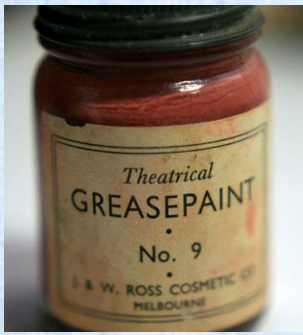




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August 2026

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Autumn Production 26th-28th November: *A Doll's House*

Following very well-attended auditions, Barbara is delighted to announce that our Autumn production of *A Doll's House* has been cast!

Nora - Pia Breistein	Kristine - Sandra Tomkins
Torvald - Mike Haslett	Anne-Marie – Jill Gill
Dr Rank - Richard Farrer	Ivar – Rupert Simpson-Down
Krogstad - Neil Jacobs	Emmy - Rhiannon Newark

Producer Sally Jones is putting the finishing touches to her team, and if you would like to be involved, please do get in touch by emailing stalbanplayers2024@gmail.com with your offers of help.



AGM News

At the 2026 AGM of the St Alban's Players in July, members and friends reviewed the Society's activities, finances and future plans. They thanked Tim Vousden-White, who stood down from the Committee, and re-elected the remaining current Committee members standing for election following the completion of existing terms.

A key decision concerned the Society's charitable giving for the coming year. A proposal was received for Parkinson's UK as the nominated charity. Members also heard a report from Judy Atkinson highlighting the positive difference the Society's support had made to the Children of Kigezi during the past year, and a nomination for further support this year. Following discussion and a vote, members agreed that the available charitable funds should be shared between both organisations, with the Committee determining how the funds will be allocated. Subsequently, the Committee has decided to allocate funds from the first half of the year to the Children of Kigezi and from the second half of the year to Parkinson's UK.

The meeting also heard updates on future productions, including *A Doll's House* in November 2026 and plans for another *Play in a Day* event.

Members' Survey

Thanks to those of you who completed the recent survey. Overall the response was very positive, and the committee is giving consideration to feedback and suggestions. As always, your feedback and queries are welcome at any time, so do get in touch with a committee member or through our email: stalbanplayers2024@gmail.com

Play Reading 2nd September, 7.30pm, The Inn on the Green



In anticipation of A Play in a Day, please join us for a reading of Adrian's chosen play. Everyone is very welcome to come to the reading, whether or not you plan to take part in A Play in a Day later in the month. Looking forward to seeing you there!

A Play in a Day - Revised date: 12th September (Exact timings and venue TBC)

A play in a day does what it says on the tin; the director and actors spend a day rehearsing a short play (lighting and sound effects strictly optional!), which is then performed in the evening, script in hand, to members, friends and anyone else who fancies seeing what we manage to achieve in a day! You may remember the – ahem – *craziness* that was *A Box of Frogs* a couple of years ago...it was great fun to prepare and pull off the whole thing in a day. This event is an opportunity to engage with and enjoy a play without the high stakes of our formal productions.

Adrian Brown will be directing the day's comedy play, so come and get involved! Look out for an email containing details about timings and venue, coming soon. stalbandsplayers2024@gmail.com

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

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting (15th June)
- 3) Minutes of the AGM (14th July)
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Bank signatories / card
- 6) Sound system quote
- 7) New banner update
- 8) Insurance policy review
- 9) Toilet signs
- 10) Website update
- 11) Play in a Day
- 12) Survey to members
- 13) Charity support – Parkinsons UK and Children of Kigezi
- 14) Autumn Production - *A Doll's House*
- 15) Programmes and refreshments
- 16) Spring production
- 17) Quiz night
- 18) Other social events



If you would like something to be discussed in our next meeting, please email: stalbandsplayers2024@gmail.com

Alban the Bear at the Wildwood Trust

As a thank you to the cast of *Playhouse Creatures*, Jacqs Graham sponsored a bear for SAP for the year at the Wildwood Trust, Ottery St. Mary. If you happen to be passing, do pop in to see Alban and send us a photo!

Emails from the club

As well as sending you regular copies of Greasepaint, the committee sends out emails to members, and to members and friends from time to time. Please check your settings and junk folder to make sure that you are receiving our communications.

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, monthly edition of *Greasepaint*, and the knowledge that, as a Friend, you are supporting SAP in its dramatic endeavours! Membership of the scheme is £17.50/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:

25 th – 29 th August	BLOC: We Will Rock You	Bristol Hippodrome BS1 4UZ	https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/bloc-presents-we-will-rock-you/bristol-hippodrome/
28 th – 30 th August	Kelvin Players: The Rabbit & The Rain	Kelvin Players Theatre, BS7 8NY	https://www.ticketsource.com/kelvinplayers/the-rabbit-and-the-rain-by-chris-hawkins/e-gryblb
9 th – 12 th September	The Sodbury Players: <i>Terry Pratchett's Wyrld Sisters</i>	Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, BS37 6AD	https://www.sodburyplayers.org.uk/tickets
18 th – 21 st November	Tickenham Drama Group: <i>Sister Act</i>	Tickenham Village Hall, BS21 6RX	https://tdg.org.uk/buy-tickets/

Dates for Your Diary

2nd September, 7.30pm : Play reading at The Inn on the Green

12th September: A Play in a Day

26th, 27th, 28th November: Autumn Production - *A Doll's House*

