

Carver Theatre Newsletter  
November 2013



Dear Fellow Member,

Welcome to the November newsletter. I am standing in for Stuart this time (wishing him a speedy recovery). As members will know John and Debbie Woodruff have recently stepped down from their roles as Chair and Production secretary. I would personally like to thank them for all the work they have done for the theatre and particularly John for his support and encouragement. A new chair can only be appointed at an AGM, and so the Exec is currently in discussion about how we will manage the theatre governing process until then. At the AGM next July two of our 'Officer' roles, Chair and Secretary, will be 'up for grabs'. If you think you may be interested and want to find out what it involves (if you don't know already) then please contact me on [publicity@carvertheatre.co.uk](mailto:publicity@carvertheatre.co.uk).

**Message from our out-going Chair**

It is with great sadness that I have to report that our President, Barbara Hambleton, recently passed away. Many of her friends from the Carver attended the funeral service at St Paul's in Compstall on 11<sup>th</sup> November and afterwards at Perugia, Woodheys. Our thoughts are with all the family, including children Jan and Robin, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Barbara, or Bar as she was known to many, was a mainstay of the Carver for many years, playing her part and above all with a smile and a kind word for everyone. Bar was so full of life, even in her final years, and I remember when we used to visit my Dad at Brabyns House, where Bar would also occasionally stay when Jan was away on holiday, and we would see Bar outside sitting on the bench by the front door, a big smile on her face, enjoying a quick fag!

Also in our thoughts is your regular Newsletter Editor Stuart Vaughan to whom we wish a speedy recovery. Thinking of Denise and all the family.

"We'll Always Have Paris" has been put to bed. Debbie and I really enjoyed the performance on the last night and joined in the after-show celebrations in the bar and library.

Work now begins on the sets and props for the Pantomime so please play your part in this if you can: contact Matt Kayes [mkayes1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mkayes1@yahoo.co.uk) Director Jordan Barton has, of course, already begun drilling his cast and we should be in for another great show. Tickets have been on sale for a few weeks and although there should still be plenty available, don't hang around for too long before getting yours.

## **New Members**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

**Mr Jordan Barton** : Can't believe he has only just joined!

**Miss Stacy Coleman** : Interested in all aspects of the theatre.

**Miss Alex Davies** : Taking drama at GCSE and been involved in a few productions. Main interests include acting, set design, set building and painting, props and wardrobe.

**Miss Sarah Bowler** : An ex-junior member who now has a part in the panto. Main interest is acting but also willing to do set building and painting, make-up, prompting, social events, front of house and bar work.

**Mrs Norma Eastwood** : Interests include production (directing), acting, wardrobe, social events, front of house and bar work.

**Mr Tom Durrant** : Member of Royal Exchange Young Company and Mossley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Interested in production (directing) and acting.

**Francis Macdonald**: interested in production

**Kirsten Haynes**: moved up from the junior section and is a keen actress

**Mike Lawler**: who is a returning member and wants to act

**Faye Hearsey**: interested in becoming involved in most aspects of the theatre but is particularly keen to act having been to drama school in London and toured with plays in London and Brighton.

## **Outgoing Members**

We say a sad and fond farewell to our long standing president Barbara Hambleton who died recently, and our deep condolences go to Jan and all members of Barbara's family.

We also say goodbye to: Catherine and Colin Fox, Ben Lester who has gone to university; Naseem Kandar-Yarwood who hopes to rejoin us soon; Maria Penny who also hopes to rejoin when her baby is a little older; Georgina Allen, Stuart Jupe, Rosie Lambert, Lauren Legg, Leslie Silvertown and Poppy Wilks. We wish them all well.

## **Posters**

Jan Bolland has been putting up our posters around Marple for many years and deserves a big Thank You. However she has been noticing that it is getting harder to persuade some of the shop keepers to take posters. Some of them are fed up with the 'competition' -so many poster requests from different places, and some are just aiming for a 'tidier' shop window.

So, we've been having a think about how to keep up our profile and keep Marple informed about our plays. One idea has been to display smaller versions (A5) of the posters in the back windows of our cars. It is possible to get clear plastic envelopes that attach to the window to display the poster.

So, what I would love are some volunteers who would be happy to display an A5 poster in the window of their car -especially good if your car gets parked where people walk past -eg. outside schools, church, shops etc.

If you can let me (Joanna) know on [publicity@carvertheatre.co.uk](mailto:publicity@carvertheatre.co.uk) if you are willing to display a poster in your car (or even your house window if people walk past it) then I will buy you a clear plastic envelope and make sure that you are provided with a poster (A4 or A5) 6 weeks before each play.

Also -if you have any friends who are Marple shopkeepers who might be willing to go on Jan's poster display list then please let me know.

### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party is on Friday 13th December at 8.30 in the Carver Bar. To those of you who have already said you are coming, we look forward to seeing you. If you haven't replied, but would like to attend, please email Debbie Woodruff by Sunday 1st December. [deborahwoodruff100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deborahwoodruff100@yahoo.co.uk)



### **Dates for your diary**

Marple Christmas Cracker Members of the juniors will be entertaining the shoppers of Marple	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December about 11.30am
Carver Christmas Party	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 8.30pm
Sleeping Beauty	10 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
If I Were You	28 <sup>th</sup> February to 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
Pack of Lies	9 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2014
Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2014

