



Little Theatre Highbury Headlines

Welcome to what is our first newsletter this season. The season has started well and a big thank you to all those members that took part in: "The Soft September Air", "The Best Wife" and "Hotel Paradiso". Rehearsals are well under way for "Alice in Wonderland" and "Communicating Doors".

News

Frank Simkin, a Trustee and former player died last month. Our sympathies go to his family.

Steve Bowyer has been recommended to Council to take up a newly created post of Theatre Manager. A job he has been doing since he became Chairman, and is now being formalised.

Can I remind you of the **revised** dates for the readings and familiarisations for the rest of the season.

	Familiarisation	Reading
Down with Darwin	5 December	12 December
Misery	23 January	30 January
Happiest Days	27 March	3 April

Studio reading dates to be announced

Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain news- *from Hazel Tolley*

As you all know the last main event was our hosting of the National Conference - without undue conceit it was a great success and that is not our saying, it was the delegates, and they do not give insincere praise. I was thrilled to be your Representative. There was marvellous Highbury participation and a very BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CONCERNED!

Some important Dates

Spring seminar 2002 at Ledbury A D S Ledbury

see me, Hazel Tolley, as soon as possible and I will book you a place.

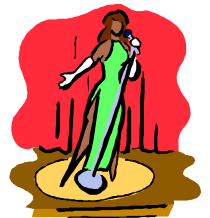
National Conference and AGM at the Apollo Theatre on the Isle of Wight. This is a long way to go but they did come to us in the summer and it would be good to fly the Highbury flag. In addition to those of you who are retired why not make it a long weekend. Dates to be announced.

Following our premier of "A Touch of Rose Madder" the director (Hazel Tolley), and Rose (Marcelle Burnhope), were invited to The Questers Theatre, Ealing to see their production, directed by Jim O'Connor, the author of this prize winning one act play for the LTG. He was presented with his prize from the Guild of £250, which he handed to Questors on the understanding it was used to fund new plays. Special thanks and congratulations were given to Highbury.

Arts Committee News *from Hazel Tolley*

I am sure many of you are bursting to tell us where we went wrong or where we might slip up on the 2001/2002 season - now this is exactly what we want to know but PLEASE tell the "organ grinders and not the monkeys". Obviously we cannot do every play suggested but there is always a reason, suitability of position, number in the cast, balance etc. to say nothing of our trying to fit in - to enable variety.

The Arts Committee try to find plays that fit into the following categories: An English classic, an international play, a play of our time, a seasonal play (performed in December), a play with music, a new play and a free choice. If you wish to submit a play for the Arts Committee's consideration please pass it on to either myself Hazel Tolley or



Hazel Tolley
Rob Phillips
Jane Aston
Steve Bowyer
Denis Reid
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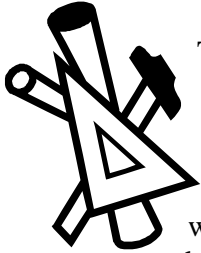
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Development Committee News

from Steve Bowyer

As many of you know a Development Committee was set up to look at the future development of the theatre. The Committee members are :

Steve Bowyer (Chairman), Brian Bird, Mollie Randle, Anne Aveling, William Burnhope, Jane Aston and Eddie Winkle.



The Committee hopes to submit to council in the next six months plans for the new Café Bar and Function Room. The cost of this project is in excess of £350,000 which we do not have! We desperately need someone to act as fundraiser to go after money in the form of donations, Lottery submissions and looking at Trust funds. The person appointed will need to have good references as this post could be open to abuse. If you know someone that may consider this post let me know and I will follow it up.

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Highbury's 60th Birthday

from Steve Bowyer

22 May 2002 is a milestone day for Highbury as it was on this date in 1942 that the theatre first opened its doors for a production of "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw.



To celebrate this your Management Council have agreed to organise a Sunday lunch again at Penns Hall Hotel. This follows the successful lunch we had on the Sunday of the LTG Conference. We decided that it would be good to repeat. Sylvia has agreed again to organise this. Mollie has agreed to try and get in contact with one of our former famous members to come as an after dinner speaker for this event. WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE FOYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Front of House

For any of you that are not aware the management of the Front of House has changed. Ann Aveling, Jean Draycott and Audrey Winters are now running Front of House. They are known as the Front of House Management Team.

They would welcome you to join them to take a Front of House duty when the theatre is open. This duty can be enjoyable with the camaraderie excellent. Come along "thespians" meet your public – they love you!

Highbury Newsletter

We hope you like the new newsletter and if you would like to join an editorial team for future editions please let Steve know.



Deadline for news of the next newsletter Saturday 9 February, the last night of "Communicating Doors".

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Highbury's Black and White Christmas Party

14 December 2001
7.30 p.m.



Buffet



Cut price drinks.

Games



Raffle

£3



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