



Home of Callington Amateur Drama Society



Welcome to the January 2024 Newsletter

It is with deep sorrow that we have to announce the death of
Monica Pascoe on 17th December 2023.

Many of you will have seen Monica walking around the town and calling into Prim-Raf.

Monica first appeared on stage at Prim-Raf in 1956 in 'As long as they are happy' with Bryon who she had met at Prim-Raf.

Monica appeared in many plays during her lifetime and loved every minute.

She had her own dance school which was held in the W.I. Hall at the top of Haye Road, but later moved to Prim-Raf Theatre, where ballet barres were installed along the walls of the auditorium. Monica's pupils danced in all our Pantos and variety shows until Monica retired. Her other great love was Scottish Dancing, which she attended in Liskeard every week.

One of Monica's big achievements at Prim-Raf was teaching a group of ladies and one gentleman how to tap dance. Only two had any knowledge of this form of dance, so it was a huge challenge to teach them all so that they could all dance for 'Stepping Out'. Monica's last acting role was in 'Lord Arthur Seville's Crime' in October 2011 and then in April 2012 we celebrated her 80th Birthday with 'This Is Your Life'.

Over the last few years Monica became very frail, but she would always call into the theatre when the door was open and watch rehearsals or just have a chat. She loved visiting the theatre where she could relive her very happy memories of her time there. We shall miss her.

Monica's funeral is January 17th and a memorial service will be held in St Mary's Church at 1pm for all those who wish to attend.

Membership

January 2024 membership is now due for renewal.

To pay via BACS please use the following:

Bank: Barclays

Account Name: Callington Amateur Drama Society

Account Number 20242241

Sort Code: 20-50-40

Use Ref: Your surname/membership

For alternative ways to pay and if you wish to join, please email:

membership@prim-raf.co.uk

Youth Theatre

We return on Tuesday 16th January and are looking forward to the coming year. Following on from the successful Christmas postcards, we will be working on an adaptation of 'The Pied Piper', an ensemble piece. The anticipated production date for this is Friday 5th April.

More information will be available closer to the date.

To join or visit please email: youththeatre@prim-raf.co.uk



The PrimRaf Youth Theatre group

meets for an hour every Tuesday from 6pm.

It helps and supports 8 - 17 year olds to express themselves in a small established theatre environment.

The main aims of the group are to produce two performances each year that build confidence and theatrical skill in a creative way. All children are encouraged to explore stagecraft and presentation skills in a comfortable and nurturing place. All children aged between 8 and 17 years old are invited to try it out for size and join a growing team of performers

MEMBERSHIP £10 per year

No further session fees apply

Contact: youththeatre@prim-raf.co.uk

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www.primraf.co.uk - <https://www.facebook.com/primraf>

Upcoming Productions

Tickets for this year's pantomime
'Snowenna and the Seven Piskies'
by Rose Bradley & Janice Smith
Directed by Allana Hansell
15th - 17th Feb & 22nd - 24th Feb

Tickets are now on sale at www.primraf.co.uk
Or the box office, located in Noakes, Habermehl & Kerr, Fore Street, Callington.
Adults £12 Children £6

'Kindly Leave the Stage'
by John Chapman
Directed by David McCarroll
25th - 27th April & 2nd - 4th May

Sarah and Rupert's marriage is on the rocks and they have asked their lawyer friends, Charles and Madge, to help with the divorce. All goes well, until real life intervenes and chaos ensues. A brilliant comedy by the author of 'Not Now, Darling', 'Move Over Mrs Markham' and 'Are You Being Served?'

This amateur production of 'Kindly Leave the Stage' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd., on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Social Events

The Grand Christmas Fun Quiz in December was a sell out and raised £179.45 for the theatre. The turnout was fantastic as all 32 seats sold and whilst the food was enjoyed some of the participants thought they were on University Challenge! The organisers Sylvie Agnew and Christine Stiff have promised to lower the questions to at least Mastermind level next time!

Thank you to those that attended and to our lovely organisers.

There will be more quizzes, social evenings and other events to come this year, especially as it is our 75th year anniversary.

If you would like to host an event or have an idea for one please email:
committee@prim-raf.co.uk
or call 07856 988195 (the theatre phone line)

Other News

We have a new website launching very soon at www.prim-raf.co.uk.
Until then the current website is still available.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the theatre, please take a look at the current website to see the opportunities available and then contact enquiries@prim-raf.co.uk

