

# SPRING GROVE FRINGE



## POCKET PLAYHOUSE PLUS

14 ENTERTAINMENTS TO AMUSE & DELIGHT  
BY MICHAEL FRAYN

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Welcome

So who is Sylvia ... you remember Sylvia?

Pharmachristenin ... at the Committee Meeting

Masterprompt ... on the stage

Still Life ... in the Market Place

Tea for Who ... not just me and you

Through! ... on the telephone

International English ... at the Conference

I Know, I know ... you do remember him?

## Interval

Prompts ... couples at the Restaurant

Frim Fram Sauce ... by Redd Evans and Joe Ricardel

Blackout Number ... when the actors leave the stage

Bad Buy ... a disappointed customer

Guidance ... in the car

Che Sara ... a night at the opera

The Annotated Richard ... killed by commentary

Thank You and Goodnight

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Directors Janice Smith & Jenny Robson

Stage Team Tony Tresigne & Kyle French-Wollen

Set Design & Props Jenny Robson

Sound Mark Springthorpe

Lighting Nigel Duffin

Prompt Keith Glennly

Catering Amanda Shaw & Cameron Weston-Shaw

Front of House Amanda Shaw & Sarah Richardson

Bar Jayne Britten & Al Britten

# The Company

Adrian Treloar, Cameron Weston-Shaw, (voice of) David Hamilton,  
Janice Smith, Jenny Robson, Jo Need, Karina Ramnarain,  
Kyle French-Wollen, Laurie South, Lynn Charlton, Nigel Duffin,  
Sandie Glenny, Scott Milligan, Tony Tresigne

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## Michael Frayn

Michael Frayn grew up in Ewell, was educated at Kingston Grammar School and now, aged 90, lives in Petersham with his second wife, the biographer Claire Tomalin. So we can claim him as local!

He is one of our greatest living dramatists and a versatile writer who has had both critical and commercial success as a playwright and as a novelist. He has also won a string of awards for both, though he has declined a knighthood and a CBE.



He has had an acclaimed career as a satirical journalist, on the Guardian and the Observer, and has written screenplays (including 'Clockwise' with John Cleese) as well as philosophical works. Having learned Russian during his period of national service he is Britain's finest translator of Anton Chekov!

His novels include 'Tin Men', and 'Spies'. His dramas include 'Copenhagen', 'Democracy' and farces including 'Noises Off' – described by one critic as a work which "is, was, and probably always will be the funniest play written in my life time".

## Pocket Playhouse

The pieces this evening are mostly taken from Michael Frayn's 'Matchbox Theatre', 'Pocket Playhouse', and 'Magic Mobile' — three collections 'offered for performance in the smallest theatre in the world: the theatre of your own imagination'. The individual pieces 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!

We hope that you will enjoy Spring Grove Fringe's offering of these pieces on our modest – but real – stage.

## British Red Cross

Following this production, we will be making a donation to British Red, a charity which helps anyone, anywhere in the UK and around the world, get the support they need if crisis strikes.



**BritishRedCross**

In the UK, they provide

- specialist equipment to support people with their mobility needs.
- practical support for those struggling with the rising cost of living
- emergency support for refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants, including victims of trafficking.

Internationally, working as part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, they are helping around the world to prevent or ease human suffering. Currently, following international humanitarian law of armed conflict, they are supporting people affected by the devastating humanitarian crisis in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.



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**Spring Grove Fringe presents:**

## **Jazz & Dinner**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**Doors open 7.30pm**

**Jazz by TriTone**

**Sally alto sax, Peter guitar,  
Korinna bass**

**Dinner by Amanda, Mary and friends**

**Tickets £20 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/SGF](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/SGF) include two course supper. Licensed bar.  
St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane KT1 2SU**

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