THE GREEN ROOM THEATRE WILMSLOW

DIARY

Brass Band Concert

8 pm
Tuesday 15 December

See p2 for more details about applying for tickets, and please make sure you book your seat early as the tickets sell fast

HANSARD

by Simon Woods

25 - 30 January

ELECTRIC ROSARY

by Tim Foley

15 - 20 March

UNDER MILK WOOD

by Dylan Thomas

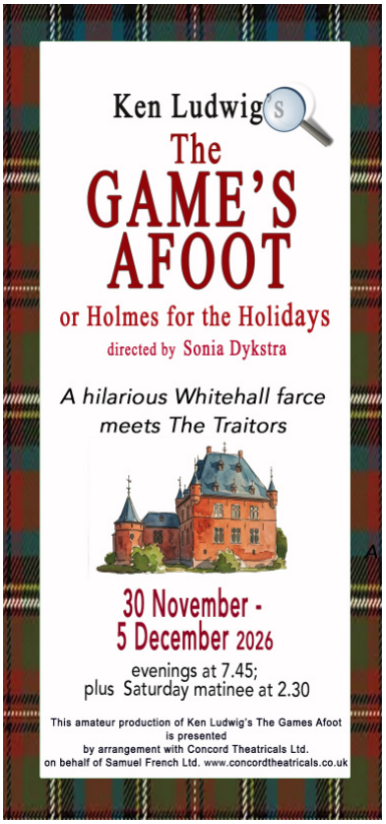
17 - 22 May

Ken Ludwig's

THE GAME'S AFOOT

or HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

directed by Sonia Dykstra
30 November to 5 December



We are looking forward to bringing you this entertaining play, described by many as a 'mystery farce'. It certainly has all the ingredients needed to turn Order into Chaos.

The setting is a Scottish castle, and it's Christmas 1936. A group of actors have all been invited by their Patron and leading actor, William Gillette, to his recently purchased remote castle, where everyone is looking forward to a relaxing time and some festive fun. However, things may not turn out as expected!

After one of the guests is stabbed to death, Gillette assumes the persona of his beloved Sherlock Holmes, attempting to track down the killer before the next victim appears.
As in all true whodunnits, we have daggers, knives, blood, secret panels and bodies. Oh, and even snow and a thunder storm!

We have the pleasure of introducing the Green Room audience to some new members in our cast.
Newcomers are Lucy Patel, Liz Mittler and Ryan Ellershaw. Our two Bens have been in the Society before – with Ben Jackson returning after 35 years, and Ben Shotton back with us after 10 years.
Familiar faces are Sinéad Hammond, Jane Hyde and Diana Boswell.

Sonia Dykstra

BOX OFFICE

Booking for Ken Ludwig's **The Game's Afoot** 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 on four weekends between 11 am and 12 noon from **7 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 Box Office answerphone line is **01625 540933.** Please note that for the rest of this season, messages can now be left at any time. We aim to return your call within four working days.

There will be both a **matinee** and an **evening** performance of Ken Ludwig's **The Game's Afoot** on Saturday 5 December.

For the final Saturday, when there are two performances, please take care to select the correct performance at the time you require.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, our season is under way, and what a start, with **Hangmen** selling out two weeks before it opened! Those who attended saw an excellent ensemble production, each character having their own impact upon the proceedings. Well done to Mike Rogerson and all the crew and cast for an evening out that won't be forgotten quickly. A shout also to all the other teams who supported the production, from set building to coffee/bar help - every role is so valuable for putting on a successful production.

Rehearsals have already begun for **The Game's Afoot**, which promises to be a fun-packed show. I popped in for a peek the other evening, and found myself laughing out loud straight away.

WARNING - tickets are flying off the shelves for this one, with a high number sold already, so don't hang about to book; you really don't want to miss this great start to the festive season!

And speaking of the Christmas season, I'm delighted to announce the return of our annual **Brass Band Concert**. Our evening with the Poynton Brass Band will take place on **Tuesday 15 December**. All your favourite carols, pop music, film theme classics and plenty of joining-in (if you want) will fill two hours and you'll be sustained by a free mince pie and a mug of mulled wine. The concert will start at 8pm.

To register your interest and reserve your tickets, please email chairman@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

I am waiting on confirmation of the fee from the band, but I expect the cost to be £12 per person for a fab night out. This is always a fantastic way to start the run-in to Christmas and usually sells quickly, so get in now!

We have now purchased a scissor lift to help backstage with set build and building maintenance. This will improve the comfort and safety of our set-building volunteers by reducing the risks involved in climbing ladders when they are involved in everything from setting lights and repairing the theatre, to creating the sets. Thanks to Bruce for persevering in getting us a suitable machine at the right cost, after some difficulties were encountered with the first machine we purchased.

My appeal for help continues, to ensure that we can provide great entertainment for everyone, members and non-members, in Wilmslow and the surrounding areas.

PLEASE consider taking the opportunity to be part of one of our really fabulous teams who put productions in place and also support the performances during the week of the run.

Could you spare an evening to serve coffee, work behind the bar, or welcome guests as House Manager? How about experiencing the excitement of theatre from behind the scenes by joining a stage crew, to help the play run smoothly each night? What about giving your creativity an outlet by helping to select or make props or costumes for a show? Technically inclined? What about learning to work on lighting or sound? Give it a go, and it could even be the first step to treading the boards yourself, if that's what you fancy. It's certainly a rewarding way to make new friends. Every contribution of time or involvement can help. Contact me at chairman@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

Have a great run-in to the end of another year. Enjoy your theatre, and stay safe!

Paul

PLAY & STAGE REPORT

As we come to the end of the first play of the 2026 - 27 season, I hope those of you who managed to get a ticket enjoyed our sold-out production of Hangmen. We have received some fantastic feedback from our audiences who enjoyed the very black humour, the quality of the acting and the overall high standards of production. Well done to all involved in this very thought-provoking and, at times, uncomfortable play, and thank you to everyone who supported.

It was also lovely to welcome some new members both onstage and behind the scenes and to see existing members taking on new roles. If you fancy having a go at something new, or shadowing someone else for a production to see what goes on, then we'd love to hear from you - give it a go!

As we close the doors on Harry's Oldham pub, we move swiftly on to our next production, Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot. We have a great cast in place and rehearsals have now begun in earnest. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming some new and returning members to the theatre as well.

Your Committee is currently making plans for the 2027 - 28 season and there is much reading, debate and shortlisting going on. The proposals will go to the Executive for approval and we will announce the season in the new year. So watch this space.

As always, if you are able to get involved in any way - behind the scenes, on the stage, directing or even being on a Committee - then we'd love you hear from you. Or maybe you have a friend or family member who would like to find out more and get involved in some way too; that's how many of us got involved! Everybody will be most welcome whatever their experience. Just drop us a line at pscc@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

See you all soon

Victoria Johnson











HANGMEN
12 - 17 October 2026

Here are just a few of the photos taken during the dress rehearsal for **Hangmen**, which we include for you to enjoy - especially if you were not able to attend the performance. Alongside the cast of 12 people, as you can see from the largest picture, there were another dozen Green Room members involved, plus the director (not shown). Yes, it really does take a team as large as this - whether there are four or ten people on the stage - and that's without including the set builders, ticket sellers, bar and coffee volunteers. It would be great if you felt you would like to join in!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We are pleased to welcome as new full members: **James Avery, Colin Charles, Ryan Ellershaw, Alexandra Hulston, Yurii Lisovets, Elizabeth Mittler, Lucy Patel** and **Tim Strang**
and as returning full members: **David Clarkson, Ian Fensome,** and **Jane Newman.**
We look forward to seeing each of them in various productions this season. And hope they enjoy their time with the Green Room Society.

We are now halfway through the period when this season's membership subscriptions should be renewed, and we appreciate all those members who have already done so. Subscriptions must be paid by the end of December, but FULL members who have not yet paid should note that time is running out for the opportunity to pay the reduced subscription of £33 which ceases on 31 October. After that the full subscription of £38 will be due.
Social members who have not yet paid are reminded that their subscription is £18.

A member's individual membership renewal form, which was sent in the August mailing, should also be completed and returned with the subscription in every case. If you are missing your membership renewal form, please contact me and I will send you a copy.

Subscriptions may be paid by bank transfer; otherwise cheques should be sent to me.

Please note that irrespective of your method of payment, your membership renewal form MUST be sent to me at the above address. Cheques and membership forms may be dropped off at the Green Room rather than posted or delivered to my address, if that suits you best.

Lastly, why not join the society's 100 Club – you never know you may be lucky and win a prize in one of the two season's draws! We had a bumper £400 in prize money for the last draw – let's see if we can beat that next time.

Ian McBride, Membership Secretary
email: membershipsecretary@greenroomwilmslow.org.uk

LAMDA Exams

Qualification from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

Ahead of setting up our own youth group we have for several years had a working relationship with Nicola Preston who has a local musical theatre group. Whilst we may in the future hold our own LAMDA preparation and examinations we thought we would let you know that this year Nicola will be preparing and putting forward students from years 1-13 for 'Speaking of Verse and Prose' in January for exams in February.

This gives students the opportunity to gain a recognised drama qualification whilst improving technique and confidence in public speaking. The higher grades also provide UCAS points. Tuition can be face to face or via Zoom. Places are strictly limited.

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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