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Spring Production: *Playhouse Creatures* by April de Angelis 23rd–25th April

Following well-attended auditions, we are delighted to announce the casting for the Spring Production (for which rehearsals have started already – good work!).

Director: Jacqs Graham

Cast:

Doll Common - Fiona Newman

Mrs Betterton - Wendy Withers

Nell Gywn - Sarah Simpson-Down

Mrs Farley - Rebecca Haselhurst

Mrs Marshall - Sally Jones

Mrs Barry - Sue Morgan

The Earl of Rochester - Mike Haslett

Otway - Dave Shaw



Congratulations to all the cast!

We are looking for a production crew to work with our very experienced guest director, so please get in touch with your offers of help (stage management, backstage, sourcing and management of props etc.).

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Quiz evening for Children of Kigezi: 17th January 2026

On 17th January, approximately sixty members and friends enjoyed an evening of quizzing, as Adrian challenged the teams with eight rounds of fiendish questions. There was also a “famous faces” picture round, and an intriguing musical round, both created by Phil Sims.

The questioning and team discussions were lively, as were the bar and raffle! Judy Atkinson, the founder of the charity, gave a heart-warming talk about the charity’s work. A brain-cudgelling time was had by all, and £800 was raised for this excellent cause! Thanks especially to Adrian for masterminding the evening, to Christine for scoring, to Rupert for producing the brainy trophy, and to Tim for performing technical wizardry with the mic and screen.



One-Act Preview Evening: *Boundaries* 14th February

Festival Performance: 21st February

Boundaries is the latest original play, written and directed by our own Barbara Crass (pseudonym A.M. Underwood).

Through the intimate struggles of one family, the play reveals how differing views on personal, political and cultural boundaries can lead to misunderstanding, conflict and hidden motives. These private tensions are set against wider political and geographical divisions shaping the world beyond their home.

Cast

Maggie – Miranda Pinder

Rory – Charlie Whitehead

Eve – Pamela Moline

Barbara and her cast and crew are working hard on (and thoroughly enjoying!) the production. Do come and support our festival entry, either at the preview evening, or at the Olympus for the One-Act festival round. Or both!

Preview evening at St Alban's Church Hall on Saturday 14th February at 7:30. Doors open at 7.00. The play's running time is about 45 minutes. Please invite your family and friends too!

Tickets £18 (£9 for cast and crew), include a sharing platter meal following the performance, are available [here](#). The deadline for ticket purchases and information about dietary requirements is 9th February.

Raffle: We will have a raffle to raise money towards the production costs of both the Bristol and the Avon festivals' first rounds, as well as those of any further rounds. We want to put together a couple of lovely food hampers as prizes. Please could members bring hamper contributions to rehearsals on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the hall, or on the night if you can't make it beforehand.

First round performance of the Bristol One Act Festival at The Olympus Theatre, Wise Campus, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8LP on Saturday 21st February at 7.00 (Full festival dates – Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st).

Tickets £15 for one session or £30 for a season ticket.

We have an allocation of 20 tickets from the festival which we need to sell. These can be bought through membermojo (<https://membermojo.co.uk/stalbansplayers/yourmembership>). Once these have sold, you can buy them direct from the festival box office [here](#).

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

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Quiz evening – reflections / financials (if available)
5. Boundaries – production update
6. Preview evening (14 February) – organisation
7. *Playhouse Creatures* update
8. November production - options



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

Treasured Memories of life member Mick (Mike) Mills

Mick will be fondly remembered as a calm and stalwart member of St Alban's Players for over 50 years, whose gentle humour was so appreciated. During that time, Mick held the office of Treasurer for many years, and was a valued member of the backstage and set construction team. He acted in over 30 productions from the 1970's to the early 2000's, with pantomime being one of his favourites! He will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with Betty, Nicki and Debbie as they mourn his sad loss.

Mick's funeral will be on Monday, 9 February at 2.15pm at Memorial Woodlands, Alveston, as previously notified.

Play Reading 4th March, 7.30pm, The Inn on the Green



Come and join us for a mystery play-reading at our usual venue! (I don't think it will be a "mystery play", nor do I think it will be "Cluedo", but you never know – it's a mystery!) All will be revealed on 4th March...

Cheers!

Those who came to the quiz may have noticed our lovely new wine glasses. (Of course, there is a possibility that you only noticed what was in them, which is perhaps the way it should be!). The committee have decided to use some of our funds to splash out (see what I did there?) on some new glasses, and now our audiences can enjoy their interval tittle even more! The new glasses are also much easier to pack away (these things are important, particularly once you've imbibed a couple of glasses and find yourself on washing up duty!). Cheers!



Before we consign the old glasses to the great bar in the sky, would anyone like them?

Please email the committee: stalbansplayers2024@gmail.com

(There appears to be a superfluity of exclamation marks in this piece. On no account would I wish anyone to think that I had imbibed a superfluity of the red or white stuff, from said glasses, before I got busy on the keyboard. I'm simply very excited by the uniformity and classic good looks of these gorgeous goblets!)

St Alban's Player's Website

David has been working away on the website, and, while still a work in progress, it's looking rather good, with lots of photos of previous productions! Do pop over and have a look: <https://www.stalbansplayers.co.uk/boxoffice>

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 £15/annum. Please email: 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.



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:

17 th -21 st February (inc. Saturday matinee)	Kelvin Players: <i>The Long Road</i> (Directed by Fiona Morrison and starring Gill Cowen!)	Kelvin Players Theatre, BS7 8NY	https://www.kelvinplayers.co.uk/
10 th March	Bristol Playgoers: <i>Collaboration</i> (directed by David Williams!)	Newman Hall, BS9 4DR	https://bristolplaygoersclub.co.uk/

Dates for Your Diary

14th February: One Act Preview Evening: *Boundaries*

19th -21st February: One-Act Play Festival.

Saturday 21st February: St Alban's One-Act Festival Performance

4th March: Play reading

23rd -25th April: Spring Production

