



Rushen Players



Welcome to our February Newsletter

It was felt beneficial for this bulletin to be issued before the end of the month which is why the privilege of being able to report on the no-doubt brilliant success of our productions in the forthcoming **MADF One Act Play Festival** will fall to some other lucky individual.

Just to prove that you cannot please all the people all the time, I was accosted in Shoprite a couple of days after '*Veronica's Room*' production by a lady who said "*How could you possibly put on such a dreadful play in the lead-up to Christmas?. My husband and I both found it totally inappropriate and it's such a shame because we LOVE the Erin Arts Centre*". I think possibly two morals here. One, pay full attention to the synopsis of a play before going to see it and two, think carefully before agreeing to be Front of House announcer, much less walking the boards !!!.

I am able to report from experience that REHEARSALS for the **MADF Festival** at **EAC** are progressing exactly as one would expect of RP's high standards. Adrienne is skilfully guiding Ged Power and Nicky Merritt into their roles as actual and fantasy *lovers* (Pinter's play of the same name – the second of three productions on **SATURDAY EVENING 1st MARCH at 19.00**). John Cairney is in the cameo part of a milkman (played very enthusiastically).

The second of two productions on **THURSDAY EVENING 27th FEBRUARY at 19.00** is Tony Layton's play '*Lucy in the Sky*'. Gentle taskmaster Susie is bringing the very best out of an able cast of Catie Angus, Lisa Murray, Jenny Davies and Catriona Foxon to such a point that the prompt has been reduced to a sinecure. Do be warned that the part of 'Alexia' could be voiced in any one of three very accurate dialects!!!.

Check out the full programme at www.madf.im/one-act-festival-of-plays.html

Since so many society members are committed to productions at the present, no exact date has yet been set for the next play reading at the Station Hotel, Port Erin. We did agree that they would be on **TUESDAY EVENINGS** so an early one in March looks to be on the cards and all people will be most welcome to attend in a listening or reading capacity, whether or not the latter is with a view to a part in any forthcoming production.

Diary date the **MADF Easter Festival of Plays** Saturday 19th April till Friday 25th at The Gaiety Theatre in Douglas - our play '*Veronica's Room*' is **WEDNESDAY 23rd**.

Check out the full programme at www.madf.im/easter-festival-2014.html

Future events – **Quiz Night** at the Station Hotel and a summer **Treasure Hunt** (provided we can avoid all the holes in the roads of Port Erin) !!!

Here's to the success of live theatre

Brian

(On behalf of Rushen Players)