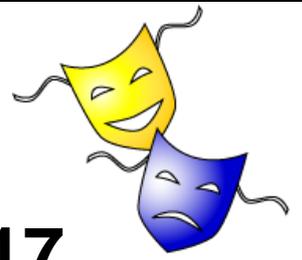


# Kilmardinny Players



## Newsletter – January 2017



### Happy treading the boards in 2017

**Happy New Year** to all our members and supporters reading this first newsletter of 2017. We hope this will be the year we get back into our home – Kilmardinny Arts Centre. Meanwhile, we are grateful again

to Kirkintilloch Players for allowing us to hire the Turret for our Spring 2017 production of Alan Ayckbourn's "Confusions. Jane is making her solo directing début after successfully assisting me with our amazing production in 2016 of Pygmalion. Hope to see you at rehearsals.

**Christina**

#### **Alan Ayckbourn talking about**

**"Confusions"**: "We've just done a revival of the play here last year [2016], including a successful nationwide tour and a run in New York and so I think they must still in some way be relevant, although we didn't update them at all. But essentially people haven't changed over the years even if the externals (technology, society etc.) have. Lonely neglected wives still get stuck at home occasionally looking after children and sad, slightly drunk married men still try and pick up girls in bars. Extra marital affairs continue to flourish, bosses have affairs with their subordinates' wives, and over-ambitious, well meaning village events still end in inevitable chaos. And we all at some stage find ourselves sitting in some park bench or other and feeling as lonely as hell. But then that's life. (*Personal correspondence, September 2016*)



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**Confusions by Alan Ayckbourn 30/3 – 1/4 at Turret in Kirkintilloch a note from your director:** Happy New Year



Players! Firstly, I hope everyone had a great time over Christmas & New Year.

But.....Now that the festivities are over, it's time to get down to business and get ready for our next production, Alan Ayckbourn's "Confusions"

Rehearsals kick off on Thursday 5th January at the Milngavie Town Hall. Our first 2 weeks will cover the blocking of the 5 Acts and we will move on from there. We have approx 2 1/2 months to get this show to perfection and I know this will be no bother to my talented cast & crew!

Please feel free to come along to the Monday & Thursday rehearsals to see how we are getting on, everybody is more than welcome.

Due to planned absences, we would also be grateful if anyone could come along to read in for various parts, your support would be greatly appreciated!

I'm sure this performance is going to be a success, we have a lot to live up to and I'm really looking forward to working with all members involved! Hope 2017 is a great one for you all! Jane

Rehearsals below in Milngavie Lower Lesser Town Hall at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated
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Thursday 5 January
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Monday 9 January
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Thursday 12 January
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Monday 16 January in Milngavie Main town hall
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Thursday 19 January
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Monday 23 January
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## **Christmas Fun Night – a note from Liz:**



We had our Christmas celebratory evening on 9<sup>th</sup> December at the West Highland Gate, Milngavie. Most of the cast from our recent production attended also some who were not in the production as it was open to all members, and we made great use of

our talents. We were entertained by the cast who all had to come up with a Christmas themed song, poem, a funny story and even from some of us a joke or 2!!!! There was the fairy who was 40, a selection of versions of the song Christmas Alphabet, a language lesson on Christmas greetings, and finally a Christmas Quiz which I am sure everyone enjoyed, the winners and the losers. We then moved onto the dance floor some of us more frequent than others, but we certainly thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Most of all everyone had a really good time and we hope to repeat this type of get together throughout the year. Let's all make the effort and join in the next Fun Night whatever the reason.

## **Latest news about Kilmardinny Arts Centre:**

Here is a copy of a recent email:



Dear Kilmardinny Users, We have been informed by East Dunbartonshire Council's Major Asset Team that the contractors will now not be finished in December 2016 as previously stated. We understand there will be a further update from the contractors in January 2017, and we will pass on any information as soon as we receive it. Unfortunately therefore, we are not yet in a position to take bookings for 2017. In the meantime East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust will continue to work on forward planning of the room allocation, supporting groups on your return and relocation of the Arts Development Programme.

Best wishes, Frances MacArthur, Cultural Development Manager

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**Forward Planning for 2017:** We need to reflect on what we wish to achieve for the rest of 2017 after our Spring production of “Confusions”.



I would suggest we have our AGM again in May 2017 with a quiz after AGM business as this was successful in 2016. I am looking for a keen volunteer to make up a suitable quiz for that event.

It might also be nice to have a couple of club nights before we read for our Autumn play. Suggestions please for these proposals.

We hope to be back in Kilmardinny Arts Centre for our Autumn production. Shall we look for a pantomime for this time? Or is there a director out there with a good play he or she wishes to put forward? Now is the time to plan ahead.



We will also be asking for volunteers to help move our things back into the House when our storage space is ready. In the meantime, we are still looking for volunteers to come to our house to take away some of the theatre props and furniture



from ours as we are selling our house and would not want to include the theatre things in our removal quote. So please contact me and drop by and take some of the theatre things away for a few months.

And finally, I would like to retire from the committee in May so a new chair person has to come forward and a new newsletter editor. I shall still be available to do as much as I can to keep the club going forward but just off committee. A special thanks to my existing committee for their hard work so far this season.

Christina

Chair wumin

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