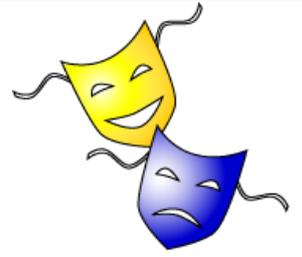


Kilmardinny Players



Newsletter – May 2016

Thursday 12 May: AGM/drama quiz night at Milngavie Lesser Town Hall

AGM 7.15 pm to 8 pm

Quiz night starts around 8 pm to 10 pm, friends and family welcome to join us for quiz



The first part of the evening will be used to have our AGM. The following nominations for committee 2016/17 have been received at the time of printing this newsletter:

Chairperson : Christina Dowers

Treasurer: Craig Dowers

Secretary: Lisa Colquhoun

Ordinary members of the committee: David Hutchinson, Jane MacConnacher, Deirdre Campbell and Liz Good. Other members of the group can nominate themselves or be nominated – so please come along nominate and vote.

Since David felt strongly that he wanted to step down as treasurer after 9 years in the post, Craig is happy to take over treasurer, if elected. Since I have taken early retirement, I feel I have the time to take over as chairperson especially while we remain out of Kilmardinny House but if elected I would hope to continue to encourage newer members of the group to put themselves forward for posts in the future. Lisa is very happy to be nominated as secretary and it is encouraging that all other committee members are happy to be on committee for another year too.



The second part of the evening will be used to have a fun quiz night. The quiz will consist of rounds all about theatre and plays. Friends and family are welcome to join members for this part of the evening. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available for a donation.

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Future planning: 6 June: Future plans meeting and meet new committee night at Westerton Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm



Kilmardinny House: The most up to date information from Kilmardinny House is that the work should be completed by mid December 2016. Since they are only starting work on 25 April this date may change IF they hit any problems.



The Kirkintilloch Players have kindly offered us a production week at the Turret for our **Autumn play w/b Monday 24 October**. It is a bit earlier than we usually do so means a tight rehearsal schedule. Potential directors should now look seriously for a suitable play to stage at the Turret for a reasonably sized cast to try to include all those interested in taking a part. Directors should aim to have a play to propose to the committee as soon as possible so that it can be agreed and auditions can take place on the dates below:



Autumn Production w/b Monday 24 October 2016 at the Turret Audition dates:

9 June: Autumn play auditions at Westerton Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm

13 June: Autumn play auditions at Westerton Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm



20 June: Autumn play auditions at Westerton Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm

Members are now asked to check their diaries and let the committee know if they will be available to take a part in our Autumn play w/b Monday 24 October –this will allow potential directors to know the cast size when looking at potential plays.

How did it go? **8 April :** meal out at Garvies at 7.30 pm



We enjoyed a pleasant evening at Garvies despite the knife incident when a knife suddenly fell almost hitting one of us from the floor above! Some of the food also arrived cold which is not good.

18 April and 25 April: We had two Informal play reading evenings at Westerton Lesser Hall at 7.30 pm. We read Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile and Frank Vickery's Erogenous Zones. Both evenings were well attended and we enjoyed reading these plays. Future play reading nights might be better running until 10 pm so that we get to finish reading a play? If you want to have more of these nights let the committee know.

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Wardrobe space needed:



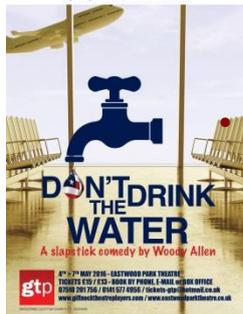
As you know, in the past we have usually sourced our own costumes for productions. However, we have recently hired costumes from "That Looks Good" in Paisley for our March production of Pygmalion and for our pantomime Cinderella as well as starting to make some of our own costumes.

Once back in the house it would be good if our storage room could have space for a small wardrobe to start collecting and storing our own stock of costumes for future productions to keep hire costs down.

In the meantime, I wonder if anyone out there has a spare wardrobe or space for storing our own current small stock of costumes. Please let the committee know if you can give us the space until we move back to the House as we need to free up space in our loft. Christina and Craig.

Other local non professional group events:

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Giffnock Theatre Players

Don't Drink the Water

By Woody Allen / Directed by TBA

4TH - 7TH MAY 2016

"Don't Drink the Water" is a vintage Woody Allen slapstick farce about a New Jersey family who, wrongly suspected of spying by the Police, take refuge in the American embassy in Cold War Vulgaria. There they encounter the absent ambassador's hapless son. This Broadway hit, filled with bright and hilarious dialogue, will have you crying with laughter.

Performances - each evening at 7.30pm and Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm.

Tickets £13 / £15



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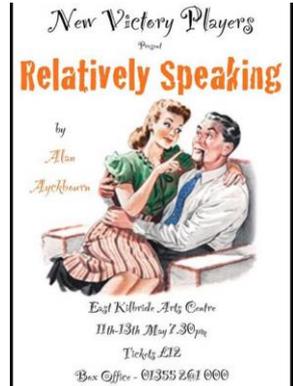
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Kirkintilloch Players: are staging Mike Leigh's Abigail's Party from 2 to 7 May and due to all evenings being sold out they have now extended this to a Saturday matinee performance at 2.30 pm.

New Victory Players: are staging Alan Ayckbourn's Relatively Speaking at East Kilbride Arts Centre 11 to 13 May. Box office tel 01355 261 000



The Antonine Players at the Fort Theatre: Sing-along-the decades 26-27 May at the Fort Theatre.



If you know of any local group who are performing and you would like me to include it in the next newsletter then email me. This is your newsletter and it would be good to have your articles please! Christina

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Paul's Glasgow Theatre Highlights – May 2016

Play of the Month

“Our Ladies of Perpetual Succour” by Lee Hall



Yes, those naughty ladies are back and I can't do better than repeat what I said last September, so here it is:

*“Standing ovations were the order of the day at the **Traverse** this August. Miss Featherstone's “gurls” (sic), chosen from hundreds of hopefuls, certainly proved the “crème de la crème”. When did you last see six actors on the same stage who could actually sing rather than just “belt it out”, musical theatre style? There are moments of sublime musical beauty. And when they're not singing, they're turning the air blue. To say they have “potty mouths” doesn't begin to cover it. The rudest dialogue I have ever heard on stage.*



*A choir of six Catholic schoolgirls on a day trip to Edinburgh. They are determined to escape the supervision of Sister Condom (sic) and “go mental”, which they certainly do, to hilarious effect. This new play by **Lee Hall** (“Billy Elliot”, “Pitman*

*Painters”, “Cooking with Elvis” etc) is a joint production of the **National Theatre of Scotland** and Newcastle's **Live Theatre**. **Vicky Featherstone** (Ex Artistic Director of NTS, now of the Royal Court) directs.”*

Not so much a play, more an “Event”. A great piece of popular theatre, you'd be mad to miss it. ☺

It's at **Lomond Auditorium, SECC** from **24th to 28th**.

Tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/OLOPS>

Better still, watch the girls themselves here: <http://tinyurl.com/noeffing>

Listen to the actors talking about their roles: <http://tinyurl.com/noeffing2>

Event of the Month

“Mayfesto” is at the **Tron**. A season of work, this year centred round the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising. It runs from **2nd to 28th** and there's a lot of it. Here's what I'm going to:

“Northern Star” by **Stewart Parker**, from **Rough Magic Theatre Company** from **11th to 14th**: <http://www.tron.co.uk/event/northern-star/>

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“Shall Roger Casement Hang?” by **Peter Arnott**.

It's a **Tron** production from **20th to 28th**

Tickets here: <http://www.tron.co.uk/event/shall-roger-casement-hang/>

“Connolly” by **Martin McCardie** from **6th to 7th**

Tickets here: <http://www.tron.co.uk/event/connolly/>

Still in Ireland but much nearer to the present day:

“My Name is Saoirse” written and performed by **Eva O'Connor**

from **19th to 21st**: <http://www.tron.co.uk/event/my-name-is-saoirse/>

Elsewhere

Three very different productions at the **Citizen's Theatre** this month:

Still in Ireland and still in 1916, **“Observe The Sons Of Ulster Marching Towards The Somme”** by **Frank McGuinness**

runs from **20th to 26th**. Tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/1916andallthat>

In the **Circle Studio**, Classical Greek Drama gets another outing with **“The Birds”** by **Aristophanes** adapted by **Stephen Greenhorn**. A reminder that raunchy comedy is not a new thing. Like pretty much everything else, the Ancient Greeks thought of it first.

It runs from **11th to 14th**: <http://tinyurl.com/greekfilth>

And finally at the **Citz**, the excellent **Gary McNair** brings his **“Donald Robertson Is Not A Stand-Up Comedian”** to the **Circle Studio**. Not to be missed. It runs from **19th to 21st**

Tickets: https://uk.patronbase.com/_Citz/Productions/S16/Performances

At the **Theatre Royal**, **Patrick Barlow's** acclaimed comic take on **“The 39 Steps”** runs from **16th to 21st**. Alfred Hitchcock will be spinning in his grave. Tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/139roles>

And a couple of musicals:

“Breakfast at Tiffany's” also at the **Royal** from **23rd to 28th**

Tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/hollgoli>

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“American Idiot” at the **King’s** from **31st May to 4th June**.

Tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/ameejit>

Further Afield

The **Lyceum** concludes its 50th anniversary season with **“Thon Man Moliere”** by **Liz Lochhead**. It’s on from the **20th May to 11th June**.

Details here: <http://lyceum.org.uk/whats-on/production/thon-man-moliere>

Coming soon! Details of **David Greig’s** first season as Artistic Director.

The **King’s Edinburgh** has stripped back versions of **“A Midsummer Night’s Dream”** and **“Henry V”** from a new Shakespeare company called **Merely Theatre**. They run from **5th to 7th**

And **“James and the Giant Peach”** from **24th to 27th**:

Details of both here: <http://tinyurl.com/strip2>

The **Edinburgh Playhouse** has **“Tell Me On A Sunday”**, **“Annie”** and **“That’s Entertainment”**. Details here: <http://tinyurl.com/phloads>

Pitlochry Festival Theatre Summer programme gets under way on the **27th**. Download a copy of the brochure here: <http://tinyurl.com/pit2016>

There’s an awful lot of **Alan Ayckbourn**, which has to be a good thing.

Happy Theatre Going,

Paul ☺

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