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

Following very well-attended auditions, Sally is delighted to announce that our Autumn production of *Way Upstream* by has been cast!

Cast

Keith - Mike Haslett
June - Fiona Newman
Alastair - Alex Kee
Emma - Rebecca Haselhurst
Vince - Miguel Garcia
Mrs Hatfield - Sue Morgan
Fleur - Sarah Simpson-Down

Congratulations to all the cast!

Crew

Producer - Sandra Tomkins
Stage manager - Kate Craig
Set design and build – Phil Lovell
Lighting - John Davey
Sound design – Tim Vousden
Costume – Sue Cox
Props – Karen Gonsalves-Stone
Prompt – vacant
Stage hands x 3 – vacant
Front of House manager – Stephanie Lee
Voice coach – Miranda Pinder

Thanks to all the crew who have stepped up with such alacrity! If you are interested in the roles that are currently vacant, please get in touch with Sally direct: Sallyannjones352@gmail.com

All members are warmly invited to come to any rehearsals: Tuesday evenings at the Methodist Hall, Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at St Alban's.



The St Alban's Stage – All hands on deck, please! 14th September, 2.30-5.00pm

The stage floor needs repairing and re-painting, and, in preparation for the set for *Way Upstream*, we plan to have a clear-out and tidy-up of the contents of the drawers under the stage. Many hands make light work, so please do come along for an hour or two as we clear the decks and make sure that everything we need is safely and conveniently stowed below decks (I know, I know, but it's too easy!). If you are able to help out, please email stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com so we know how many hands will be coming aboard!

Play Reading 24th September, 7.30pm, The Inn on the Green



We will look to read contenders for the SAP entry into the Bristol One-Act festival. Barbara Crass will be presenting her latest play, 'Boundaries'. If anyone else has a one-act play they would like to hear read on the evening, let someone from committee know, and bring it along!

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/>

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

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Matters arising
 - a. Marketing / social media framework
 - b. Communications about rise in subscriptions as agreed last meeting
 - c. Hall bookings for November production agreed
 - d. RNLI donation
3. *Way Upstream* – cast and production team, hall booking reconciliation, bar stocking
4. Roles: Secretary role
5. Stage floor – potential fix / clear understage date 14th September
6. One act – Barbara's play proposal
7. Christmas lunch proposals
8. Greasepaint
9. AoB



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

Wake up, Father Christmas! 6th OR 13th December (Date TBC)

This lovely little show had its first outing a couple of years ago – and Father Christmas has fallen asleep again! We need to wake him up this year and are looking for anyone interested in directing, acting or helping out with this show for our community's smaller members. We intend to use Debbie's fabulous script again, and will bring back the set we used before. This is your last chance to be involved in this crowd-pleaser, so please email Sandra T at: snikmots@gmail.com if you would like to be elf-ful!



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: stalbanplayers2024@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:

5 th -6 th September	Bristol Musical Theatre: <i>Page to Stage</i>	Failand Village Hall, BS8 3TS	https://bristolmusicaltheatre.co.uk/upcoming-productions/
10 th -13 th September	Sodbury Players: <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, BS37 6AD	https://www.sodburyplayers.org.uk/tickets
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

14th September: Stage and under-stage tidy-up

24th September: Play Reading at The Inn on The Green

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

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

16th OR 13th December (TBC): Christmas Show – *Wake Up, Father Christmas!*

