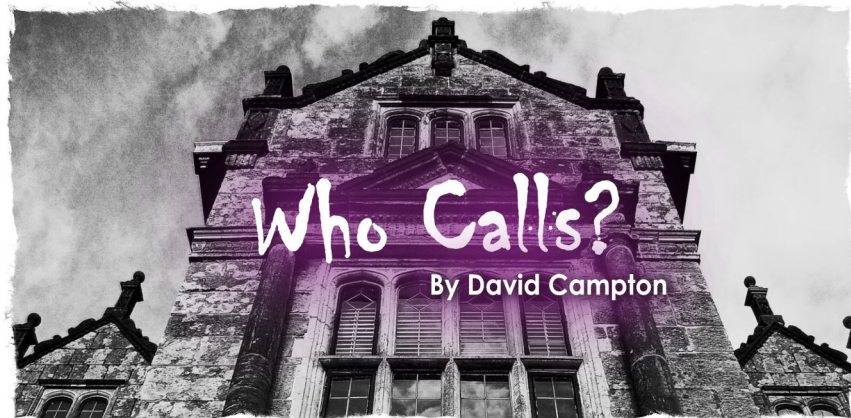


ALEXANDRA PLAYERS NEWS 2017 - OUR 60TH YEAR



CELEBRATE OUR 60TH BIRTHDAY WITH AN EVENING OF TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS

2017 marks the 60th year since the building of the Alexandra Hall and the establishment of the Alexandra Players. To continue our celebration year we are presenting two plays for our next production from May 31st to June 3rd.

Black Comedy is a highly praised comedy by Peter Shaffer, first presented by the National Theatre in 1965 with a cast which included Derek Jacobi, Albert Finney and Maggie Smith. It completely turns the issue of dark and light on its head! *Who Calls?* by David Campton, an atmospheric Victorian “ghost story”, completes the programme.

Full details including booking arrangements can be found over the page.

A MEMORABLE PRODUCTION

Our February production was *The Memory of Water* by Shelagh Stephenson. This highly praised play proved to be a triumphant first for debut director Lee Copp. The talented cast of Louisa Robinson, Juliette Harrison, Jackie Hartley, Louise Gaul, Mark Walker and Keith Hartley produced an enjoyable, thoughtful and at times extremely funny play.

Audience comments:

“Oh well done everyone, terrific stuff and so impressed as always. Real chemistry between the characters, very thought provoking script and brilliant set and lights.....I thought it was excellent and to walk 5 mins. round the corner from home and see this standard makes me very happy.”

“I so enjoyed the production last night and thought the cast were really brilliant and so believable too. It was so funny in parts and I had such a good laugh—thanks to everyone for a really delightful evening.”



Mary (Louisa Robinson), Teresa (Jackie Hartley) and Catherine (Louise Gaul), accompanied by Mike (Mark Walker) and Frank (Keith Hartley), prepare to depart for the funeral of their mother (played by Juliette Harrison)

The Alexandra Players Alexandra Hall, Bramshot Avenue, SE7

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION—2 plays for the price of one!

BLACK COMEDY

A farce by Peter Shaffer

Directed by Keith Hartley

Cast—Hereward Cruttwell Read, Lizzy Todd,
Janet Sweet, Roy Moore, Mark Higgins,
Alex Parker, Mark Foulds, Andrew Spence

Lovesick and desperate, sculptor Brindsley Miller has embellished his apartment with furniture and objects d'arte 'borrowed' from the absent antique collector next door hoping to impress his fiancée's pompous father and a wealthy art dealer. The fussy neighbour returns just as a blown fuse plunges the apartment into darkness and Brindsley is revealed teetering on the verge of very ripe farce. Unexpected guests, aging spinsters, errant phone cords and other snares impede his frantic attempts to return the purloined items before light is restored. In a clever theatrical reversal, the action supposedly in the dark is illuminated; when the lights are to be on, the stage is dark!

Who Calls?

By David Campton

Directed by Janet Denne

Cast—Juliette Harrison, Sue McGeehan,
Clare Sweetapple, Rose Bayley, Katie Melani,
Jackie Hartley

In the kitchen of a large Victorian house, four servants sit solemnly in the evening gloom. Upstairs, a midwife attends to the laying out of their Mistress, who has died suddenly. Mrs Abernethy, the housekeeper, and Lane, the Mistress's personal maid, are supposed to have listed and locked away all her jewellery, but when Twilley, the maid of all work, finds a diamond ring on the floor, Cook realises that they have appropriated some of the jewellery for themselves and demands a share. Reluctantly they agree, but then the bell in the Mistress's room rings. The servants stare in disbelief and mounting apprehension—the midwife has gone, all the servants are in the kitchen—so who calls?

For both productions—Lighting design David Hawkett, Set design Rob Hames

WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY 31st MAY, 1st, 2nd & 3rd JUNE at 8 pm

Seats £9, Concessions £8

(Doors open at 7-30pm)

SEAT RESERVATIONS

You can now book your seats by telephone, e-mail or, to ensure your seats are reserved and will not be re-sold, you can book and pay in advance with PayPal by logging on to our website at www.alexandraplayers.org.uk

Book by telephone: 07867 627 987

E-mail: alexandraplayers@gmail.com

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(Seats booked by telephone or e-mail must be collected and paid for no later than 15 minutes before the performance or they may be re-sold. Seats booked and paid by PayPal will be held until collected and not re-sold)

Please note that many of our recent performances have been fully booked. It is therefore advisable to book in advance. However, there have been a few occasions when a few seats have remained vacant. This has been caused mainly when large bookings have not been fully taken up on the night. We are therefore requesting that party bookings are paid in advance

Up Pompeii—join the fun: October 25 to 28

Visit our website—www.alexandraplayers.org.uk

The Alexandra Hall is part of Charlton U.R.C. in Bramshot Avenue. The church supports the work of the Alexandra Players thereby enabling the Players to put on their productions.