



Rushen Players



Welcome to our March Newsletter

It's appropriate I believe to wish everyone who's happy to accept the greeting, "Happy Mother's Day for this weekend". An extra glass of wine or a cup of tea will be more than welcome at the very least. I suspect I'm speaking personally now!

The **MADF One Act Play Festival** held as always at the **Erin Arts Centre** was the highlight of the month with thirteen plays presented over four nights in both the Youth and Adult sections. **Rushen Players** entered two plays – *'Lucy In the Sky'* by Tony Layton, with four accomplished female performances and a best actress nomination for **Lisa Murray**, this play secured a third place in the adult section. Unfortunately, because of other commitments there might not be time to present this again in the foreseeable future.

And:- the two hander by Harold Pinter, *'The Lover'*. This, however, can be enjoyed again on Thursday evening, **27th March** at the EAC. Both **Nicky Merritt & Ged Power** are excellent and I'm sure Pinter fans will be well pleased (they also received best actor/actress nominations). This can be enjoyed alongside 'Marry Me' an original play by **Shawn Sturnick** presented by Preposterous Theatre for which they were awarded a well-deserved second place in the Adult competition. Both play and players were highly commended and the Adjudicator recommended that he enter the play for the **Geoffrey Whitworth Playwriting Competition**.

For full details of the **MADF One Act Festival** results click here

<http://www.madf.im/one-act-festival-of-plays.html>

Rushen Players and the **Cherry Orchard** are holding a Supper/Play night this **Friday, 28th** – phone Adrienne on 833497 for details.

The Young Actor of Man received over thirty entries this year, one of which came from **Niamh Merritt** from Port Erin who has appeared with RP's in the past and delighted the audience with a piece from Romeo and Juliet and her song 'Watch What Happens'; Congratulations Niamh, lovely! You can see her Mum in *The Lover*!

The play reading held at The Station this month, *'Accrington Pals'* by Peter Whelan wasn't sufficiently well supported to cast for this May unfortunately, so, this one may be approached later in the year with view to it being played next May.

Our next play reading '**And a Nightingale Sang**' by C P Taylor will be in May, at The Station Hotel, Port Erin. Date to follow!
This is a lovely play set in Newcastle during World War II and portrays Helen Stott and her family as it copes on the home front with life during the war. The play's name is derived from the popular war-time song sung by Vera Lynn.

Another forthcoming theatrical event, **The MADF Easter Festival of Plays** held at The Gaiety runs from **Saturday 19th April through to Friday 25th April**.

'Veronica's Room' is fortunate to be included in the week's festivities so do please come and support us. For the full list of plays click here

<http://www.madf.im/easter-festival-2014.html>

Do bear in mind that it's less expensive to book a season ticket for the week and students get a reduction.

Rushen Players will keep you in suspense a little longer as to what we are offering on **23rd & 24th May** at The Erin Arts Centre. Keep a watch on the website and look out for the next Newsletter.

Another event to look forward to, end of April or beginning of May is our **PUB QUIZ**. I'll let you know when the date is confirmed. Once again the venue will be The Station Hotel in Port Erin and the event will be hosted by **Kevin Murray**.

We have added more to the Rushen Players website with photos of '**Lucy in the Sky**' and '**The Lover**'. We will shortly be adding some video clips from the productions. So if you've not visited the site recently do take a look.

<http://rushenplayers.org>

That's all folks, thanks for listening!

Susie

(On behalf of Rushen Players)