



MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION

by **George Bernard Shaw**

directed by Helen Bingle and Jill Stringer

5 - 12 May 2018

The Daily Telegraph from January 1902 recorded:

*"Shaw rightly described the piece as 'unpleasant'.
No further comment is called for".*

Predatory capitalism, women's suffrage and education, prostitution, incest and illegitimacy, a society where a veneer of moral rectitude barely conceals the most outrageous exploitation - these are the themes of this most controversial of Shaw's 'Plays Unpleasant'.

Kitty Warren makes her way in the world and returns unexpectedly from the cosmopolitan capitals of Europe to reunite with her Cambridge-educated daughter, Vivie. She finds that Vivie, empowered and educated, has plans of her own. Surrounded by an entourage of variously exploitative, unscrupulous and ineffectual men, the unrepentant Kitty and ambitious Vivie will inevitably clash . . .

Helen Bingle and Jill Stringer

Cast includes:

Tracy Burns as Mrs Warren, Victor Hassan as Mr Praed, Paul Lewis as Sir George Crofts, Charlie Cook as the Rev Samuel Gardner, Lorna Kong as Vivie Warren and Tim Strang as Frank Gardner

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS for MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION

Ticket prices - members: £8 and non-members: £10

PLEASE : - use the code number below during the first week of members-only bookings (on-line via the website)
- use the Ticket-Line tel no **01625 540933** for ALL messages for the ticket secretaries - to reserve seats, make returns, or leave any messages and enquiries; messages are picked up daily in the booking period

Answerphone / Ticket-Line / on-line bookings	from Monday 9 April	members and general public
Box Office on four Saturdays	from Saturday 14 April	11 am till 12 noon
Postal bookings	send in at any time	will be dealt with after 9 April

Please note that the on-line booking facility will close at 6pm on the night of a show, and that all reserved tickets must be paid for by 7.15 latest on the performance night, or such tickets will be deemed available for resale

ADJUDICATION - BE MY BABY

The GMDF adjudicator found plenty to praise about this production of what he called 'a thought-provoking play'.

He felt it was 'directed with great sensitivity and insight, well communicated by a relatively young cast with some very good individual performances and solid ensemble playing. Backed up by a very proficient backstage and technical team, this was a super evening's entertainment . . .

All the cast delivered performances with a very real and honest manner that came from a clear understanding of the development of their characters.'



MUSIC NIGHT

Were you there?
Wasn't it good?

Chris McClory's great collection of performers - from a brass band to a newly-formed trio, from a recorder group to a fiddle-player and songwriter - the mix and the talent was brilliant.

Well done to everyone who participated, and to Chris for her hard work. If you weren't there, you missed a treat.

Make sure you come next time!



Social evenings & events
Tuesday 10 April 8pm at the Green Room

JUMP and JIVE, JITTERBUG and JAZZ

Come and get lost in nostalgia and enjoy John Wallace's entertaining lecture with music from the 40s, 50s and 60s when the Alderley Edge Festival Hall was the **Regal Ballroom**

GREEN ROOM at GAWSWORTH

Do you have any photos, videos or memories of the Green Room productions at Gawsorth Hall?

Please contact Di or any member of the social committee so these can be included in our celebration of all things Gawsorth later this year.

Funny, Spectacular, Sad, Clever, Wet, Utterly Brilliant or Total Disaster - we want it all!

For more information please contact Di or any member of the Social Committee

Boswell's Folly

We have proudly installed a plaque in one corner of the auditorium, via which actors can enter the stage area - a special feature known to casts of all Green Room plays as Boswell's Folly.

Graham's widow, Diana unveiled the plaque recently, which reads:



BOSWELL'S FOLLY

In Memory of

Graham Boswell

Chairman 1995-97

Memberships

Welcome to new full members:
Alexander McGregor and Toby Harris.

If you have any queries about membership, please contact Ian McBride

With sadness, we have to report the death of long-term Green Room member, Mike Bachelor. We send all good wishes to his wife, Valerie.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 24 April - from 7.30 pm
at the Green Room**

All members are invited and urged to attend this important meeting to discuss development plans for the theatre - aka the Chairman's Challenge

SUGGESTIONS BOX

There are both cards - and a suggestions box - situated on the kitchen counter - on which we'd love you to comment, on our plays, facilities and service.

PLEASE use them to tell us your opinions.

PLAY & STAGE

The five directors have been appointed for next Season's plays:

Heroes – Jill Stringer

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Sonia Dykstra

Ladies Day – Victor Hassan

Playboy of the Western World – Mike Rogerson

Jeeves and Wooster – Ian Cole

The auditions for both **Heroes** and **Ladies Day** are being held on Tuesday 27 March and for **Alice** on Saturday 28 April.

Further audition dates are being decided upon and will be announced soon.

We are always on the lookout for new members, so, if they have an interest in serving the Gods of Drama, please extend an invitation to your friends and family to attend our auditions.

Mike Bullimore

Mike Rogerson and his wife Norma are to attend the Little Theatre Guild national conference at the Peoples Theatre, Newcastle. Just let us know if you would like to hear more about their visit, or the work of the LTG in supporting little theatres across the country.

Required

A vibrant and enthusiastic
RECRUITMENT MANAGER

(Part of the role of the Registrar)

This new role to encourage new members of all ages and abilities to join the Society

The applicant will need to have an excellent working knowledge of Social Media and Print/Broadcast Media, plus a willingness to talk to people as individuals or in groups

The role will also include setting up links with all the other local drama societies in the area.

Details and further information available from
Ian Cole

YOUTH GROUP

The end of term is approaching and as previously mentioned, we are preparing a mini end of term show for parents of those who attend the drama groups 1 & 2. This will take place on 24 March.

We will then close for Easter and re-open on 21 April at the Green Room.

The show will take place at St. Anne's Church hall and the start times are:

Group 1 - 10.30 for Parents and usual 9.30 for actors' arrival

Group 2 - 12.15 for Parents and usual 11.15 for actors' arrival

Group 3 will be doing their own thing.

I am delighted to say that Ben Shotton has agreed to write a Summer School play for us again. I have had some people show interest for the Summer School, but would be most grateful if those who are interested could let me know as soon as convenient, so I can advise Ben of how many characters are needed. There is a limit of 12 places available with 6 people already showing interest. This will take place from Monday 13 August until Friday 17th. It is a great week which will culminate in a performance for all your family and friends to attend on the evening of 17 August.

After the Easter break, we will have places available for new members to join any of the groups ranging from aged 8 to 16 years. Please get in touch if you would like to trial the sessions.

You can find all the details on the webpage at:

<http://gtschoolofdrama.wix.com/qt-school-of-drama>

Best wishes and thanks for your continued support,

Steph



Diary & Notices



Tuesday 27 March	Audition for Heroes (7.30 pm) and Ladies Day (8.30 pm)	7.30 pm onwards at Green Room
Tuesday 10 April	John Wallace TALK with music Alderley Edge Regal Ballroom between the 1940's and '60s	7.45 pm for 8 o'clock £2 to pay on the door at Green Room
Tuesday 24 April	Members' EGM to discuss GR development plans	7.30 pm at Green Room
Saturday 28 April	Audition for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	2 pm at Green Room
5 - 12 May 2018	MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION by George Bernard Shaw	directed by Helen Bingle & Jill Stringer
Summer 2018	Gawsworth Celebration Evening	Dates and details to come
23 - 30 June 2018 at the Green Room, plus Friday & Saturday 6-7 July at Quarry Bank in Styal	WE ARE THREE SISTERS by Blake Morrison	directed by John Chidgey assisted by Victoria Johnson
20 - 27 October	HEROES by Tom Stoppard	7.45 pm
Friday 7 December - Saturday 15 December incl Saturday matinees	ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND	tbc
9 - 16 February	LADIES DAY by Amanda Whittington	7.45 pm
6 - 13 April	PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD by J M Synge	7.45 pm

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@wgrsoc.org.uk,
or post to the theatre, 85 Chapel Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5JH.

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