

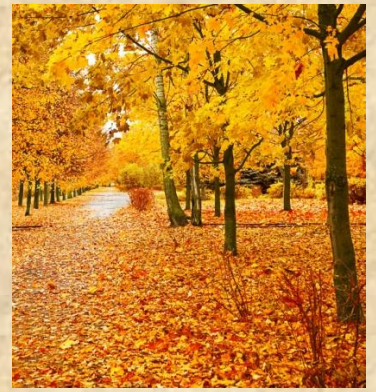


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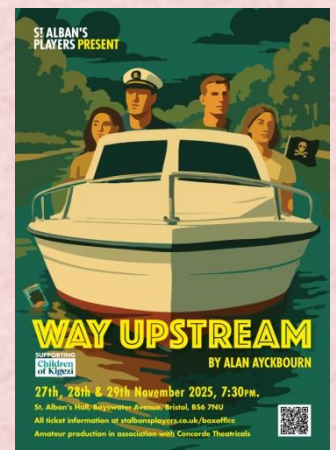


Autumn Production: *Way Upstream* by Alan Ayckbourn 27th - 29th November

Ahoy there, me hearties! Under the watchful eye of Skipper Sally, *Way Upstream* rehearsals are making waves (see what - oh never mind...). We are now looking for Front of House helpers, as well as Backstage Crew to complete the picture and make *Way Upstream* shipshape! Please get in touch with Producer Sandra Tomkins direct if you are able to offer your services: snikmots@gmail.com

Members are also more than welcome to drop in on rehearsals at the Methodist hall on Tuesday evenings, and at St Alban's church hall on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Finally, as you know, this year we are supporting **Children of Kigezi** as our chosen charity. Please do donate prizes for the raffle – you can drop these off at the hall during Sunday rehearsals. And you never know – a celebratory Sailor's Hornpipe may well be in the offing for the best prize!



One-Act Festival Entry Auditions: *Boundaries* 26th and 30th October

We are very pleased to announce that the St Alban's Player's entry for this year's One-Act Play Festival is *Boundaries*, by Barbara Crass. This is Barbara's most recent play, and a number of us enjoyed a thought-provoking and very enjoyable evening reading it at the Inn on the Green a couple of weeks ago.

Auditions will be held in the Wells Room:

Sunday 26th October at 2:30pm & Thursday 30th October at 7:30pm

Digital copies of the script are available from Barbara, so if you would like to audition, please email her direct at: pacepacepace@virginmedia.com.

Please look out for an email soon, containing details about rehearsals and festival dates.

Rosebowl Nomination!

We are delighted to share the news that our 2024 production of *See How They Run* has received a nomination for "Best Shakespeare, Class or Restoration play" at the Rosebowl Awards.

The Rosebowl Awards celebrates the very best of amateur theatre across the South West so please join us in congratulating Rory, Marina and their talented cast and crew.



SAP Theatre Trip, 12th November: *The Government Inspector* adapted by David Harrower

Some of you will know the classic play *The Government Inspector* by Nikolai Gogol (one of Phil Lovell's favourites!!). The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School is putting on a production at the Tobacco Factory Theatre in November, and we thought it would be nice to support this and go as a group. Tickets are £15 (full-price) and, rather than book a block of tickets, we suggest people buy their own for Wednesday 12th November. So please book and we will see you there! <https://tobaccofactorytheatres.com/shows/government-inspector-by-peter-barlow/>

Christmas Lunch – The Inn On The Green, Saturday 13th December, 12:30pm

We have booked **The Inn On The Green** for our Christmas Lunch this year. Many of you will have enjoyed our play readings at this pub throughout the year, which they have kindly accommodated at no cost. Their Christmas menu looks delicious and we hope you will all come and bring your spouse/partner/friend/children.



Please see the email sent on 3rd October for further details and information on how to pay. **Please note the deadline for deposit: 13th October.**

Committee Meeting: Agenda for September's meeting. We discussed:

1. Minutes of the last meeting (20th August 2025)
2. Matters arising
 - a. Marketing / social media framework
 - b. RNLI donation
 - c. Christmas show
 - d. Rehearsal options for Way Upstream
 - e. Noda adjudication for Way Upstream
3. Gmail account
4. Way Upstream – production team gaps, bar stocking, poster, director's report
5. Stage floor – update
6. One act – *Boundaries*
7. Christmas lunch proposals
8. Quiz evening (January)
9. Greasepaint
10. AoB



If you would like something to be discussed in our next meeting, please email: stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com

Hoodies and T-Shirts!

Have you got yours yet?! We have a few hoodies and T-shirts of various sizes left for immediate purchase at the discounted prices: T Shirt £8, Hoodie £15. Both T Shirts and Hoodies are navy blue. If you would like one, email Fiona Newman direct: feemnewman@gmail.com.



St Alban's Players: The Friends Scheme

Would your family, friends and acquaintances like to join the Friends Scheme? Benefits of the scheme are discounted tickets, invitations to social events, and the knowledge that, as a Friend, you are supporting SAP in its dramatic endeavours! Membership of the scheme is £15/annum. Please email: stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com if someone you know would like to join the scheme.

News from other clubs

We are supporting fellow local drama groups by advertising their upcoming shows in Greasepaint, so here are a few that might take your fancy. Let us know of any others we can share:

9 th -11 th October	Portishead Players: <i>Duets</i>	Somerset Hall, BS20 6AH	https://www.portishead-players.org.uk/
28 th October- 1 st November	Kelvin Players: <i>Gone Dark</i>	Kelvin Players Theatre, BS7 8NY	https://www.kelvinplayers.co.uk/

Dates for Your Diary

26th and 30th October: Auditions for One-Act: *Boundaries*

12th November: Theatre Trip to see *The Government Inspector* at the Tobacco Factory

27th-29th November: Autumn Production – *Way Upstream*

13th December: SAP Christmas lunch at The Inn on the Green

