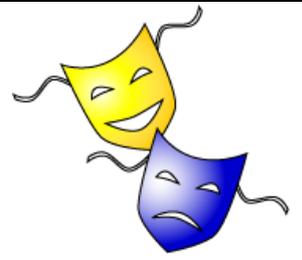


Kilmardinny Players



Newsletter – August 2017



Present Laughter by Noël Coward, Thursday 2 November to Saturday 4 November

Our Autumn production will be directed by Colin Price and rehearsals will begin on Monday 14 August in Milngavie Lower Lesser hall at 7.30 pm. Here is the cast and crew list so far:

Garry Essendine:	Allan Cowan
Liz Essendine:	Eleanor Gordon
Daphne Stillington:	Lisa Colquhoun
Caroline Maule:	Jane MacConnacher
Morris Dixon:	David McLean
Henry Lyppiatt:	David Hutchinson
Joanna Lyppiatt:	Emma Reid
Monica Reed:	Jenny Ryall
Miss Erikson:	Liz Good
Fred:	Paul Cockcroft
Lady Saltburn:	Moira Crawford

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CREW

Director:	Colin Price
Stage Manager:	Tom Sedgwick
Technical Director:	Craig Dowers
Prompt and Box office:	Christina Dowers
Props:	tbc



Noël Coward, interesting facts (1899 – 1973): *'I'm an enormously talented man, and there's no use pretending that I'm not.'*

He was born in Middlesex on 16 December 1899 and died in Kingston, Jamaica on 26 March

1973 at his estate Firefly. Of his time at the Firefly estate, Coward wrote in his diary: "Firefly has given me the most valuable benison of all: time to read and write and think and get my mind in order . . . I love this place, it deeply enchants me. Whatever happens to this silly world, nothing much is likely to happen here." Writing, he believed, came easier when he was here, "the sentences seemed to construct themselves, the right adjectives appeared discretely at the right moment. Firefly has magic for me.."

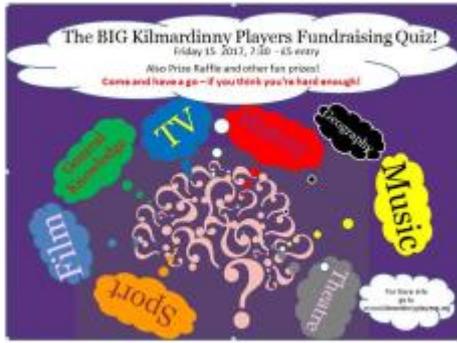


During World War II, he remained a successful playwright, screenwriter and director, as well as entertaining the troops and even acting as an unofficial spy for the Foreign Office. His plays during these years included *Blithe Spirit* which ran for 1997 performances, outlasting the War (a West End record until *The Mousetrap* overtook it), *This Happy Breed* and *Present Laughter* (both 1943). His two wartime screenplays, *In Which We Serve*, which he co-directed with the young David Lean, and *Brief Encounter* quickly became classics of British cinema.

He wrote around 140 plays and hundreds of songs.

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Big Quiz Night: We have rescheduled this to raise funds for our own group on Friday 15th September, venue to be confirmed. Please let us know if you are coming – teams of six please!

Props storage: Thank you to all those members who came to our house before our move and took away KP props to store at their own homes. We just need members now give us a list of all they have so that we know where things are when we need them.



Latest news about
Kilmardinny Arts Centre:

As you know emails are going back and forth trying to get answers to questions that we have been asking since early May. We have decided to rehearse in Milngavie Lower Lesser hall. We will try to establish whether or not we will be able to put on the play week beginning Monday 30 October in the main hall at Milngavie Lower Lesser hall. We have to clarify if we would be allowed to leave a set in place there and it would mean an earlier start as lets there no longer go beyond 10 pm. We have also sent an email asking if we use Kilmardinny Arts Centre Theatre room what facilities would be in place for us amongst other questions we have and await their reply. We will continue to keep members informed about this very frustrating situation.

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