



Rushen Players



Welcome to our April Newsletter

What a creative, busy, dizzy, full month April has been.

Easter eggs, daffodils, green leaves on the trees, *Island of Culture Passion Plays* and the annual seven nights of *Festival Theatre at the Gaiety*.

What more can a body require, oh, sun and yes we've had that too.

Grass certainly hasn't been allowed to grow beneath our feet given that no sooner had the *MADF One Act Play Festival* ended than Preposterous Theatre (Lisa Creighton & Tom Cain) with '*Marry Me*' (A new comedy by Shawn Sturnick) and Rushen Player's Nicky Merritt & Ged Power with Harold Pinter's '*The Lover*' gave a one night performance at The Erin Arts Centre. And the following evening '*The Lover*' moved to The Cherry Orchard for a final performance providing the 'horses-douvres' at a hotpot supper to the delight of the diners. They were expecting something special and judging by the concensus of opinion that's what they got! Thanks go to the backstage team of Adrienne (Director), Louise, Duncan, Liz & Nick.

The level of activity during April didn't falter with rehearsals aimed at presenting our first play for many years at the *MADF Easter Festival of Plays* at The Gaiety in Douglas. Not only did we harness lots of talent within our own ranks but we were ably assisted by the talented group of folk at the Gaiety and offered priceless advice from The Legion Players who perform there regularly. We owe many thanks to Ben Heath for his additional advice on staging our play at the Gaiety.

Needless to say the seven night Festival was wonderful and our terrific chilling play '*Veronica's Room*' by Ira Levin chosen & directed by Catie was well received by the audience. With a hard working group of people ploughing their energies into set, lights and sound the four actors on stage were allowed to strut their stuff!!

Check out the website for details of some of the extra coverage we received.

<http://rushenplayers.org/veronicasroompress2013.html>

RP stalwarts Graham Roberts & Susie Beswick (one of the nominations for best actress) were joined by two talented young people – Jenny Davies and Dan Carroll-Cawley. Hopefully they will become much anticipated faces over the coming years.

May sees us enjoying a **quiz night at The Station Hotel** led by Quizmaster Kevin Murray who I'm sure will be as wonderful as usual but won't give us any sneaky clues either! Date to be announced as they say!

A play reading is planned but any more than a weeks' notice will spoil it.

Please record May 23rd and 24th for your diaries:

'Radio Rushen Review'

For your entertainment Radio Rushen records a classic episode of **'Dick Barton'** and other items comedic and thought provoking.

For more programme details keep an eye on the website

www.rushenplayers.org

Bargain Tickets are available at £7.50 for a 7.30pm start and will include a glass of wine on arrival. What lucky people you are!!!

Susie

(Chair - On behalf of Rushen Players)