

# *Rustington Players*

January 2023 Newsletter

We can now confirm our new committee. They are as follows:

## **Committee**

**Chairman:** Jenny Pickering

**Treasurer:** Wendy Holloway

**Secretary:** Jill Onslow

Jill Onslow (**Membership Secretary**)

Claire Cossins (**Youth Theatre Director**)

Vinny Shepherd (**Play Co-ordinator**)

Chris Harris (**Bar Manager**)

Gordon Keys (**Social Media**)

Louise Winch (**Social Secretary**)

Over the next few weeks, we shall highlight the new members of the committee to introduce us to the membership.

Therefore, I shall start and introduce myself as **Gordon Keys**, the new editor of this newsletter and shall be looking after all things in cyberspace (website, Facebook and other communication methods).

I became a member, with my wife Karen, back in 2018 and we have loved being involved. Karen helps front of house and I dabble behind the bar when I don't tread the boards. I also point my camera a bit for the players and do headshots, press shots and the dress rehearsals to keep a record of our work.

## **Jenny Pickering**

I was thrilled to be asked to be chairman of Rustington Players and follow in my father's footsteps. I started acting with Rustington Players as a child in the 1970's! I re-joined the players as an adult and have been an active member of the society for the last 20-ish years. I have served on the committee previously for several years.

In August 2019 my husband Rob took a job on Ascension Island and we have been living there for the last 3 years (my blog of life on Ascension Island is [www.thepickerings.info/wp](http://www.thepickerings.info/wp)).



I have kept in touch with my “players family” by Zoom (Covid play readings and quizzes), emails and through my daughter and son-in-law (Elizabeth & Robbie Tolhurst) who are also active members and I hope to slot back happily into the committee.

It was lovely to come back to the UK and go to see the November production of Goodnight Mr Tom. It was wonderful to see some of our old youth theatre, new youth and mature members taking part.

I’m hoping that this year we can re-establish the youth theatre and continue to be inclusive of all ages, abilities and experience going forward.

I’m grateful to be able to work with an enthusiastic committee and excited to share in the planning of the coming productions and socials with a dedicated team.

I’m looking forward to meeting our new members who have joined while I’ve been away and will be delighted to catch up with the rest of the “RP family” soon.

## February Social

We hope you will be able to come along either as individuals, pairs or as teams of 6 and join us for a fun evening. NB: There will be **NO bar**; please do remember to bring your own refreshments!

A poster for a Quiz Night event. The background is dark blue with a brick pattern. At the top, the text 'Rustington Players present' is written in a white, cursive font. In the center, the words 'QUIZ NIGHT' are written in a large, stylized, glowing font. 'QUIZ' is in pink and 'NIGHT' is in blue. The text is surrounded by yellow and white starburst shapes, triangles, and stars. Below the graphic, the event details are listed in white text: 'Saturday 11th February 2023', 'Please arrive for a 7.30pm start', 'John de Bohun Room, Woodlands Centre', '£5 per person', 'Please bring your own snacks, drinks and glasses', 'Family and friends welcome', and 'Bring a team or just yourself!'.

*Rustington Players present*



**Saturday 11th February 2023**

**Please arrive for a 7.30pm start**

**John de Bohun Room, Woodlands Centre**

**£5 per person**

**Please bring your own snacks, drinks and glasses**

**Family and friends welcome**

**Bring a team or just yourself!**

## November Production

Following the success of their November 2022 production of 'Goodnight Mister Tom', Rustington Players are presenting a Studio Production 'A Theatre Triple Bill of Short Comedies' for 2 nights only on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023, *with a twist – cabaret seating and Fish & Chips will be served!*

The first 2 short plays are written by Rich Orloff who won 'Best Play' in last year's Arundel Theatre Trail. '**I Was Fine Until You Came in The Room**' involves an older couple reminiscing at their Anniversary celebrations of how they met. We also meet their 20-year-old selves.

'**The Unforgivable Sin of Forgiveness**' is about a married couple dealing with the fallout of discovering the wife's infidelity.

After our supper of fish and chips, we take you to Little Grimley once again (they featured in last March's triple bill of comedies). '**The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley**' by David Tristram finds our 4 heroes finally trying to tackle a musical – traditionally their Achilles heel. Well, one of their many Achilles heels, to be fair. This is a Society with more weak heels than a lame centipede.

The odds are stacked against them – not just stacked but piled to the rafters, higher than a giant's supermarket shelf in a clearance sale. The locals who saw their last production are still in therapy and suing for psychological damage. What's more a rival society – and a very good one too – has set up on their doorstep and is selling tickets like hot cakes. And they're performing the same musical!

It all looks grim in Little Grimley. But it's never over – until the Fat Lady Sings....

Performance Dates: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm

(Doors and bar open at 7.00pm)

Venue: Woodlands Centre, Rustington BN16 3HB

**PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AS AUDIENCE MAXIMUM IS 60 PER NIGHT**

***NO ADMISSION WITHOUT PRE-BOOKING***

**TICKETS £15 (includes supper)**

**To book (and order fish and chips) call 07546 306438**

**Poster on the next page...**

Rustington  
Players Present A Theatre Supper Triple Bill  
of Short Comedies

I Was Fine Until  
You Came In The Room  
by Rich Orloff

Directed by  
Vinny Shepherd



The Unforgivable  
Sin Of forgiveness  
also by Rich Orloff

The Fat Lady Sings  
In Little Grimley  
by David Tristram

Directed by  
Jenny Pickering



Fri 17th & Sat 18th March 2023  
at 7.30. Doors and bar open at 7.00  
Woodlands Centre, Rustington. BN16 3HB

**For tickets call 07546 306 438**  
**Tickets cost £15 (including fish & chips)**  
**All tickets and food must be pre-booked**

This amateur production of "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk).

The amateur production of the other two plays are by arrangement with the author.  
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June Production

Director Jane Vrettos is working hard getting this production underway and we are looking forward to it. Auditions will be held in March..... more details to follow nearer the time.

*Rustington Players present*



*Alan Ayckbourn's*

# **How The Other Half Loves**

*Directed by Jane Vrettos*



**Weds 14th—Sat 17th June 2023**

@19.30, Doors & Bar open at 19.00.

Woodlands Centre, Rustington, BN16 3HB

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/rustingtonplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rustingtonplayers)

or call 07546 306438 Also available on the door. Tickets £12

This amateur production of 'How The Other Half Loves' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. On behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk).

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