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**November 2017**

Alan Ayckbourn's *Season's Greetings*



**February 2018**

David Haig's *My Boy Jack*



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**July 2018**

Martin McDonagh's *The Cripple of Innishmaan*



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**Welcome** to *Lovesong* by Abi Morgan - the final production of our 2016/2017 season. It has been a busy season with four major productions at The Mill, a varied season of Tuesday evenings for Members, drama festivals and Bite Size activity in and around Banbury.



*The Allotment* by Gillian Plowman was performed at Lighthorne and Abingdon drama festivals in June. We received the *Punter's Prize* – first place in a vote by the regular audiences at the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon as well as *The Colin Dexter Rose Bowl Award* for a “special moment” as chosen by the adjudicator. At Lighthorne, June Ronson was singled out “As the wonderful Marcie - such a calm and detailed performance”. A great achievement for cast and crew and, in particular, director, Liz Riley. You can see this award winning play at our free-to-attend Season Preview on 26th September 2017.

Are you a Gold Card holder? Register and you receive a block of 4 tickets (for £32) or 8 tickets (for £63). Convert them into tickets and choose which plays you'd like to see. Gold Card Holders receive an exclusive Season Preview Invitation, quarterly newsletter *Prompt Please* and advance notification of news and events. You can apply by completing the form in the Season Brochure which you will find in the rack in the foyer.

We are delighted to hear that The Mill will be installing new seating during August. I'm sure you'll all look forward to a little more leg room! As well as new seating, our 2017/2018 Season has a new start time - 7.30pm. Please spread the word. We look forward to seeing you next season and, as always, thank you for your continued support.



**Robin Williams**  
Chairman



An English teacher, now retired, **Andrew Whiffin** has appeared with Banbury Cross Players in *Quartet*, *Neville's Island*, *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and

*The Tempest*. In the last few years, he has also been seen in productions of *The Crucible*, *Humble Boy* and *Much Ado About Nothing* for the Oxford Theatre Guild, and directed a production of *Love's Labour's Lost*. He also works occasionally as a film and TV extra, and writes theatre reviews for Theatreworld Internet Magazine.

In the next few months, he can be seen in *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Ada and the Engine* in Oxford, and *She Stoops to Conquer* at Rendcomb, near Cirencester..

**Nikki Dixon** studied Drama and Secondary Education at University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, graduating in 2007. She has been teaching Theatre Studies and (more recently) Media Studies for the past 10 years.

*Lovesong* is her first public acting performance since graduating - although her students would say every lesson is a mini performance!

She would like to say a massive thank you to the cast, director and crew for *Lovesong* - and hopes her native Essex accent is absent from her performance this evening!



Born into a family of amateur dramatists, **Trish Thompson** had no choice but to tread the boards from a very young age. Sixty-plus years later, she is still doing just that!

In addition to directing, stage managing, gathering props, serving on committees and showing audiences to their seats, Trish keeps herself out of mischief successfully managing to find time to spend with family and friends.

Trish's believes her passion for everything theatrical will stand her in good stead as she takes on the challenging role of *Maggie*.

**Ian Nutt** has been a BCP member for five years, playing Gerald (*An Inspector Calls*), Manolo (*The Odd Couple*), Toby Belch (*Twelfth Night*) and

Dracula (*Dracula*). He is also a member of the Oxford Theatre Guild, having played Helmut (*Festen*) and John Dashwood (*Sense & Sensibility*). He played Yasha (*The Cherry Orchard*), Smike in Nick Warburton's premiere of *Nicholas Nickleby* and Puck (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*) for Bawds, Cambridge. Other favourite roles include Claire (*The Maids* - Edinburgh Academy), Casca (*Julius Caesar* - Minack Theatre), Jean-Paul Marat (*Marat/Sade* - Raven Theatre, Leeds) and Martin (*Brimstone & Treacle* - Madcap Theatre, Milton Keynes).



**Director**

Tara Lacey

**Stage Manager**

Jem Turner

**Assistant Stage Manager**

Hilary Beaton

**Lighting**

John Hicks

**Sound/Projection**

Rob Hall

Rachel Temple-Fry

**Props**

Sylvia Jackson

Mary Sullivan

**Hair**

Anne Twigg

**Make Up**

Jenny Tustian

**Choreography**

Karen Baldry

**Prompt**

Gill Huband

**Set Design**

Chris Garrett

**Set Build**

Richard Ashby

Chris Garrett

Nik Lester

**Production Manager**

Anne Bennett

# LOVESONG

## CAST

Margaret  
William  
Maggie  
Billy

Nicola Dixon  
Ian Nutt  
Trish Thompson  
Andrew Whiffin

*A house and garden in a suburb of a city  
over several years*

*There will be no interval*

*Herbal cigarettes are smoked on stage during the show*

Patrons are requested to switch off mobile phones before the performance and are reminded that photography and video recording are strictly prohibited.

Emergency exits are to the left of the stage and to the rear of the auditorium.

In case of emergency, please follow instruction from Front of House staff.



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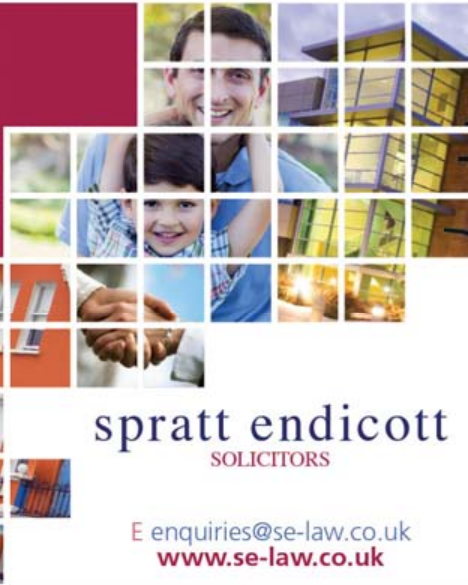
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