

NEWSLETTER

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CHADWICK STREET, MARPLE

EDITORIAL

The season has started well and we are pleased to see we are still managing to maintain good audience numbers. We know there is no room for complacency though, as so many small theatres struggle with ticket sales. We would love to call on our members to spread the word about the Carver. The last two productions have had the benefit of a video 'trailer' (thank to Tony Wright) which was posted on Facebook, Twitter, the Marple forum and sent by email to our mailing list. If you missed the *'Entertaining Angels'* trailer you can [watch it here](#). The trailer had 137 views and hopefully encouraged more people to book tickets.

We would like to expand our presence on Twitter and Facebook. The Facebook group currently has 223 members and we have 93 Twitter followers. If you use these then please post and tweet about our productions to spread the word to your own 'friends' and 'followers'. A big thank you to those of you who already do.

As winter closes in, and we all get out our jumpers and scarves, it's a great time to get more involved with all the goings on at the Carver. We have found volunteering for bar duty, front of house etc is a really good opportunity for a 'catch' up with theatre friends. Thanks to Phil and crew for working on updating the theatre heating system, so we should be able to stay nice and warm. In our survey last season most members felt it seemed reasonable to expect everyone to volunteer for at least one 'shift' of duty (bar/front of house/teas) per season. So if you haven't booked your shift yet... you know what to do! The online system to book shifts is not everyone's 'cup of tea', but don't let this put you off. If you can offer an evening for one of these jobs then contact Nick Bradley (Front of House); Marjorie Bradley (Teas) and Mike Coleman (Bar).



All the best! 😊

Joanna and Adam Bircher (Editors)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We have pleasure welcoming the following new members: Catherina Scheidt who would like to do stage work, props, FOH, Bar and Ticketing; Gavin Eyquem who is involved in stage work and also has an interest in publicity; Margery Mount who has already done her first shift and would like to do FOH and bar work; Elliott Moran who is keen to act, prompt, help with ticketing and the newsletter, and last but not least Pauline Rowe who is an experienced actress and would like to prompt as well as act.

OUR RECENT PRODUCTIONS/EVENTS

Our production 'I Have Been Here Before' was well received and really thought provoking. Special thanks go to Rod Goddard, for not only his excellent direction, but for also stepping in to one of the roles at the last minute. It was also great to see more of some of our talented new members on stage. Here's one of Tony Wright's rehearsal photos. If you want to see more then join the Carver facebook group.



'Entertaining Angels' ended its run on 14th November and our audiences were delighted to see Shirley Molloy back on stage in a major role. Though we had some empty seats at the start of the run, once word got out about the production later nights were sold out. The play explored the complexities of family relationships, grief and moving on.

Message from Bernice Yates



'An Evening with John Stirling' in the theatre on Sunday 15th was hugely successful and enjoyed by all. I would very much like to thank John for such an entertaining evening. I would also like to thank Andy Tinsey, Mike Coleman, Mike Strivens and Phil Kiernan for their hard work and willing support. I don't recall when we have held a fund raising evening especially for a particular charity and the result was a busy theatre with quite a buzz in the bar afterwards. The day after the show I had a text from six friends who have season tickets and watched the play on Saturday, but came back again on Sunday. They said 'Thank you again for asking us all last evening. It was unanimously agreed that it had been a great evening. We didn't know what to expect and we were all delighted with the very entertaining evening.' We are so pleased we are able to send £750 to Macmillan and we are most grateful to them for the work they do in giving support when needed. If you have not needed this support you must be truly grateful.

ALL HANDS ON DECK –A MESSAGE FROM MATT KAYES

It's that time of year when we start the Pantomime build and this includes painting of the Pantomime backdrops, building props and freestanding scenery. We are starting on Monday 16th November from 7.30pm. This will be clearing up any remaining set from Entertaining Angels and then block colour washing of the drops and stripping wallpaper from the flats etc.



The dates will then be every night Mon to Friday from then until the bulk of the build is completed (ideally within 3 weeks).

This year we will also be painting in the day time so if anyone can spare some time then that would be fantastic. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 18th November with Phil Kiernan lining out the drops with Thursday 19th November as a back up date to complete the lining out.

Wednesday 25th Nov, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th Nov from 10am with my Dad Andrew Kayes who has kindly agreed to travel from Cornwall to help with the task of completing the backdrops all help would be greatly appreciated.

We are also in need of a props team and props team leader if anyone would be willing to assist/lead this please email me on pantomime@carvertheatre.co.uk

Finally if you could collect any empty milk containers and bring them to the theatre for mixing paint in that would be very helpful.

Thanks,

Matt Kayes (Panto Stage Manager) and the Panto Team



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

- Nigel Booth and his wife Sarah have just announced the birth of their second daughter, Kitty May Eva. Born 15/10/15. Congratulations to the whole family.
- My (Adam's) short film, shot at The Carver, recently won Highly Commended at this year's Screen Stockport Festival. I you would like to see our theatre being put to full use then [click on this link here](#). If you would like to see my next project, here is the trailer for my [upcoming mini-series](#).



SOCIAL EVENTS

Carver Christmas Capers Saturday 12th December



You are cordially invited to an evening of fun and food, and we hope if you have all been good, a visit from Father Christmas. Saturday 12 December 2015 8.00 pm until late. Tickets: £5.00 adults; £2.50 children under 16. To book a place, please call Mike Coleman on 01614276985 or email social@carvertheatre.co.uk.

Looking forward to seeing you all
Mike, Caroline, David & Jane

FEEDBACK

"Thank you all so much for an excellent evenings entertainment tonight. We thoroughly enjoyed the production of Entertaining Angels" (Hazel Howard, Facebook)

"We loved the matinee, my Nanna was unable to come last season because it was too late. My daughters saw their first "proper" performance and wouldn't have been able too without the matinee" (Paula Whittleworth, Facebook)

"Spooky Saturday was a very good night at the Carver. The supper was exceptionally good and the Trio played all night, sang and were very amusing. For £5, it was very good value." (Audrey Bramwell)



Carver members getting into the 'Halloween mood' at or Spooky Saturday Social event.

Let's all try to support our social team with a big a turn out as possible for the Christmas party!

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT...ACTORS PROFILES

At a recent executive meeting we discussed the challenge facing the production committee when trying to cast plays, especially when they can't always put a face to a name. Some bright spark came up with the idea of creating actor profiles for each member interesting in acting, with photos, acting age range, extra skills

like accents, level of experience etc to make casting easier. We are hoping to do this later on this season during a 'quiet moment' (if we ever get one!).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 12TH DECEMBER 2015

CARVER CHRISTMAS CAPERS

8TH-16TH JANUARY 2016

DICK WHITTINGTON

26TH FEB-5TH MARCH

BUSYBODY

6TH-14TH MAY 2016

LADIES DOWN UNDER

24TH-25TH JUNE 2016

CARVER YOUTH PRESENT... SHAKESPEARE ROCKS!

