

MOOT HOUSE PLAYERS

Box Office :-
74 Copse Hill
HARLOW, Essex

present

THE LIFE DEATH OF ALMOST EVERYBODY

A More or Less Comic Strip by David Campton

Moot Hall, The Stow, HARLOW, Essex at 8.00 pm
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 7, 8 and 9, 1985

Suppose for one remarkable moment you had the chance to create a whole new world...your imagination became truly creative ... how good do you think you'd be at playing God ? Could you do better than the hero of our first play of the season - a simple man with a broom ? What would be your version of Adam and Eve ? Could you bring out the "old Harry in you" and come up with an Aunt Harriet ? We wonder...here is your chance to find out how Mac the Cleaner gets on - the answer comes from the safe hands of David Campton. THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ALMOST EVERYBODY is the sort of play which only he seems to write nowadays; starting off with an empty space he eventually lets loose a whole galaxy of characters, giving us a cartoon history of many Biblical myths with a few devastating side glances at international politics. Mainly comic in tone, the play never loses sight of the dark side of human feelings - the side which won't go away and has to be faced and, somehow, contained. In the last analysis it is the twentieth century's exploration of this thought for the day "well, this maybe how it is - but who is writing the script ?"

David Campton is hoping to join us for the last night of the run when he will see a company led by Jon Macnamara as the Creator-Cleaner with support from Nick Chinery, Ann Lang and Yvonne Mitchley in focal parts, aided and abetted by Jennifer Southwell and Gordon Hewlett and a whole host of "almost everybody" ! Christopher Driver is in charge of lighting and sound, with Laws on costume, while Michael Rale-Cope directs.

Please reserve your seats on the form below or telephone

HARLOW 25959 (day) HARLOW 21849 (evening)

PLEASE NOTE NOT CIKETS WILL BE SENT UNLESS A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS PROVIDED.....OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE HELD AT THE BOX OFFICE UNTIL 7.45 pm ON GHE APPROPRIATE EVENING

RESERVATION FORM
"LIFE AND DEATH"
To Inger Collins,
74 Copse Hill
HARLOW

from NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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Please reserve the following:-

Thurs Fri Sat
Nov 7 Nov 8 Nov 9

Adults @ £1.50 — — —

Concessions @ 60p — — NO CONCESSION

Remittances to Moot House Players with S.A.E. if you wish the tickets to be sent to you.

MOOT HOUSE PLAYERS

NEWSLETTER JUNE 1985

MERELY
PLAYERS XXIII
Sunday June 9

Please find enclosed full details of the last MERELY PLAYERS OF THIS SEASON. Please come if you possibly can as the occasion is not likely to be repeated. ...David Campton is not often in these parts and I am sure you would all enjoy meeting him. His agent is coming down as well so the discussion could well be entertaining on more than one level ! It will help enormously in planning the food and drink if you can let the Box Office know if you're coming before Saturday....you and I know that you will be able to get in "at the door" but how am I expected to know how much food to prepare if I haven't the vaguest idea of requirements ?

MIDSUMMER
NIGHTS DREAM
HATFIELD HEATH
VILLAGE HALL
June 30

Anyone who missed the Moot Hall showings please note that we shall be giving the play at Hatfield on Sunday June 30..... if you are interested in attending please let me know and I will arrange tickets. CAST PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS A REHEARSAL on June 28

NEXT
SEASON

Volunteers please for producing next season's major productions as well as at least 2 MERELY PLAYERS Sunday evenings of experimental work. The dates, which are all available at the time of writing are:-

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| Major Productions: | Week-ending | November 9 | 1985 |
| | " " | January 25 | 1986 |
| | " " | March 22 | " |
| | " " | May 10 | " |
| | " " | July 19 | " |
| Merely Players : | February 9 | 1986 | |
| | May 24 | " | |

Please let Jack have your ideas for plays AS SOON AS POSSIBLE preferably as long a list as possible to give him a chance to balance the programme a bit.....remember that January has become associated with a children's show and this tradition we would like to continue if at all possible as it makes a positive contribution to the local community.

EDUCATING
RITA
July 18 19 20

The season's last major production is in rehearsal with Jenny Southwell and Jon MacNamara in the leads and Owen Mooney directing. Am putting in this advance reminder because we are very anxious to sell tickets when the time comes and its audience appeal seems to be slackening off.....please put it in your diaries.....with a cast of only 2 tickets need boosting !

Yvonne

MOOT HOUSE PLAYERS

NEWSLETTER - MAY 1985.

THE DREAM
May 15-18

Rehearsals are going pretty well for this revival....a strong and large cast enjoying themselves BUT bookings are poor....we have been badly affected by teachers' possible industrial action preventing the usual flood seat reservations which this play provides.....so please, do your best to come and to encourage other people to come to the cheapest Shakespeare production available probably in Great Britain....let alone in Essex ! ALSO WE NEED HELP FOR SETTING UP PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING MAY 11....anyother time over the weekend of course, but Saturday is very important.....there is much moving of rostra to be done. Similarly we need help on Front of House for the run.....both our FOH managersGeoff and Jacqui are in THE DREAM so we are particularly short.please ring Jacqui or Geoff and volunteer.....please. (Jacqui, 29771 Geoff 724224) *Please book this date.....David Campton, author of some hundreds of scripts for theatre, radio and TV is coming down to see Mike Rawle-Cope's productions of two of his one-acters (INCIDENT & ATTITUDES) and take part in discussion afterwards. We have done various Camptons in the past - including JONAH - but this is the first time David has visited us on our home ground

MERELY
PLAYERS
Sunday
June 9

THE EDWARDS Our older players will be very sad to hear that Gladys and Harry Edwards who have been associated with the company since the late fifties have now left the district. Gladys was one of the best amateur actors in the area - she last played for us in LARKRISE as well as being one of the most sensitive lighting operators we've ever had -- Harry was always willing to 'walk on' but his major contribution was as a s~~h~~ electrician....he lit every show in Moot Hall from 1958 onwards until Chris Driver came along in the 70's and Harry's increasing work load made it impossible for him to carry on... among other things, Harry and his son Barry actually built the lighting gallery and installed the first switchboard - which is still in use as a distribution panel. We have enjoyed their company, their friendship and their huge contribution in the early years of the Players....we shall miss them a lot. Their new address is 38 Bel Air Mobile Home Park,
Swinthorpe, Binbrook, Lincolnshire.
Needless to say, they would love to see any Players who may be in the area at any time.

PLEASE TO REMEMBER "THE DREAM" AND DAVID CAMPTON

Yvonne

THE MOOT HOUSE PLAYERS HAVE PLEASURE IN EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE MARK HALL AND NETTESWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.....TO VISIT THEIR PRODUCTION OF SHAKESPEARE'S FAMOUS COMEDY

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

ON EITHER Wednesday, May 15, 1985 OR Saturday, May 18 , 1985 at 7.30 p.m. in Moot Hall

TICKET PRICES FOR THESE PERFORMANCES ONLY FOR CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE C.A. WILL BE HALVED that is TWO SEATS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

This concession is being offered by the Players in order to give members of the C.A. a chance to see their own drama group in action at the lowest possible prices and to encourage people to come along who may never have seen the Players at work. The cast is one of the strongest and biggest we have had available for some time , over twenty actors will be involved, including C.A. members of long standing such as Kenneth Collins, Gordon Hewlett, Michael Caswell and Yvonne Mitchley and many others.

The Players hope very much that as many people as possible will take advantage of this offer by filling in the form below and returning it to their Box Office Manager, Inger Collins at 74, Copse Hill, Harlow as soon as possible.

IF YOU WISH THE TICKETS TO BE RETURNED TO YOU PLEASE ENCLOSE REMITTANCE AND STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE HELD "ON THE DOOR" UNTIL 7.15p.m. ON THE EVENING OF THE PERFORMANCE

IF FOR ANY REASON THE BOX OFFICE CANNOT FULFILL YOUR ORDER YOU WILL BE INFORMED

PLEASE COME AND BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

***** THIS OFFER DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PRESENT MEMBERS OF MOOT HOUSE PLAYERS THEY ARE THE HOSTS !

CONCESSION BOOKING FORM FOR " A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

To Mrs.Collins, 74 Copse Hill, Harlow, Essex

FROM Name.....

Address.....

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*** M.H.&N.C.A. Membership Number.....

Telephone No.....

Please reserve me seats as under:-

| | Wednesday May 15 | Saturday May 18 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| (Usually £1.20) Adults @ 60p | _____ | _____ |
| (Usually 50p) Concessions for OAPs children etc @ 25p | _____ | _____ |

Remittances to Moot House Players No concessions unless*** is filled in.

M O O T H O U S E P L A Y E R S

Box Office :-
74, Copse Hill,
HARLOW, Essex

present

A M I D S U M M E R N I G H T ' S D R E A M

The comedy by William Shakespeare

Moot Hall, The Stow, Harlow at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 15 - 16 - 17 - 18, 1985

Certainly the best known of Shakespeare's comedies and probably the best known English comedy of all time, THE DREAM, as it has been known affectionately for generations, needs no introduction; it is, quite simply, one of the finest and most enjoyable pieces of play-writing the world has ever known.

The play has a universal appeal to people of all ages and we anticipate that schools will wish to bring parties - hence the early start of 7.30 pm.

***** WE DO URGE ANY SCHOOLS DESIROUS OF BOOKING BLOCKS OF SEATS TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE HAVE A VERY SMALL SEATING CAPACITY FOR THIS CENTRALLY-STAGED PRODUCTION - ALSO THIS IS ALMOST CERTAINLY THE LAST TIME WE SHALL BE ABLE TO OFFER STUDENT TICKETS AT 50p FOR A FULL-SCALE SHAKESPEARE PRODUCTION INVOLVING OVER 20 ACTORS, NOT TO MENTION MUSICIANS AND TECHNICIANS.

This will be the Players third presentation of THE DREAM - the first was in 1958 and the second in 1973; happily no less than three members of the 1958 cast are still available for this production, as is the case of four members of the 1973 version, so we have 7 actors who are very familiar with the play and hope to build on their previous characterisations. Our regular audiences will be very familiar with the very strong company which has been assembled for this revival, including as it does Charles Hill, Rory Hollywood, Mike Rawle-Cope, John Banks, Colin Hayman, Robin Harcourt, Michael Caswell, Gordon Hewlett, Ken Collins, Ian Beckett, Jack Mitchley, Geoffrey Leeds, Gillian Hill, Jennifer Southwell, Jennifer Taylor, Jacqui Cresswell, Yvonne Mitchley, Paulene Carter, Karen Neal, Henrietts Branwell, together with assorted male fairies and Indian Boys !

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEATS USING THE FORM BELOW OR TELEPHONE
HARLOW 25959 (Day) 21849 (Evening)

The play has been directed by Jack Mitchley with decor by Paul Regeli,
Costumes by Laws and lighting and sound by Christopher Driver.
Music supervised by John Hutchings

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MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM RESERVATION FORM FROM:- Name.....
To Inger Collins, 74 Copse Hill,
Harlow, Essex
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Office unless a STAMPED ADDRESSED
ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED for their return.
Remittances to Moot House Players.

| | Wed, May 15 | Thurs. May 16 | Fri. May 17 | Sat May 18 |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Adults @ £1.20 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Children @ 50p | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Happy New Year to all !

THE STORY

PIRATES

January 23-24-
25-26

Rehearsals are in full swing for the first show of the year... Roger's new children's play.....We are very anxious about the setting up weekend - Saturday and Sunday Jan.19 and 20... we need all the help we can get.....Roger Williamson is not available on the Saturday and poor Chris Driver has pulled a ligament in one leg and is in plaster.....so all hands to the pumps as they say. Robin Harcourt will be OC the operation on the Saturday...please come and support him from 10.am onwards. We also need help front of house for the 4 night run...please volunteer to Jacqui Cresswell as usual. Full details of the show are enclosed...bring the kiddies as they say !

MERELY PLAYERS

Previously

Feb.10 NOW

POSTPONED TO

Feb.24

Through circumstances beyond our control we have been forced to postpone the Sunday show from Feb.10 to FEBRUARY 24. It will be a devised/improvised play under the direction of Karen Neal... no title as yet....if you are interested come along to class sometime and see what's happening....or contact Karenn and ask her !

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday

March 2 Moot Hall

10.30 -12noon

Mick and Rosemary Caswell are organising this as mentioned in last newsletterif you have anything jumbly and saleable please deliver it to them at 106 The Chantry or let them know (Tel.36830) so that they can collect. They need help sorting and selling as from 8.00am on the day of the sale....please volunteer to 36830

SUPPLIES OF

LEICHNER

MAKE-UP

On sale in Playhouse Foyer Saturdays 10.30 am to midday and Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.00 pm. Further details from Helen Langley on Harlow 21201

CCAT

Conference

London

Feb 8/9/10

The Central Council for Amateur Theatre is staging its first amateur theatre conference at the London Park Hotel and the National Theatre on the dates indicated....one or two members of the Players will be there (Jack is Chairman of the CCAT) among them Mike Rawle -Cope and Gordon Hewlett.....anyone interested please contact Jack or one of the others.

C.A.SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE ARE DUE ARE DUE....PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE PAID YOURS

CLASS

No Class Monday January 21. Re-open Jan 28.

YVONNE

MERELY PLAYERS
SUNDAY MARCH /
/ 3 /

PLEASE NOTE that the postponed date for MERELY PLAYERS is now finalised for March 3 at 8.0 p.m. The postponement has been almost entirely due to Jack being out of significant action since Feb.8he has been in and out of bed like a yo-yo fighting a 'flu coldhis deepest apologies to all concerned - he hopes he will be able to be with us on March 3 !

Please do your best to support MERELY PLAYERS XXII as the group has suffered from these assorted postponements and delays and can do with a bit of encouragement !

JUMBLE SALE
MARCH 2

Likewise may I remind you of the Players JUMBLE SALE in Moot Hall on March 2nd at 10.0 am.....MICK AND ROSEMARY STILL NEED JUMBLE AND ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SORT AND ORGANISE FROM 8 AM ON THE 2nd March Please ring Roise on Harlow 36830 if you have jumble for collection and/or are willing to give a hand.

THE MAGISTRATE
March 21,22,23

We desperately need all the help that people can give for setting up on Saturday/Sunday March 16/17 and Jacqui Cresswell needs FOH people for the run.....please help as usual.

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE PAID YOUR C.A. SUB FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Yvonne.