



# ST ALBAN'S PLAYERS SINCE 1973



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November 2025

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## Autumn Production: *Way Upstream* by Alan Ayckbourn 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November

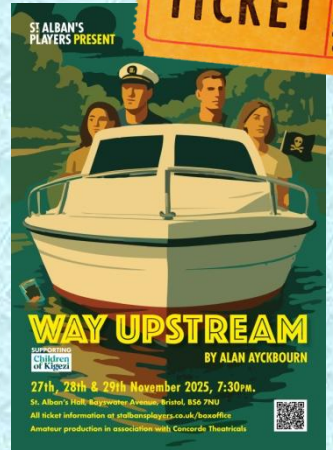
The Box Office is live – come and float your boat way upstream with us - get your tickets now!

<https://www.stalbanplayers.co.uk/boxoffice>



Set construction and set strike dates are below. Phil will (of course!) be in charge, and he will need us to heave ho together to build a boat and a riverbank! As always, please come to as many of the below as you can, whether or not you are involved in the production itself.

- Sat 8th November 3.15-6.15pm - Construction **ARE THESE TIMES CORRECT**
- Sat 15 November 3.15-6.15pm - Construction **ARE THESE TIMES CORRECT**
- Sun 16 November 3.15-6.15pm - Construction **ARE THESE TIMES CORRECT**
- Fri 21 November evening - Lighting Rig
- Sat 22 November Set - Construction/dressing
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.30-5.30pm – Strike set



As ever, 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, a reminder that 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.

## Way Upstream: Life Imitates Art...

Hale and hearty members of the *Way Upstream* cast and crew decided to 'go method' a couple of weeks ago, taking to the waters in a narrow boat on the beautiful Kennet canal. A wonderful day was had by all as we got to grips with steering, swing bridges and river etiquette, whilst slipping in the odd bit of script - 'Don't let your warp slip!!' Luckily for us Alex proved a much more able skipper than his character, Alistair, so we pootled happily along in the autumn sunshine. Not even a blocked canal could faze Crew WUS as we used our newly-acquired skills to secure an unmoored barge and save the day! Thanks to Phil Lovell for suggesting and arranging this highly enjoyable and instructive day.



## Quiz evening for Children of Kigezi: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

We are pleased to announce our charity quiz evening for 2025-26! As in previous years, all funds raised after expenses will go to our chosen charity, which this year is the Children of Kigezi. Please “save the date” for this fun event, and look out for further details soon!



## One-Act Festival Preview Evening: *Boundaries* 14<sup>th</sup> February

As previously announced, the St Alban's Players' entry for this year's One-Act Play Festival is *Boundaries*, by Barbara Crass. Auditions took place at the end of October, and we wait with bated breath to see the cast list for this thought-provoking play. As usual, we will follow the SAP tradition of previewing the play before its outing at the Festival the following week. We will enjoy a smorgasbord of a supper together, and then watch a rehearsed reading of another short play. We have a few ideas up our sleeves, but would very much welcome offers of short pieces, monologues, talking heads, or poetry for the second half of the evening. Do get in touch with suggestions, requests or offers at: [stalbanplayers2024@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanplayers2024@gmail.com)

## SAP Theatre Trip, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> November. So please book and we will see you there! <https://tobaccofactorytheatres.com/shows/government-inspector-by-peter-barlow/>

## Committee Meeting: Agenda for October's meeting. We discussed:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting (29<sup>th</sup> September 2025)
3. Matters arising
  - a. Marketing / social media framework
  - b. RNLI donation
  - c. *Way Upstream* update
  - d. Confirmation of Christmas meal booking
  - e. Stage floor - update
  - f. Quiz evening
  - g. Clarification on Friends issues
4. IT issues / solutions
5. *Way Upstream* – update
6. *Boundaries* – preview evening – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb
7. Stage Manager role description
8. Dates for future productions
9. Report from Sandra on discussion with St. Alban's vicar Emma Langley
10. Greasepaint
11. AoB – Committee meeting dates for next year
12. Next meeting: 19th November



If you would like something to be discussed in our next meeting, please email: [stalbanplayers2024@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanplayers2024@gmail.com)

## Spring Production 2026!

We are currently considering our Spring Production, and would love to hear from you – especially if you would like the opportunity to direct it! Whether you have directed for us in the past, directed for another club, or have never directed but would like to do so, please get in touch. You may have a firm idea of which play you'd like to direct or you may not be quite sure, but either way, do let us hear your ideas and suggestions:

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## Anne Fowler Legacy

St Alban's Players are very grateful to Anne Fowler, who has bequeathed £500 to the Players in her will. Anne was our former President, Life and Founder Member, who gave enormously to the club over 50 years. We are immensely touched by Anne's generous gift.



Committee is considering how best to use these funds, and we would welcome ideas and suggestions for our next meeting. Please email:

[stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com) with your thoughts.

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

A reminder that 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October for further details and information on how to pay. **The Inn On The Green have said they are happy to take further booking if anyone missed last week's deadline. Just log in to Membermojo in the usual way and visit the Store.** Anyone having difficulty is welcome to contact Sally for assistance. [Sallyannjones352@gmail.com](mailto:Sallyannjones352@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](mailto:stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com) if someone you know would like to join the scheme.

## Hoodies and T-Shirts!

Still a few available! 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](mailto:feemnewman@gmail.com) .



## 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 other 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 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Bristol Playgoers: An Illustrated Presentation by Wildlife Cameraman Doug Allen</b>	Newman Hall, BS9 4DR	<a href="https://bristolplaygoersclub.co.uk/current-programme#Section1">https://bristolplaygoersclub.co.uk/current-programme#Section1</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ship and Castle: <i>Gloriana - The Life and Times of Elizabeth 1</i></b>	St George's Church Hall, BS20 OPA	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/Ship-Castle-Theatre-Company-100025904689910/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/p/Ship-Castle-Theatre-Company-100025904689910/?locale=en_GB</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Kelvin Players: <i>The Tempest</i></b>	Kelvin Players Theatre, BS7 8NY	<a href="https://www.kelvinplayers.co.uk/">https://www.kelvinplayers.co.uk/</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>Sodbury Players: <i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarves</i></b>	Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, BS37 6AD	<a href="https://www.sodburyplayers.org.uk/tickets">https://www.sodburyplayers.org.uk/tickets</a>

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November: Autumn Production – *Way Upstream***

**13<sup>th</sup> December: SAP Christmas lunch at The Inn on the Green**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Quiz evening**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2026: One Act Preview Evening**

