



Players Matters*

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PRESIDENT'S PENNINGS
from Val Middleton-Egan.

*This won't be overly long otherwise I'll end up repeating myself at the AGM.
There is nothing worse than a "wrinkly" repeating herself!!!!
I can't quite believe that we are at the end of yet another season, yet here we
are and it's all over bar the shouting as they say.
Six productions down and two entries in the GMDF one-act festival, June 6th -
--June10th.
Let's bring those "gongs" home.
Tickets available from Barbara Harris or via the GMDF web-site.
Lost in Yonkers ended our season. Well done David on a great production! It
was a true "Family Affair"-taking us back to what PDS have always stood for.
We had a Father and Son on stage -The McGregors-Lee and Robert
A Husband and Wife, one in the perch and the other on stage-The Burnetts-
Chris & Debbie
Husband and Wife, one as SM the other in Wardrobe The Lamberts-Rod and
Pam
Mother and Daughter doing props- The Dunns- Angela & Natasha*

Mother and Daughter doing Hair and Make-up-Pam Lambert & Nicky McGregor.

*In fact there were three generations of the Lambert/ McGregor family involved in Yonkers- ie. Grandparents, Parents and Offspring
Not forgetting of course,David Ward-the Director assisted by his wife Helen as Prompt.*

*This was always what Players Society used to be. Let's keep up the Tradition.
See you all at the BBQ June 24th and then at the AGM 5th July.
So it's "Goodbye from me and Goodbye from her"*

Ed. Would that final sign off be your little dog Millicent-known to us all as Millie, also getting in on the act there, Val?

Dates for Your Diary

Advance Notice of Players Dramatic Society AGM

Please note this year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th July at 8 pm. Members will be sent fuller information in time.

Grand Annual Barbecue

Players Barbecue will be held on Saturday 24th June from 6.30 pm. As usual there will be Burgers, Sausages, Chicken, Pork and Sirloin steak and various salads as accompaniment on offer. Plus a selection of Sweets.

Lee's Karoke will be there too

The cost is £6 for members and £8 for guests, giving people a chance to socialise and above all enjoy great food at the most reasonable price.

Although it is not a "ticket" event it is most important that you let Rod Lambert know if you intend coming, to enable him to cater correctly. Contact him on 0161 483 9796 or rodlambert1@gmail.com. The FINAL DATE to do so is Wednesday 21st June.

G MDF 2017 ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL-5-10 June

The Greater Manchester Drama Federation One Act Festival will take place this year at Chads Theatre, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme. So the venue couldn't be more local. Of course not quite on the *spot* like last year, when it was held here at Players Theatre, but all the same, not far away.

The festival runs from Monday 5th-Saturday 10th June and comprises three one-Act plays starting at 7.30 pm each night, plus a matinee on Saturday at 2.30 so take the opportunity to go and see other theatres perform on stage.

However, whatever else you see, **You Must See** Our Adult Entry on Wednesday 7th June. Players will be presenting *Slim Chance by Peter Gordon*.
Bring on the Girls!



As its title *Slim Chance* suggests, this is an amusing One Act play -for 8 women- set in a Slimming Club with some of its members lacking the necessary resolve but each with her own reason for continuing to attend the class.

The play's author may be familiar to some. We have performed two of his three act plays on our stage before- the Murder Spoofs -*Murdered to Death* and more recently *Secondary Cause of Death*.

Two Entries for the Price of One.

Our Youth will also be presenting an adaption of their successful *Homefront Wedding*-again on the same Wednesday 7th June.

Do lend them your support by going on the Wednesday. night It will help both groups to know you are there in the audience rooting for them.

Tickets are available from Barbara Harris or go on to the GMDF website on www.gmdf.org for more information.

Postscript

Should you wish to kick off the week by attending the Monday night too -the first night of the plays. One of our members has also entered a self-penned play individually which will also feature some familiar faces.

For your information.

Players are also entering the Festival at Wilmslow and will perform there on Tuesday 13th June.

News from the Casting Committee-Post Auditions

Thank you to everyone who attended auditions for next season's plays. It was great to hear that a number of our Youth were in attendance. The remaining few pieces of the puzzle need putting in to place for *Much Ado About Nothing* but apart from that, all parts have now been cast and we look forward to another exciting season.

Charlotte Morgan – Head of PS&CC

Ticket Sales

Lost in Yonkers was a terrific production and those who came praised it highly. Yet our theatre was only on average three-quarters full. It is such a shame for everyone, both on and off-stage, who works so hard to attain such high quality performances. We members must do our best to spread the word to help increase audience numbers and remember that lesser-known plays are well-worth seeing too.

PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

Well here we are at the end of another very successful season for PYT, well apart from one little thing that is, THE GREATER MANCHESTER DRAMA FEDERATION ONE ACT FESTIVAL. As far as I have been told this is the very first time that a Youth Group from Players Theatre has represented Players at another theatre. We are very proud of this fact and will be pulling out all the stops to make sure that when the spotlight is on us we shall be making sure the name of Players Theatre stands out. Please come and see us perform a One Act version of Homefront Wedding on Wednesday June 7 at Chads Theatre Mellor Road. Tickets from the GMDF website or at the door or from me personally. Your support is very very important to us. I would like to say how proud PYT is of the performances of Rob McGregor and Paddy Bever in Lost In Yonkers. If Players Theatre did not encourage it's youth this play would not have been possible. Players Theatre Executive and members should be proud of its faith in our wonderful young people. Rob of course is counted as a senior player as far as the GMDF is concerned but Paddy at only 14 is very much counted as youth – so keep your fingers crossed for a nominations for both!!!



On a final note, on waking up last Tuesday and learning of the terrible events in Manchester, I also discovered that Adam and Mia Gibson had been at the concert. All of you who know our Youth Members well, will know the Gibsons and I am sure you will want to join with me in saying how sorry we are that they had to see such dreadful events but that we are so grateful that they managed to exit the building in safety and return home unscathed. My heart goes out to their mum Jackie and indeed all mums and dads who had their young sons and daughters at the gig.

Belated Condolence Wishes to Peter Thorburn and the family on the sudden death in Spain of his brother in March.

100' Club Winners - Congratulations!

The following members were lucky winners at our second draw of the season:-

1st Prize - £27.00 - Lee McGregor

2nd Prize - £21.00 - Kryszy Jorgensson

3rd Prize - £11.00 - Helen Ward

The third and final draw will take place at our Annual Barbecue. Thank you for your support and remember, the more members we have in the '100' Club the bigger prizes and the more money that goes to Theatre funds.

Judy Rodwell

Past Events

Saturday 22nd April-Singalong a Grease

Hot dogs a plenty. Bobby socks and cut off trousers in evidence. Someone even went so far as to dye her hair pink (not mentioning any names Bren!) and dressed appropriately, was the character *Pinkie* reincarnated. Everyone was furnished with popcorn to complete the mood as they entered the auditorium to watch THE FILM.

It was great fun, whatever your generation and the enthusiastic participation was infectious. Not only were the *Youth* singing along lustily behind me and knew all the tunes and words without having to read them as they appeared on screen, but I understand too that Barbara did pretty well. About 50 came and 50 enjoyed themselves. What more can one ask!

Many thanks go as usual to Rod, Pam and team for organising and catering a great evening.

A little Tale of the Unexpected

Two men set off on a fishing trip to Scotland but get caught in a freak snow storm on the M6 and are stranded miles from anywhere. They spot a beautiful farmhouse across the field so they go & knock on the door. A very attractive lady in her 40's answers. So they ask her if they could stay the night. She says she is very sorry, but she was recently widowed, and if the neighbours saw men, they would tittle-tattle. But they could sleep in the barn where there was plenty of hay. The men did this and next morning they went on their way to Scotland.

Nine months later one of the men receives a letter from the lady's solicitor, and he goes to see his friend. "Do you remember when we stayed in that barn about nine months ago?" he asks. "Yes" replies his friend. "Did you, by any chance, slip over to the house during the night?" "I have to be honest, yes. And the lady was most appreciative." "Did you by any chance use my name and address?" "Yes, why?"

Because I've just got a letter from her solicitor. "Oh heck, you're not in trouble, are you?" Asks the friend" Not really. It says that she's died and left me the farm"

Thanks to Rod for that entertaining little story.

And finally....Players Matters Editng Blues

-Sorry to moan, but I just can't go it alone. At its heart is the information you impart. I know many members lead busy lives. But to ensure it survives and we don't bewail its demise.

What we really need, is an interesting read. News and views of a different hue, don't just leave to the regular few. Not just masses of screech from me. But from YOU.

Do think about sending something in. Even in rhyme like mine.

Go on I'm sure you can do better and contribute to this YOUR Newsletter.

I am indebted to Michele Carrington who sends the Newsletter out to all of you by email. She also posts hardcopies out to those who can't receive it by email. She does her best to get the latter out as quickly as possible but please be patient as printing off the copies is obviously more time-consuming. Thanks Michele. I do know that these members are particularly pleased to be included in its circulation.

Next Edition

Depending on contributions, the Next Newsletter will be but a brief one and will come out after the AGM and herald the Summer break. Normal service will not resume until September.