



DIARY
Green Room
Centenary Season



Green Room AGM
Tuesday 19 November
7.15 for 8 pm

**Christmas
Brass Band Concert**
Tuesday 17 December
7.15 for 8 pm

at the Green Room
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THE MESSIAH
Patrick Barlow
2 - 7 December

BOMBSHELLS
Joanna Murray-Smith
20 - 25 January 2025

THE MURDER ROOM
Jack Sharkey
17 - 22 March 2025

**THE TITFIELD
THUNDERBOLT**
Philip Goulding
12 - 17 May 2025

THE MESSIAH

by Patrick Barlow

***The funniest and most magical Nativity
you will ever see***

Monday 2 - Saturday 7 December
with matinee on 7 December

*This production is presented
by arrangement with Nick Hern Books*



A travelling troupe of two actors and an opera singer arrive by donkey to masterfully, movingly and miraculously enact the greatest story ever told.

The absurdly talented Maurice Rose, the alarmingly unpredictable Ronald Bream RAC, and the distinguished diva Mrs Leonora Fflyte play a cast of thousands in a Christmas comedy that conjures up the sublime, the ridiculous and the truly angelic.

We planned to perform this play a few years ago but COVID got in the way. We are delighted that the original cast of Steve Berrington and Richard Sails were available again and rehearsals are already underway. They are joined by Katja Ebrigens as Leonora, making her debut appearance at the Green Room.

John Chidgey

*Please note this production is **not** a pantomime;
nor is it the famous oratorio by Handel !
And, in our opinion,
the show is not suitable for children under 10 years old.*

BOX OFFICE

Booking for **The Messiah** is available online, at any time, via The Green Room website, or direct through Ticketsource.

The Saturday morning Box Office will open for personal callers between 11 am and 12 noon from **9 November**.

You can also send in postal bookings to The Green Room – 85 Chapel Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5JH, with an SAE if you need tickets posting to you, and cheques made out to 'Wilmslow Green Room Society'.

The answerphone will open on Monday 4 November (01625 540933). Please note, there will be both a **matinee** and an **evening** performance of **The Messiah** on Saturday 7 December.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Well what a way to kick off our Centenary Celebrations with a special Gala Night and a superb production of **Present Laughter** by Noël Coward. Many congratulations to Director Matt Smith and all the cast and crew. This was a fantastic all round team performance. The set building team delivered an excellent set; props and period costumes were just right; and the stage management team were professional, in amongst other duties, getting the actors on and off at the right time. All of this supported a strong cast who delivered a wonderful theatre experience for all who came to see **Present Laughter**. It was a credit to The Green Room so thank you everyone involved.

We saw audience figures at over 99% and even had a waiting list for some performances. It's great to see that there is a need for quality theatre in Wilmslow and that is what we can deliver!

By the time you read this newsletter we will have held our Centenary Celebration Dinner and Dance (on the evening of 2 November) at The Alderley Edge Hotel. We were delighted to have a wonderful turnout of around 60 members and friends of The Green Room. I'm sure everyone who was able to attend felt they had a great night, with excellent food, superb music and of course wonderful company!

We continue to celebrate our Centenary year with the annual Brass Band concert on Tuesday 17 December. I hope many of you will be able to attend for a musical festive starter to Christmas. This is always a popular event with a glass of mulled wine and scrumptious mince pie to help you enjoy the evening. Please contact me if you would like to reserve tickets.

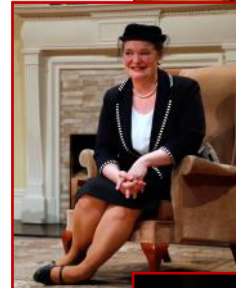
We are keen to recruit help with Green Room accounting. If you have any interest in figures, accounting or spreadsheets, and might be available to work with our Treasurer, please speak with me. Or, if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in the role of Treasurer do let me know.

I'm now looking forward to our next production, **The Messiah**, and I'm sure we are in for a fabulous and fun-filled evening!

Take care,
Paul Lewis chairman@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

PRESENT LAUGHTER

To see more pictures go to [Gallery](#) on GR website



Green Room AGM

We shall be holding the **AGM on Tuesday 19 November** at the Theatre; we hope as many of you as possible will come along. The past season, 2023 - 2024 will be reviewed, and approved accounts will be presented. Importantly, the names of officers for the Green Room will be confirmed from lists already sent out to you all - the officers being the Trustees for the Society. The names of people serving on committees such as Play & Stage, Publicity and Theatre Management will be available.

Any new nominations should be sent to me, please, by Saturday 9 November, and any motions for discussion at the meeting by Friday 15 November.

Please take the time to read through the AGM documents sent to you, and think about putting yourself forward or nominating new people for officer roles or to help on committees. It is essential that new people become interested and involved, so that we can benefit from fresh ideas and energy.

Denise Soussi, Hon Secretary secretary@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

GALA NIGHT

Saturday 12 October 2024

Celebrating 100 years of the Green Room Wilmslow

Members and guests - including representatives from other local amateur dramatic groups - were invited to a glittering centenary event in the Theatre. More photos will be put on the Green Room website - go to [Gallery](#).



Above: l - r: Green Room Patron Sue Johnston with Cllr Marilyn Houston, Mayor of East Cheshire, and her consort for the evening; GR Chairman, Paul Lewis, and Susie Mathis. Next, Paul with Cllr Tim Higgins, Wilmslow Town Mayor, and his wife. Third photo is of Rt Hon Esther McVey MP with Angela McPake and her husband. Below, l - r: Al Fowkes and Caroline Lucas, House Managers for the evening; next, Andy Neve and Vicky Johnson working in the bar, and Jen Davis and Jane Anderson on ticket desk. Far right, Pat Barrow and Jacque Bilsborough (Wardrobe).



Far left, Julie Dawn Potts from Love the Lane with her husband and Paul; Mark Jephcott and Denise Soussi, with Director of **Present Laughter**, Matthew Smith. Right, Mike and Norma Rogerson with Jo Matthews from the Little Theatre Guild.



Left, Sue Offer, Paul, Sheila Chatburn, Sue Jones and June Janes; below, Fred Donnan and Doreen Donnan. Both Fred and Sue Jones were in the 1985 GR production of **Present Laughter**.



Above, Deepak Oberai and his wife from Albert Road Opticians, with Kerry Wood and her husband from Chelsea Flowers. Both businesses are our sponsors.

Photographs taken by David Higton

Membership report

First of all, a big thank you to all our members who have paid their subscriptions during the last two months. It is much appreciated to have these in good time.

For those **full** members who have not yet done so, please note that the opportunity to pay the reduced subscription of £33 ceased on 31 October. The full membership subscription rate of £38 now applies.

Cheques should be sent, together with a member's completed membership renewal form, to the Membership Secretary and they may be dropped in at the Green Room.

Subscriptions may be by bank transfer, details of which are on the membership renewal form, which should still be returned as above.

The society's AGM is imminent, so any members wishing to have a subscription to the 100 Club, or perhaps increase their subscriptions, should do so now. The membership renewal form provides the opportunity for this. Otherwise send an email as below, requesting a 100 Club Subscription form

Membership renewal forms were sent out, together with an addressed return envelope, with the last newsletter. For anyone who has mislaid their renewal form, email membershipsecretary@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk requesting a replacement.

Ian McBride

We are pleased to welcome several new members to the Green Room.

Full members joining us or rejoining are: Tim Cooper, Katja Ebrigens, Chris de Mercado, Kathryn Fennell, Rani Jackson, Paul Reid, Colin Rice, Richard Sails and Beth Williamson.

Social members are Catherine Caporn, Mary Finch, Joan Macpherson and Robin Smith.

PLAY AND STAGE REPORT

Thank you to everyone who contacted us with ideas about plays we might consider for next season. The Play and Stage Committee are reading many of the plays suggested by members and hope to present their suggested plays soon. As usual we try to strike a balance between large and small cast plays, and different genres of theatre.

As a result of buying in scripts to read, and for various reasons, we have a stock of no longer wanted play scripts, which will be available at the AGM for the amazing price of £1 each, so come along and help yourself to a real bargain.



The Gala Evening was a great success and our choice of **Present Laughter** has been well received by the audiences. There were full houses for the week of the run. The rest of the present season is now fully cast but we desperately need backstage help. Please contact us at pscc@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk if you can help in any way.

Our first production is **The Messiah**, which we had planned to do a couple of seasons ago but COVID got in the way. We are delighted that the original cast were available again and rehearsals are progressing well.

Bombshells is in the final planning stage.

Being on the Play and Stage Committee is no easy task, and we thank all our members for their continuing commitment.

John Chidgey and Celia Bonner

Minutes from Green Room Executive meetings

Please note that Minutes from all our meetings are available for members to view on request.

Please contact the Secretary: secretary@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

Do you have any items for the newsletter, or comments to make about it?

If so, please send any feedback or articles for publication to: newsletter@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk, or post to the theatre, 85 Chapel Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5JH.

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