

Drama Group – Willaston Legionnaires/The Legion Players

Willaston Legionnaires performed throughout the 1970s. The group was part of the Royal British Legion. (Programmes and cuttings from Jean Griffiths)

The Legionnaires hope you enjoy your evening's entertainment and trust you will want to make an early note of our forthcoming production dates:

3rd, 4th & 5th April 1975 and 27th, 28th & 29th November 1975

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Willaston-in-Wirral Royal British Legion Drama Group

THE WILLASTON LEGIONNAIRES

PRESENT

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Figure of Fun

A comedy in Three Acts

by

ANDRE ROUSSIN

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IN

The Church Hall, Willaston

ON

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 28th, 29th and 30th

at

7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

5p.

CAST

in order of appearance

Alan Tracey
Richard
Margaret Holland
Guy Jarvis
Kate Mostyn
Diana King
Murial (the maid)
Police Constable Fox
Eddie (the stage manager)
Jeanne Tracey (Alan's wife)

Derek Derbyshire
Tony Barnett
Beryl Campbell
Brian Sumner
Ivy Houghton
Jean Griffiths
Lynda Hughes
Don Wood
Albert Aplin
Jo Morton

PRODUCED

by

MARGARET KENNEDY

Stage Manager
Scenery
Lighting
House Managers
Wardrobe
Property
Make Up
Prompt
Sound

Charles Houghton
Ray Wilson
Ron Bird
John & Muriel Walker
Ruth Stevenson & Joyce Tatum
Barbara Bentley & Janet Parr
Madge Didcot
Flo Riley
Len Creaser & Don Woods

FIGURE OF FUN

A comedy by ANDRE ROUSSIN

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TIME — The Present

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ACT I

The stage of a London Theatre

ACT II

Scene 1 The Living Room of Alan Tracey's Studio Flat
in London — Later the same evening

Scene 2

Later

ACT III

On stage the following afternoon

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN ACTS II and III

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Figure of Fun was disjointed'

Carmel Walsh

THE ROUSSIN'S comedy Figure of Fun is a challenge to any amateur dramatic society but Willaston Legionnaires — the drama group of Willaston British Legion — rose well to the occasion and evoked an enthusiastic response from the audience for their three nights' run in Willaston Church Hall last weekend.

The Roussin's play was not a very wise choice for it was rather disjointed, and the lack of co-ordination. It was also quite difficult to perform, though those participants did their best.

Figure of Fun is a play within a play, where the barriers between the characters and the actors disappear and their Thespian deeds mirror their private lives. Derek Derbyshire ably played the part of leading theatre actor, Alan Tracey.

It is perhaps incongruous that the inner play is virtually identical to Tracey's own way of life. In the play his fiancée leaves him and in real-life, his wife deserts him, but returns in the end, and confesses that she did it to

make sure he still loved her.

An excellent scene was where Alan, had a bad dream after his wife's desertion. The stage was dark and rather eerie and the broken-hearted, bedraggled husband is curled up on a sofa. He dreamt he had killed his wife and her make-believe lover and was being interrogated and cross-examined by the High Court. This scene was also very

funny, with Alan carrying on in a booming voice the role of the Lord Chief Justice, who, he declared looked like a "woolly sheep."

Alan's wife, Jeanne, a rather sweet, too-good-to-be true type of woman, was played by Jo Morton. Brian Sumner played Guy Jarvis, a young man with a high-pitched voice, who got rather panicky when he had to face

certain responsibilities. He was engaged to Diana King played by Jean Griffiths.

Don Wood was the innocent, word-clumsy police constable, who appeared to have stepped from the pages of an Agatha Christie novel and likewise the maid, Muriel, played by Lynda Hughes. Ivy Houghton was Alan's over-demonstrative aunt, Kate, who was dressed in

pink and always ready to borrow 10,000 fancies from anybody willing to lend it.

Beryl Campbell played the part of Alan's fiancée, Margaret Holland; Tony Bennett was the stuttering radio interviewer, Richard and Albert Alpin was well-suited to the part of stage-manager, Edd. Figure of Fun was well produced and appealed to those who attended.



The talented cast of Willaston Royal British Legion's play, Figure of Fun line up for NEWS photographer Barry Hatto. They are: back row, left to right, Brian Sumner, Ivy Horton, Don Woods, Albert Aplin, and Tony Bennett; centre, Lynn Hughes, Derek Derbyshire and Beryl Campbell, and, front, Jean Griffiths. H916



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THE LEGIONNAIRES

present

SEMI- DETACHED

A Comedy by David Turner

in

The Church Hall : Willaston

on

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

APRIL 10th, 11th & 12th

at

7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

5p

"If your god is respectability and you have a position to keep up with your neighbours, then it is a good thing for you to be by nature an ingenious twister. That is the moral of David Turner's "Semi-Detached" which.....had its first audience in fits of laughter.....Daily Telegraph!

CAST
in order of appearance

Hilda Midway
Fred Midway
Tom Midway
Eileen Midway
Robert Freeman
Avril Hadfield
Nigel Hadfield
Garnet Hadfield
Arnold Makepiece

Zena Liveridge
Don Woods
Brian Sumner
Beryl Campbell
Tony Barnett
Pat Williams
Michael Smart
Jean Griffiths
Albert Aplin

Produced by Albert Aplin

Stage Manager
Scenery
Lighting
Wardrobe

Properties

House Managers

Make-Up
Prompt
Sound Effects

Charles Houghton
Ray Wilton
Alfred Fisher
Doris Harrington
Joyce Tatum
Lynda Hughes
Mike Tucker
John Walker
Muriel Walker
Madge Didcock
Florence Riley
Len Creaser

SEMI-DETACHED

A comedy by DAVID TURNER

TIME - The Present

The action passes in the Midway's Home.

ACT I	Sunday Morning
ACT II	Later
ACT III	Still Later

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE
INTERVAL BETWEEN ACT I AND ACT II

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THE LEGIONNAIRES

present

NIGHT WATCH

A play of suspense by LUCILLE FLETCHER

in

THE CHURCH HALL, WILLASTON

on

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY
MARCH 24th, 25th and 26th.

at

7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

CAST

in order of appearance

Elaine Wheeler	Jean Griffiths
John Wheeler	Lew Reid
Helga	Janet Pugh
Vanelli	Don Woods
Curtis Appleby	Brian Sumner
Blanche Cooke	Beryl Campbell
Chief Inspector Walker	Albert Aplin
Dr. Tracey Lake	Barbara Bentley
Sam Hoke	Michael Smart

Produced by Albert Aplin

<i>Stage Manager</i>	Charles Houghton
<i>Scenery</i>	Ray Wilton
<i>Lighting</i>	Alf Fisher
<i>Wardrobe*</i>	Joyce Roberts
<i>Properties*</i>	Lynda Hughes and Edyth M. Howe
<i>House Managers</i>	John Walker and Muriel Walker
<i>Make Up*</i>	Madge Didcock
<i>Prompt</i>	Florence Riley
<i>Sound Effects</i>	Len Creaser

**Properties, make up and wardrobes assisted by the Junior Group*

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NIGHT WATCH

A play of suspense by LUCILLE FLETCHER

TIME — The Present

The action of the play takes place in the Wheeler's flat in London.

ACT I	Scene 1	5 a.m. on a winter's morning
	Scene 2	5 p.m. evening of the same day
ACT II	Scene 1	Twenty minutes later
	Scene 2	Nine O'Clock in the evening three days later.

*Refreshments will be served during the interval between
Act I and Act II*

PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS BY "THE LEGIONNAIRES" Include:-

Deadly Record	THRILLER	April 1973
Pride and Prejudice	COSTUME	Nov. 1973
Who killed Santa Claus?	COMEDY/THRILLER	April 1974
Figure of Fun	COMEDY	Nov. 1974
Semi-Detached	COMEDY	April 1975
Love's a Luxury	FARCE	Nov. 1975
Suddenly at Home	THRILLER	April 1976
Book of the Month	COMEDY	Nov. 1976

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"Every Other Evening"

A comedy by Francois Campaux
November 24th 25th and 26th 1977

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THE LEGION PLAYERS

present

They Don't Grow On Trees

a comedy by RONALD MILLAR

in

THE CHURCH HALL, WILLASTON

on

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

November, 24th, 25th and 26th 1977

at

7.30 p.m.

This hilarious comedy traces the adventures of a couple who — after long and eventful service lose their faithful housekeeper and their attempts to replace her

PROGRAMME

CAST

in order of appearance

RUTH LENNOX	Linda Hughes
JESSIE MACFARLANE	Margaret Kennedy
MICHAEL LENNOX	Andy Jones
ROGER LENNOX	Don Woods
MILCUZKI	Brian Sumner
MRS. DAWKINS	Edyth Howe
BRIGID O'COONEY	Janet Pugh
RUPERT ANSTRUTHER	Derek Derbyshire
MRS. VAN BOVEN	Margaret Kennedy
DELLAROSA PARAVICI	Pat Williams
MISS MINTER	Jean Griffiths
DICK	Albert Aplin
CHARLIE	Brian Sumner
MARY THORNTON	Janet Pugh
STEPHENS	Derek Derbyshire
ELLIS	Tony Barnett
BULLOCH	Michael Smart
POLICEMAN	Albert Aplin
POLICEWOMAN	Jo Steadman
MRS. CAMPBELL-SCULLY	Jean Griffiths
MRS. ZUCKMEYER	Edyth Howe
MR. ZUCKMEYER	Peter Harlan Taylor

Directed by Betty Adlard

Stage Manager	Charles Houghton
Scenery	Ray Wilton
Lighting	Ted Beaucham
Sound	Len Creaser
Properties	Jane Bassett
Wardrobes	Joyce Roberts
House Managers	John Walker and Muriel Walker
Make-up	Madge Didcot
Prompt	Flo Riley

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THEY DON'T GROW ON TREES

A comedy by RONALD MILLAR

The action of the play passes in Roger Lennox's ground floor studio flat in London W.8.

ACT 1

Scene 1	A Spring Morning
Scene 2	The same Afternoon
Scene 3	The Next Day : Middy

REFRESHMENTS

ACT 2

Scene 1	A Fortnight later : Night
Scene 2	The following Morning

TIME — The Present

PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS BY THE DRAMA GROUP INCLUDE:—

Deadly Record	THRILLER	April 1973
Pride and Prejudice	COSTUME	Nov. 1973
Who Killed Santa Claus?	COMEDY/THRILLER	April 1974
Figure of Fun	COMEDY	Nov. 1974
Semi-Detached	COMEDY	April 1975
Love's a Luxury	FARCE	Nov. 1975
Suddenly at Home	THRILLER	April 1976
Book of the Month	COMEDY	Nov. 1976
Nightwatch	SUSPENSE	April 1977

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APRIL 6th, 7th, 8th 1978

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WILLASTON-IN-WIRRAL
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DRAMA GROUP

THE LEGION PLAYERS

present

"The Irregular Verb To Love"

A Comedy by HUGH and MARGARET WILLIAMS

in

THE CHURCH HALL, WILLASTON.

on

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

APRIL 5th, 6th, and 7th 1979.

at

7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

5p

CAST

in order of appearance

LUCY BECKETT	...	...	...	...	Janet Pugh
MICHAEL VICKERS	...	...	...	...	Anthony Hale
MRS. COUTER	...	...	...	...	Phyllis Cranage
ANDREW RANKIN	...	...	...	...	Brian Sumner
FEDRA	...	...	...	...	Jane Bartlett
HEDDA RANKIN	...	...	...	...	Edyth Howe
FELIX RANKIN	...	...	...	...	Harold Loughran
RACHEL STONE	...	...	...	...	Ruth Loughran
MR. ANDRIKOS	...	...	...	...	Lew Reid

Produced by JEAN GRIFFITHS

Stage Manager	...	...	...	...	Charles Houghton
Scenery	...	...	...	...	Ray Wilton
Lighting	...	...	...	...	Ted Beauchamp
Sound	...	...	...	...	Bill Tunnicliffe
Properties	...	...	...	...	Lynda Hughes
Wardrobes	Joyce Roberts
House Manager	Jenny Crosier
Make-Up	Madge Didcock
Prompt	Flo Riley

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THE IRREGULAR VERB TO LOVE

A Comedy by Margaret and William Hughes

The action of the play takes place in the Rankins maisonnette, opposite the Zoo in Regent's Park.

Act I

A May afternoon

Act II

Six O'clock the following evening

REFRESHMENTS

Act III

Scene 1

Five O'clock the following afternoon

Scene 2

Some hours later

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Nightwatch	SUSPENSE	April 1977
They Don't Grow on Trees	COMEDY	Nov. 1977
A Murder has been Arranged	GHOST STORY	April 1978

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Keen young actors belonging to the junior group of the Willaston Legion Players, took to the stage recently with their production "My Kingdom for

a . . . ". Members of the cast are seen on Willaston Church Hall stage.

They are Deborah Grey, 11; Katie Ingram, 12; Ruth Griffiths, 14; Alison

Mannion, 10; Jennifer Compton, 10; Vicki Spraggon, 11; Jillian Ingram, 10; Lesley Moss, 13, and Elizabeth Murphy, 11.

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