards were very close indeed and you will have already seen the list of winners listed in this issue, (many thanks to Tim for this). Now I would like to pay tribute to those who narrowly missed a trophy because of all the competition. In some ways it is good that we have such competition as it suggests a very good standard, which I am sure will be secured from now on in our theatre.

Well done to Jason, as well as taking the Best Director Award, he narrowly missed getting the best actor award for Graham in *Talking Heads*. An honourable mention too must go to Holly Masson. As well as coming joint winner of the best supporting actor award, she nearly walked away with the pantomime award as well. As we are on the subject of panto I must also mention that it was very close as Ben Taylor and the Genie, also featured in the voting quite prominently.

The technical team also did well, claiming a victory for Lynne Lang, our wardrobe mistress extraordinaire. A very special mention must also go to Sarah Waters for her set design, which was the runner up in the technical section and she was also runner up in the best actress award for *Talking Heads* which gained high acclaim. Verity was close to becoming best director for her pantomime last year. However, the non-acting trophy was awarded unanimously, and deservedly, to our Cellar Bar team.

So, you will see that as well as the list of winners (opposite), the talent in our theatre is very extensive and was well-praised by the Little Theatre Guild team at their local conference recently. I

am now really looking forward to the panto, and of course the next season.

Green Room Theatre Awards 2022

Winners

Award	Winner
Best Actor	Pauley Heron for Landlord in <i>Two</i>
Best Actress	Jen Heron for Landlady in <i>Two</i>
Best Supporting Performance (Jointly)	Holly Masson for Pippa Hailsham-Brown in <i>Spider's Web</i> Andrea Baugh for Mildred Peake in <i>Spider's Web</i>
Best Director	Jason Munn for <i>Talking Heads</i> and <i>One for the Road</i>
Best Performer in a Pantomime	Tim Baugh for Abanazar in <i>Aladdin</i>
Best Technical in a performance	Lynne Lang for costumes and wigs for several plays in the Season
Non-Acting Award	The Cellar Bar Staff for serving your drinks
The Chairman's Award	Tim Padley



The Winning *Cellar Bar* Staff



The winners of the Theatre Awards

On a personal note

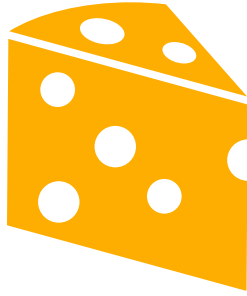
David and Michael write:-

Mike and I would really like to thank all who helped to transform our AGM evening into a memorable celebration. Thank you all for staying and especially those who contributed to the organisation. It helped us very much as it meant that I could concentrate on the business of the evening. We were not even expecting a card, but the inclusion of flowers, a voucher and a cake made this for us a night to remember. The lilies are still looking sensational. Thank you all for attending.



After the AGM and Awards Ceremony.
David and Michael cutting the cake to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Wine and Cheese Quiz



Fancy yourself as a wine buff?

Looking for something to do
on a dismal November afternoon?

Look no further

**Our Wine and Cheese Quiz
is just for you**

Sunday 13th November at 14:00 in the Cellar
Bar

David and Michael invite you to come along and join in the fun of an informal wine tasting afternoon with a selection of cheeses to enhance the occasion. Only £5 entry per person. Those who liked the wines that they had at their 50th Anniversary celebration will be pleased to know that there will be more of those amongst other selections.

After an explanation of the various wines, there will be a tasting and an informal quiz based on the wines and cheeses that you will be sampling and prizes to be won.

There is no prior knowledge needed. Even if you have never tasted wine before, why not give it a try and maybe win a prize. The wine samples are small and will not exceed more than the equivalent of one medium sized glass of wine (175c), per person. A raffle will be available with the prizes being, of course, bottles of wine or Prosecco.

Book yourself, or your team, a place now by calling 01228 711798 to be sure of your corner in our cosy bar.

What better way to while away a Sunday afternoon!

Green Room Club In The Lanes

John Metcalfe writes:

I have managed once again to arrange a stall in The Lanes (free of charge) for the sale of our Christmas cards. This usually does well and adds a bit of money to our funds. The date this year is Saturday, November 26th. I shall be there from about 09:30 till late afternoon. If anyone would like to keep me company for an hour or so, it would be great. Just let me know (01228 522977) and when you'd like to help. Thanks in advance to all volunteers.

From the retiring Membership Secretary

Pat Harkness writes:

When I joined the Green Room Club all those years ago, I never imagined that I would become involved in so many things. From Front of House duties, serving on the committees, to the thrill of appearing on stage in plays and revues, then writing and directing Theatre Downstairs productions, which has been both exciting and rewarding.

For the past 8 years being the Membership Secretary has meant that I have met so many wonderful people and made so many friends. Nigel Banks introduced me to the local Writers' Group and Judy Brier to the U3A which has led to a very busy and interesting retirement.

A special thank you must go to Tim Padley for all his help and support and as Terry McCarthy takes over from me, I hope that his time at the theatre proves to be as enjoyable.

The presentation of the bouquet was a lovely surprise, to all of you thank you.

New Members and Patrons

A very warm welcome to Jack & Chris McBride, Mark Armstrong and the welcome return of Jonathan Millican. Richard & Mary Claydon and Harold and Kathleen Bowron have decided to support us as Patrons. We hope they all enjoy their stay with us.

Dates for Your Diary

November 2022

Monday 7th November

Executive Committee Meeting, at 19:00 in the Theatre

Sunday 13th November

Wine and Cheese Quiz at 14:00 in the Theatre Bar. Tickets £5-00

Wednesday 16th November

Casting Reading for *The Luvvies* by local author **David H. Ross**; directed by **Stewart Grant**, 19:00 in the Cellar Bar at the Theatre

Friday 18th November

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Tuesday 22nd November

Production Committee Meeting at 19:15 in the Bar

Saturday 26th November

Christmas card stall in The Lanes from 9:30

Sunday 27th November

Quiz Night in the *Cellar Bar*, 19:00

December 2022

Thursday 1st December to Saturday 10th December (No performance December 5th)

3 Little Pigs Pantomime, 19:00 at the Theatre. Matinées on December 3rd, 4th and 10th at 14:00. Tickets £10-00 (Members £9-00)

Tuesday 13th December

Casting Reading for *Funny Money* by **Ray Cooney**; directed by **Janice Nixon**, 19:00 in the Cellar Bar

Friday 23rd December

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Carlisle Green Room Club presents

*December 1st-10th 2022 7pm &
2pm (weekend matinees only)
no performance Mon 5th*

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