



Spring Grove Fringe – 2018

A Bunch of Amateurs

by Ian Hislop & Nick Newman

Friday 23rd November at 7.45pm
Saturday 24th November at 7.45pm

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

Reg. Charity No. 1150982

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CAST

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| Dorothy Nettle | Sandie Glenny |
| Nigel Dewbury | Scott Milligan |
| Mary Plunkett | Janice Smith |
| Denis Dobbins | Laurie South |
| Jefferson Steel | David Hamilton |
| Lauren Bell | Sarah Richardson |
| Jessica Steel | Olivia Hamilton |

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| Director | Roger Chown |
| Assistant to the Director | Sandy Gavshon |
| Music | Original music by Paul Reeves |
| Lighting | Nigel Duffin |
| Sound | Mark Springthorpe |
| Technical support | Adrian Treloar |
| Stage Team | Tony Tresigne |
| Set Design | Jenny Robson |
| Props | Jo Need & Sandy Gavshon |
| Costumes | Jo Need & Jenny Robson |
| Prompt | Jo Need |
| Supper | Amanda Shaw, Barbara Higham & Jenny Robson |
| Bar | Rod Gavshon, Ed Newton & Gary Weston-Shaw |
| Box Office | Tessa Kind |

Keen to boost his flagging career, fading Hollywood action hero, Jefferson Steel arrives in England to play King Lear at Stratford. Unfortunately his agent has made a small error and instead of performing on Avon, he finds himself at a small Suffolk village called Stratford St John. His ego, vanity and insecurity are tested to the limit by the enthusiastic amateur thespians he encounters.

“A laugh a minute” Mail on Sunday

“Terrific comedy” Whatsonstage

Jefferson Steel – American Action Hero!

Jefferson Steel, as he so modestly describes himself, is ‘a four letter word, beginning with S’! Acting is what he does and theatre has been in always been his first love.

His ever-adoring public first became aware of him as the cheeky young boy who encouraged every Dad to be proud to smoke *real* American cigarettes and to surround their kids with patriotism, apple pie and a thin haze of acrid smoke.

No medical expense was spared in getting him in shape to repay his debt to the nicotine muse and so it was that, with help from his agent Charlie Rosen and a personal-training corset, he ‘became’ Jack Finality.

In this role, he was able to enhance the acting careers of many nubile co-leads (initiates, as he warmly called them), giving them the benefit of his **huge** experience. As the film ‘Ultimate Finality’ proved to be the beginning of a franchise, he was able to encourage each initiate to make way for another to take part in the Jack Finality ride.

He has always denied that his all-time favourite publicity photo, ‘Jefferson Buns-of-Steel’ was in fact a stunt double.



Our charity for this show



Following this production, a donation will be made to The Salvation Army in memory of Imran Nadir Khan.

Most of us think of The Salvation Army as those rather elderly people in very smart uniforms who stand outside Marks & Spencer in the run-up to Christmas. It is an image which has been indelibly inscribed in our minds and nurtured over many years. It may account for the fact that last Christmas the Salvation Army raised just under ten million pounds!

With a vital Christian ethic, the range of work done to help and support so many in need is remarkable. Winter shelters for the homeless, drop-in centres, charity retail shops and community cafés are just some of the services provided by the Salvation Army at their 667 UK Corps centres.

An international charity dedicated to human wellbeing, the Salvation Army is at the heart of care in the community.

Card payments at the bar



We are trialling acceptance of card payments at the bar – contactless or chip-and-PIN. Mastercard, Visa, AmEx, etc.

Take the waiting out of wanting! ... That'll do nicely, thank you!!

Next SGF production ... The Annual Panto February 8th/9th – Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

Robin Hood and his men triumph over the evil Sheriff and his henchmen 'Bo and 'Arry. Also King John tries to usurp the throne and kidnap Maid Marion's wards Ricky and Bianca ...

