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# Life of Riley by Alan Ayckbourn

### Cast

Mary Angela Hodgson a teacher, George's estranged wife Simeon Geoff Leeds a farmer, widower & Mary's new partner Alan Hodgson Jack a businessman, George's oldest & best friend **Catriona MacLeay** Tamsin a former beautician, Jack's wife Colin Michael Rees a doctor Kathryn **Bridget McAlpine** a dental receptionist, Colin's wife Directed by Jon McNamara Sound by Jon McNamara Lighting by Michael Branwell, Rigged by Emily Brown, Rory Davies and Oliver Quintrell **Production Manager - Anne Farr** Stage Manager - Alan Hodgson Prompt - Anne Farr Set design - Jon McNamara Props - Angela Hodgson Set built by Geoff Leeds and Alan Hodgson Set painted by Margaret Beenson, Paul Regeli and members of the players

The play is set in four gardens over a year between May and November

Act 1 Scene 1 – May Scene 2 - July

#### Interval

### Act 2 Scene 1 - September Scene 2 – (Epilogue) November

Three members of "Peggy Parker's Players" (Kathryn, Tamsin and Colin) meet for the first rehearsals of Alan Ayckbourn's "Relatively Speaking" when they receive two pieces of really bad news.

One is that Jeff the 'junior lead' of the company (who suffers from the most repulsive acne) has withdrawn from the production to move to Wolverhampton to live with his new girlfriend. The other bad news is that their mutual friend, George Riley, has cancer and only another six months to live.

In a twist of logic George is invited to take Jeff's part in the play to keep his mind off his condition. George throws himself into the production with great enthusiasm. All is well until it appears that George has arranged to holiday for two weeks in Tenerife, with three different women at the same time.

The play addresses the subject of how we deal with a dying friend and how George resolves the problem of who he takes on holiday.

I do hope you enjoy our production as much as we have enjoyed working on it.

# Jon McNamara (Director)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 9th, 10th & 11th : "Side Effects" by Eric Chappell, directed by Anne Farr and Kerry Rowland.

Frank Cook, having been taken ill with a rare complaint, has been booked into a private nursing home by his wife June for a week's respite. Whilst there, he encounters the Reverend Paul Latimer who is recovering from a heart transplant and whose odd behaviour is beginning to alarm his wife, Sarah.

July 11th, 12th & 13th : "Guilty Secret" by Roger Mortimer-Smith, directed by Dan Powell.

A newly released thriller - you'll find twists and turns a-plenty in this tense drama. Hold onto your seats, the shocks just keep coming!

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