

Rustington Players

April 2023 Newsletter

It's been pretty busy since the last newsletter, so here's April's edition to bring you up to date.

Congratulations go out to Beth and Robbie Tolhurst on the birth of baby George in December (I am a tardy editor – sorry). We look forward to his first appearance in some RP productions, following in the footsteps of mum, dad and nana. Unsure if Gramps has trod the boards yet! George arrived a few months ago at a healthy 8lbs, exactly. I believe he helped as an extra team member for his mum and dad's team at the quiz night.

NODA Announcement

Each year our South-East NODA representative Keith Smithers has the opportunity to award four **ACCOLADES OF EXCELLENCE** to one dramatic production, two musical productions and one pantomime.

For 2022 we are delighted to share the news with you that Keith has awarded **Rustington Players** the **ACCOLADE OF EXCELLENCE, DRAMA** for our November 2022 production of **Goodnight Mister Tom**. We will notify you when the official presentation is due to take place.

Many congratulations to **Claire Cossins** Director, **Vinny Shepherd & Wendy Holloway** on the Production Team and all the cast and crew that made this production such an outstanding success.

February Social

The quiz evening was a great success and well attended with some new faces amongst the usual suspects. These are always a competitive affair. Thanks go to all involved, especially Chris Harris for the questions and Louise Winch for being our quiz ~~master~~ mistress.

The next social details:

- Skittles night in Findon, Saturday 29th April – see poster at the end of the newsletter for further details
- Summer BBQ, 15th July to be held at Jenny & Rob Pickering's house, details, TBC

March Production

The 2 short plays and the Grimley play were well attended and clearly enjoyed by both nights' audiences. We had sell-outs for both evenings and had to lay on a couple of extra tables to cater for the demand. NODA have already sent us their review:

I was Fine until you Came in the Room

Written by Rich Orloff

Director - Vinny Shepherd

Old Helen and Old Pete (Nadya Henwood and John Shepherd) are a couple who have been married for about forty years and are soliloquising and reminiscing about their first meeting in an art gallery and how they nearly missed the opportunity of a marriage through shyness and embarrassment. The dialogue is mixed with Young Helen and Young Pete (Ella Hayes and Jody Bull) playing out the parts from the past. The carefully written script is then shared out between the two different age couples to reveal a simple heartwarming story of an ordinary man and woman just enjoying some private thoughts and how lucky they were to be together. There were a lot of amusing moments throughout the short piece which was simply and effectively acted by the four characters.



The Unforgivable Sin of Forgiveness

Written by Rich Orloff

Director - Vinny Shepherd

He (Jody Bull) was a rather condescending husband and enjoyed making She (Julie Cleasby) look foolish after informing her that he has known about her affair for three years. She is thoroughly annoyed about this and turns the table on He by telling him how cruel and horrible it was to keep that sort of secret and wondering how she would be able to trust him again. In the end, the whole thing turns out to be a storm in a teacup rather than a full-blown argument and they go on with their lives together just as before. A strange story indeed - but it had quite a lot of funny moments thanks to the acting skills of the two characters.



Fish and chips followed by

The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley

Written by David Tristram

Director - Jenny Pickering

Here we are again in Little Grimley. For me, this is my third visit. Having met the four characters before, it is possible to see what a mess this is going to end in, yet the society still continues. "Little Grimley" stories are a little silly but their merit to real amateur dramatic societies is that similarities and traits in Gordon (Jason Evans), Margaret (Eileen Coan), Joyce (Gail Pichaelli) and Bernard (David Griffin) can be seen within their own society members. This particular story involves the arrival of a new theatre group in the village which must be stopped at any cost. Needless to say, despite plans to stop the new society going totally wrong and some injuries inflicted in an unexpected fracas, the Little Grimley Players live to see another day. Well done to the actors involved.



Thanks to Paul Arkinstall for the photos of the three studio plays.

June Production

It is with great regret that due to unforeseen circumstances, director Jane Vrettos has had to postpone ***How The Other Half Loves***.

The committee have considered alternatives however the timescales were too tight with insufficient rehearsal slots in order to stage a June production of the standard expected. Consequently there will be no production in June, however we are already progressing towards our November production.

AUDITION NOTICE – November Production

BLOOD BROTHERS (Play Version)

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL at the John de Bohun Room in the Woodlands Centre, Rustington at 7.30pm.

This Audition is for the twin brothers MICKEY and EDDIE **only**.

Playing age is 7yrs to around 35yrs. We meet the twins when they are 7 years old, and at various ages to adulthood.

MICKEY has a Liverpool accent, EDDIE does not.

The audition will be when they first meet at 7 years-old and their final meeting as adults. There are YouTube clips of them and the dialogue is pretty much the same in the Musical as the play. You can also find accent coaching clips to help with the Liverpool accent.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30 at the Woodlands Centre in Rustington and **the show is 22nd – 25th November 2023**. There is a membership fee of £20 which runs for a year and a show fee of £15 which covers script, refreshments, costume etc.

Please contact the Director if you would like further information or to register your interest and spread the word!! vinnyshepherd@hotmail.co.uk

There is an update to the auditions for the rest of the cast, so will now be on **TUESDAY 27th JUNE. This will be for an ensemble of around 4 female and 2 or so males.**

Skittles evening details

Shortened clickable booking link <http://bit.ly/4OuURmM>

See poster on the next page!

Rustington Players present
A SKITTLES SOCIAL!

Saturday 29th April 2023

7pm @ The Black Horse, Findon, BN14 0SX

For members and friends. £12 per person.

Meal included! Pre booking essential.

Complete this form to book your place.

<https://forms.gle/Hmbdogo8Y7YbPJcp9>

Or call 07546 306438.

