

Spring Grove Fringe – 2019



Matchbox Theatre

by
Michael Frayn

Short entertainments to amuse and delight

Friday 29th November at 8.00pm
Saturday 30th November at 8.00pm

St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane, KT1 2SU

Reg. Charity No. 1150982

Matchbox Theatre

Matchbox Theatre is a collection of humorous short entertainments by renowned British playwright Michael Frayn, famous for his farce *Noises Off*, and the dramas *Copenhagen* and *Democracy*.

The individual items are loosely connected through the topic of communication, its shortcomings and misunderstandings, talking about, talking to, talking at cross purposes.

The characters may be in a play, in a book, may be you, may be us all!

Sleepers — Street Scene — Looking Back — Corrected Version —
Outside Story — Master of the Mobile — Themselves

SUPPER INTERVAL

Interval — Sponsor Me! — Blackout Number — About Myself —
Finishing Touches — Backdate — Aught for Naught

The Company, in order of speaking:

Karina Ramnarain, Adrian Treloar, Tony Tresigne, Nigel Duffin,
Linda Rhead, Scott Milligan, Jenny Robson, Sandie Glenny,
Laurie South, David Hamilton, Janice Smith, Amanda Shaw,
Jacqui Rollason, Bethany Birley, Val Boyle, Jo Need, Lynn Charlton,
Jonathan Rollason, Matt Sexton.

Directed by Adrian Treloar, Laurie South, Janice Smith, Roger Chown

Produced by Nigel Duffin

Prompt Janice Smith

Costumes Jenny Robson & Sandy Gavshon

Lighting & Sound Nigel Duffin & Adrian Treloar

Technical support Mark Springthorpe

Stage Manager & Props Helen Dawson

Catering Amanda Shaw & Val Boyle

Bar Gavin Dawson

A word from our Sponsors



Robert and Frances, or Mr and Mrs Andrews as they prefer to be called, have had a bountiful harvest this year and, of their munificence, have graciously donated a bale of hay (declined by the weevils) to scatter the humble floor of our hall, out of sight and smell in the far distant valley. They hope that some of you may be able to drive by their vast estate quite soon, though be assured that Mr Andrews is not making a fashion statement with the gun.



Giovanni and Giovanna run the infamous nightclub 'Arnolfinis' in Mill Street, that most shady district of Kingston. A cleverly placed mirror did not prevent the club being raided recently, when police discovered a stash of Class A drugs under the dress of the lady of the house. The sniffer dog they had bred was found to be ineffective. Fortunately much of their illicit alcohol had been transferred to SGF, so Hogsmill residents can kick off their shoes and continue to enjoy this couple's Flemish hospitality.

The SGF Pantomime – February 7th/8th 2020

Jack and the Beanstalk – it's all the usual stuff – Oh no it isn't! – Oh yes it is !

A cow, a chicken, a whole hill of beans (some with stalks, some without), a hero, a heroine, idiot villagers, women dressed as men, men dressed as women.

Plenty of singing, dancing and bad jokes, but served up with the usual SGF dash and verve and *absolutely not to be missed!*

A successful year

In our last financial year, up to the end of this October, we had four very successful shows and were able to donate £4250 to charity, £2500 more than we have done in previous years. However, we do have increasing costs. There are increased hall hire fees and we currently pay £100 per month for a garage in which to store our valuable stock of costumes and props. In addition the garage is not ideal, as it is damp, not being designed for clothing storage!

If you know of any dry storage available in the local area, please let us know.

Moving on Together



Following this production, a donation will be made to The Moving on Together Community Support Group, a peer-led voluntary group run by ex-clients of the Kingston Wellbeing Service. Members have overcome their own addictions and decided that they would like to help others in the local area who are still struggling on their own journey of recovery.

The Lodge at Surbiton Health Centre is used as a drop-in, for advice, free haircuts and for classes – acupuncture, art, sewing etc. A meal is provided at the Thursday session – the food is collected from local supermarkets and cooked in the Lodge.

Recently clients had an art exhibition at Cass Art.