



**CARLISLE GREEN ROOM CLUB  
WEST WALLS THEATRE,  
CARLISLE  
LTG NORTHERN REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE AND AGM  
14 - 16 OCTOBER 2022**



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Dear LTG Delegate,

We are delighted to be hosting the LTG Northern Regional Conference at the Green Room Carlisle and extend a warm invitation to you and your theatre members to join us for a stimulating weekend in Carlisle. We are a smallish theatre and whereas there is no limit to the number of delegates, we would appreciate an early application from you.

This will be the first Northern Regional Conference since COVID, so we hope as many as many theatres as possible will be represented. The theme of our Conference will be:

**"Rising from the Ashes: new hopes, new opportunities, the way forward"**

A theme which I am sure will have been in the mind of all theatres during the past two years or so. The Conference play will be *The Odd Couple: Male Version* by Neil Simon, to which you are all invited and we are looking forward to welcoming you.

Enclosures within this package are:-

- booking form
- workshop choices
- proposed weekend schedule
- profiles of speakers and leaders of workshops
- travel information
- hotel and accommodation list

Please e-mail or photocopy all this correspondence to each member of your theatre, thank you.

Please return the completed booking form, workshop, and meal choices as soon as possible by **30 September** at the very latest to me (email or postal address above).

Apart from Sunday lunch all catering will take place in the Tithe Barn, which is diagonally opposite the theatre. Please make your meal choices clear and enclose these with your application and workshop choices, before or by the deadline date. It is important for the caterers that we have this information in good time.

We have assembled a number of professionals, as well as members, to help and support us during the weekend and profiles of these people are included. Carlisle is an historic and popular tourist centre so early booking for the whole Conference is advisable.

Our treasurer would prefer you to pay by BACs if possible. If you are unable to do this, cheques should be made payable to "Carlisle Green Room Club". Virgin Bank BACs details

Account: 10157649

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We look forward to seeing you in October for this historic event in the LTG calendar which coincides with the Club's 70th Anniversary. We promise you a warm Cumbrian welcome as always.

Yours sincerely,

**David Wood**

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**WORKSHOP AND MEAL CHOICES**

Name :-----

Theatre :-----

Please indicate your workshop choices in order of preference (1 is your favourite, etc.). As well as the workshops on Saturday you have the opportunity to attend some of our extra activities on the Sunday morning and we would be grateful if you could indicate your intention to attend by just ticking below. Please see extra sheet for workshop details and weekend schedule for timings.

**Saturday Workshops**

**Preference number**

1. Fun with Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_
2. Write it yourself! \_\_\_\_\_
3. Acting through improvisation \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Extras (tick if you would like to attend)**

1. Special needs drama group presentation. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Chance to present either your "Write it yourself" sketch or Shakespeare sequence. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Keynote Speaker----Tim Padley *A History of Carlisle* \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS AT THE CONFERENCE**

We are offering a meal deal for the whole conference for £20. This will include a buffet supper on Friday 14th, a buffet lunch on Saturday 15th and a Gala Dinner in the Tithe Barn at 5.15 p.m. on the Saturday evening. Individual meals can also be ordered for those who are just spending the Saturday with us. Please indicate your preferences on the booking form attached.



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**BOOKING FORM**

One form per delegate---Complete and email or post to address on covering letter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact 'phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile 'phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Theatre: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in theatre: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in LTG (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Special access requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOOKING** (please tick as required)

Delegates Fee (must be paid)	£15	_____
Conference meal deal	£20	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>£35</b>	_____
<i>Tick if require individual meals</i>		
Friday buffet supper	£6	_____
Saturday buffet lunch	£6	_____
Saturday Gala Dinner	£12	_____
Saturday performance: <i>The Odd Couple</i>		_____
Sunday lunch in Amato's Italian Restaurant (pay at restaurant)		_____
BACs Payment to Virgin: Acc: 10157649 Sort: 82-43-03 made		_____
<b>OR</b> cheque included		_____



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**WEEKEND SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)**

**Friday 14th October 2022 (TITHE BARN, CARLISLE)**

5.30 pm. onwards	Arrival and registration (tea, coffee, and biscuits)
6.30 pm.	LTG Committee Meeting
7.00 pm	Buffet supper
9.00 pm	Welcome from our chairman followed by live entertainment
10.00 pm	Late-night cabaret.

**Saturday 15th October 2022 (WEST WALLS THEATRE AND TITHE BARN)**

09.15 am	Registration and coffee
10.00 am	Welcome by the Chair and safety announcements
10.15 am	Workshop 1
11.15 am	Tea and Coffee
11.35 am	Workshop 2
12.35 pm	Lunch at Tithe barn
2.00 pm	AGM in main auditorium
2.45 pm	Open Forum (discussion topics to David Wood, before the conference)
3.30 pm	Return to accommodation or rehearse work for Sunday morning
5.00 pm	Arrive at Tithe Barn for a glass of sparkling wine before dinner
5.15 pm	Gala Dinner in Tithe Barn
7.00 pm	Transfer to West Walls Theatre
7.30 pm	Performance of <i>The Odd Couple</i> directed by Stewart Grant
10.00 pm- 11.30 pm	Cellar Bar open

**Sunday 16th October 2022 (WEST WALLS THEATRE)**

9.15 am	Tea, coffee, and biscuits with tour of the theatre
9.30 am	Performances of Workshop "mini-plays" and Shakespeare
10.15 am	Performance by GRC Special Needs Group
10.45 am	Tea, coffee and biscuits
11.15 am	Keynote speaker, GRC Member, Tim Padley <i>A History of Carlisle</i>
12.15 pm	Summing up by the Chairman and final comments
12.30 pm	Close of Conference
12.45 (onwards)	Lunch at Amato's Italian restaurant

Note: Please ensure no belongings are left in the Tithe Barn on Saturday and the Theatre will be open on Sunday after lunch to collect coats and bags



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## **Workshops and Profiles**

### **Fun with Shakespeare**

Nigel Banks

This workshop will be centred round the study of the section of a speech from one of Shakespeare's less well-known history plays, King Henry IV Part 2.

Participants will work in small groups and be able to use their creative imagination to find how best to present their version to an audience. No previous experience of performing Shakespeare is necessary and the main aim is for participants to have some fun without any pressure.

Nigel Banks is a GRC member and an experienced actor, director, and drama teacher. He has directed everything from the Jacobean Revenge Tragedies to the modern dramas of Pinter and Miller. He has also written original plays and short stories for radio.

### **Acting Through Improvisation**

Arwen Heaton

Arwen Heaton's workshops have proved invaluable over the years, and it is a pleasure to welcome her to the Green Room for the LTG Conference on the GRC's 70th Anniversary year. She will probably be well known to many of you here. The subject of the session has not been fully finalised and minor changes might have to be made but we shall keep you fully informed.

### **Write it yourself!!**

David Wood and team.

Fed up with costly royalties and deadly boring pantos, of thrillers that never thrill and of farces that are farcical? If so, this workshop could be the one for you. Why not write it yourself? David will lead a workshop which starts from the basics and works towards the performance of a short, self-written playlet on the subject of "Renewal".

Before joining the Green Room in 2007, David worked for the Greater Manchester Drama Federation as a full-time adjudicator. He is now the Chairman of the Green Room Club.

This is a great opportunity for all budding writers to have a go and to really see what a mixture of talent we have at our conference. It is hoped that some of the finished articles can be performed.

### **Keynote Speaker: A History of Carlisle**

Tim Padley

Tim Padley has worked on the Archaeology of Carlisle since 1980, first for the City's Archaeological Unit and later as Curator of Archaeology for the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust. He has also been a member of the Green Room Club for most of that time and is now the editor of the GRC monthly newsletter.

### **Special Needs Drama Group**

Kath Paterson and Stewart Grant

Earlier this year Kath and Stewart had the great idea of extending the world of the stage to those who have special needs, and this session will reflect some of the results of that. They have both been long standing members of the GRC and Kath is the current Bar Manager, whilst Stewart is also directing the play that you will see on Saturday night, *The Odd Couple*.



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## **How to get to Carlisle**

### **By car:**

If coming from the south, Junction 42 of the M6 for Carlisle South will be the ideal place to get off. If you miss it, the next Junction, (43) will take you almost to the same place. Once in the City Centre take the signs for "West", sometimes also marked for Workington, Keswick, and Cockermouth, but mainly using the points of the compass method. Once through the Citadel towers, the road takes you left after about 100 yards and the theatre is in the street which is second on the right. Look for Tesco Supermarket and turn right there. There is a car park, (Head's Lane) which is second on the right and is "pay at the end of your stay". Alternatively look for the signs to the West Walls Car Park. This is free after six o'clock in the evening but take warning, **it is locked at 11.00 pm!!**

If coming from the north, Junctions 44 and 43 of the M6 are equally good and once in town just take the signs painted on the road for "West" or "Station", from there you will pick up the route through the Citadel towers.

### **By train:**

Carlisle is probably one of the easiest towns in England to get to by train, linking most major cities and centres. There is the west coast main line to London, Glasgow and Edinburgh, the Trans Pennine to Manchester, Manchester Airport and Liverpool, the Settle and Carlisle Railway to and from Leeds, the Hadrian's Wall line to Hexham, Newcastle and Morpeth, the Cumbria coastline to Workington, Whitehaven and Barrow and the Scotrail service to Glasgow via Dumfries.

### **By bus:**

There are occasion bus services to London, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh and an hourly service to Hexham and Newcastle.

As with everything mentioned in this pack, if you need any further information, give David Wood a ring on 01228 711798



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**ACCOMMODATION**

**Where to stay in Carlisle.**

***Fern Lea Guest House:*** Details [HERE](#)

Green Room member Debbie Armstrong runs this charming guest house and has put aside rooms for us for the conference.

The address: 9, St. Aiden's Road, Carlisle

To book: 07745 728651 or e-mail Debbie on [debbie2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:debbie2010@hotmail.co.uk)

Available rooms: 3 single, 2 twins, 2 doubles and one that can be used as a twin or a double.

Cost: £45 pppn Bed and Breakfast.

***Crown and Mitre Hotel:*** Details [HERE](#)

The address: Greenmarket, Carlisle.

Tel: 01228 525491

***Station Hotel:*** Details [HERE](#)

The address: Court Square, Station Forecourt, Carlisle

Tel: 03300283401

***Ibis:*** Details [HERE](#)

The address, 33, Botchergate, Carlisle

Tel: 01228 587690

***Travelodge:*** Details [HERE](#)

The address: Cecil Street, CA1 1NL

Tel: 0871 9846374

***County Hotel:*** Details [HERE](#)

The address: 9, Botchergate, Carlisle CA1 1QP

Tel: 01228 531316

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