



*Rushen Players*



## **Newsletter December 2013**

### **Yuletide Greetings**

What an exciting and busy month we have had.

During the first week of December we held our third play reading at The Station in Port Erin where the atmosphere is warm, friendly and relaxing; we now feel very 'at home'. We're hoping to encourage more people to have a read or at the very least, wander in to have a listen to whichever play is being given an airing. It's not compulsory for anyone to stay for the whole evening and suggestions re interesting plays we could read are more than welcome. As a result we certainly have one or two plays in mind for entry into the One Act Play Festival being held at The Erin Arts Centre this coming February – for your diaries, 27th/28th and 1st March.

Over the past few weeks all our energies have been directed towards the December play 'Veronica's Room'. If I could have bottled the enthusiasm, exuberance, vitality and creativity swirling in the ether over the past three weeks my long life battery would never need replacing. Can I also say that our wonderful props folk, sound, lighting and front of house teams were not the full story because our Audiences were amazing. They really entered into the spirit of Ira Levin's psychological challenge and were supportive during both acts and were generous in their comments after. Despite our reservations re such a hard hitting play, this was a very powerful two way experience.

What a wonderful feature Julie Blackburn wrote to highlight our group and the December play too along with our Southern Chronicle article and Bob Carswell's Manx Radio interview. We're coming to grips with new technology, well a little! Mel Wright is also writing a review I believe.

Our next full length play at the Erin Arts Centre, (21st – 24th May) is more than likely to be 'Accrington Pals' by Peter Whelan, as yet not cast – there's a thought to mull over? We'll let you know when we're having a reading. A cast of ten or more!

Some line learning for the One Acts end of Feb will begin over the Christmas break and come January rehearsals will get underway.

Our new website is developing quickly and a lot of our history is now captured for posterity. If you have any photographs, anecdotes or corrections to add, please let us know.

Thank you for signing up to our newsletter and Nollick Ghennal

Happy Christmas to you all

***Susie***

(On behalf of all at Rushen Players)