

Pinner Players Theatre Company

Casting at 7.30 pm on Friday 30th August 2019 at the Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Pinner HA5 1AA

Performance dates will be 21st to 23rd November 2019

***The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard**

Tom Stoppard wrote this play as a mickey take on theatre critics of the day (1968) and also parodied “amateurish” theatre productions.

Moon & Birdboot, two drama critics, arrive to watch a new detective play, a parody of the conventional stage thriller. However the private lives of the critics become inextricably mixed with those of the plays characters until Moon is shot dead and the real Inspector Hound proves to be?

The 2 critics Moon and Birdboot can be played in a Shakespearean manner especially the long speeches and the play within the play can be a model for the art of coarse acting, everything over the top in speech but especially moves.

The setting has the 2 critics normally entering from the audience and taking their seats either stage front right or left in a small alcove.

Cast

Moon- Critic, nervous

Birdboot- Critic, Older experienced

Mrs Drudge- housekeeper

Simon- Youngish

Felicity- Young

Lady Cynthia Muldoon- 30/40's

Major Magnus- 30/40's in wheelchair

Inspector Hound

Rehearsals will be mostly on Friday nights

Director: Tony Cash tonycashco@gmail.com

***Between Mouthfuls* by Alan Ayckbourn**

In a restaurant, the same waiter is serving dinner to businessman Donald Pearce and his wife Emma and to another couple, Polly and Martin. As the evening progresses we realise that Donald, who as far as his wife is concerned has been away on a business trip, has in fact been in Italy with Martin's wife Polly!

The waiter flits between the two tables as we, soon realise that Martin is more interested in his promotion prospects, than in his marriage and Donald ends up with his dinner in his lap! The waiter is all hearing and seeing as the drama unfolds.

Cast

Donald Pearce Business man, married to Emma, having an affair with Polly. A full of his own importance sort of guy!

Emma Pearce Married to Donald. Emma comes over as worried and rather timid. She suspects that Donald is having an affair.

Martin Married to Polly, who is having an affair with his boss Donald. More focused on his job and promotion prospects than on his wife.

Polly Married to Martin. Having an affair with his boss Donald. Realises that Martin is more interested in his job than her!

Waiter/Waitress _ A very, very important role that requires being able to remember which actor ordered what, delivering the order and their lines at exactly the right time and to the right person!

Director: Sally Wright sallymwright@gmail.com

***Gosforth's Fete* by Alan Ayckbourn**

2 WOMEN, 3 MEN

Publican, Gosforth is running the village fete –all begins well but soon things start to go badly wrong. An accidental announcement over the PA system about Gosforth's and Milly Carter's love life, a faulty tea urn, an exploding amplifier, an electrocuted Councillor, and dramatic thunderstorms lead to complete chaos, eventually ending in disaster!

Cast

Gosforth: The local, divorced, publican. Confident, extrovert, forceful, a born leader of men who can fix anything – so he thinks! Is shocked to discover during the play that after a short dalliance with Milly she is pregnant with his child.

Milly Carter: A fresh faced young women, straightforward and down to earth, who is helping to organise the fete and is engaged to Stewart Stokes the Scout Master, but is pregnant by Gosforth.

Stewart Stokes: The local Scout Master. Normally rather reserved and anxious he obviously has trouble in controlling the cubs. Gets very drunk and aggressive, singing drunkenly during the play.

The Vicar: Any age although likely to be older. Rather pompous, annoyingly pointing out the obvious. Laughs a lot especially when he's nervous.

Councillor Mrs Pearce: Well spoken, well dressed and elegant, with a wealthy husband. Has the ability to turn out a good speech at an event. Is severely tested by rain, wind, mud and electrocution during the play. (Is also a character in *Between Mouthfuls*.)

Director: Mark Waters watersm@sky.com