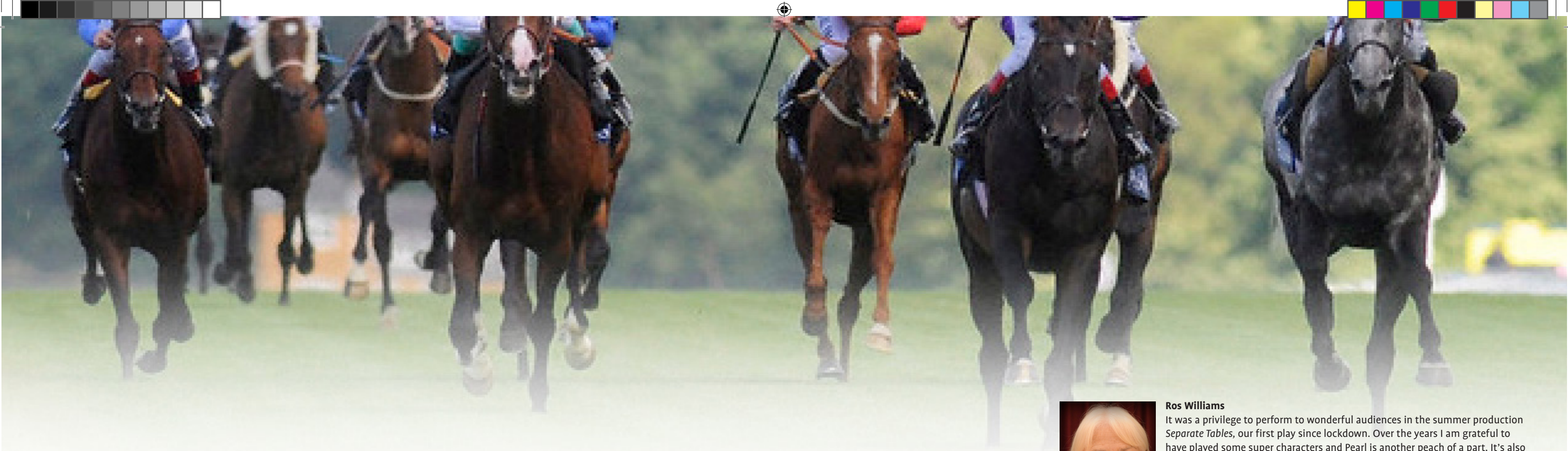




The Rotherfield Players Present

“LADIES’ DAY”

A Comedy by Amanda Whittington



Directed by Derek Holland

Ladies’ Day cast list

Pearl
Jan
Shelley
Linda
‘All the men’

ROS WILLIAMS
KATE ORGAN
RACHEL MARTIN
EMMA HARRISON
HUMPHREY SKETT

Director
DEREK HOLLAND

Producer
HEATHER CAMPBELL

Stage Manager
HEATHER CAMPBELL

Costumes
HEATHER CAMPBELL,
ROBERT CHESTERTON

Stage Design
ALISON ORGAN, ANDY MILLER,
ROBERT CHESTERTON

Set construction
ROBERT CHESTERTON,
ANDY MILLER,
DAVID TASKER,
BRIAN HAMPTON

Lighting & Sound
BRIAN HAMPTON

Prompt
ANNA THOMPSON

Stagehands
DAVID CLOSE,
KIERAN HEWITT,
LARRY ROBINSON

Front of House
JUDITH HARDY

Bar Manager
DAN SHAW

Programme
STEVE KNOWLDEN

Publicity
Kate Organ

Photography
Mark Kennedy



Ros Williams
It was a privilege to perform to wonderful audiences in the summer production *Separate Tables*, our first play since lockdown. Over the years I am grateful to have played some super characters and Pearl is another peach of a part. It’s also been huge fun resurrecting a Yorkshire accent, last used as Chris in **Mayfield’s** production of *Calendar Girls* in 2012! I hope our audiences have as much fun watching Ladies Day as we have rehearsing it! My thanks to our dedicated team of folk who make our shows happen.



Kate Organ
A longstanding member of the **Rotherfield Players**, I have been involved in a variety of productions both on and off stage, most recently playing Mrs Railton Bell in our 2021 summer production of *‘Separate Tables’*. Previous favourite roles include Blanche Dubois in *‘Streetcar Named Desire’*, Lois Lane / Bianca in *‘Kiss Me, Kate’*, the title role in *‘Calamity Jane’*, Beatrice in *‘Much Ado about Nothing’* and Puck in *‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’*. I have directed many productions for the Players including *‘Les Liaisons Dangereuses’*, *‘The Sound of Music’*, *‘Annie Get Your Gun’* and most recently *‘The Country Wife’*. I’m now looking forward to directing *‘My Fair Lady’* for spring 2022 which will be almost exactly 25 years after being lucky enough to play Eliza when the Players last put on the show. I am thoroughly enjoying being part of the hilarious *“Ladies’ Day”* and thank everyone involved for making it such a fun rehearsal period.



Rachel Martin
I have been a member of the **Rotherfield players** since joining as a junior many years ago. After a long break from acting, during the lockdown, I have really enjoyed playing the part of Shelley in *Ladies Day*. I have played a number of roles for the players over the years in plays such as *The Crucible*, *All My Sons* and *Dangerous Liaisons*. It has certainly been a nice change to take a less than serious role. It has also been a pleasure to work with such a lovely team of people!



Emma Harrison
I love being part of the players as it’s given me the opportunity to get my teeth into a wide range of roles. My part in this play couldn’t be more different from my part in the last production, *‘Separate Tables’*. This play has been no different from others though in that there’s always a great atmosphere and ca-maraderie among the whole team - cast and crew. Hope you enjoy it!!



Humphrey Skett
Well, howdy, folks! The last time you got me up on this stage I just played the two parts: the loud-mouth Texican Jefferson Steel and that loony old monarch King Lear, in *“A Bunch of Amateurs”*. This time you’ve got me listed as all six men who appear in *“Ladies’ Day”*. Six! That’s a whole half dozen! But it’s been a lot of fun, thanks to the wonderful people you have directing the entire operation from behind the scenes. Well done to all of them, and thank you, Rotherfield Players!

Rotherfield Players
Forthcoming Productions:

“Jack and the Beanstalk”

January 2022

Our annual pantomime is always a lot of fun and provides a great way to escape from the long winter evenings.

Auditions 22nd October at 7.30pm in the village hall.
Why not come along and audition to join in?

“My Fair Lady”

29th & 30th April and 5th–7th May 2022

We always love to have new members join our society and will be holding open auditions for My Fair Lady on 28th November 2021 with a help night on 17th November.

If you are keen to get involved contact our director Kate for further information on auditions on:
kateorgan@outlook.com

We are always looking for new members to join us on and off stage. If you are interested in getting involved and becoming a member please go to our website for more information or contact
membership@rotherfieldplayers.co.uk.
We would love you to join us.

From the Chair



Hello and welcome to our first planned indoor production (rained off *Separate Tables* not counted) since January 2020. We've missed you and we hope you've missed us. We're all so happy to get back to the Players productions and the fun and enjoyment we get from, hopefully, giving you the same. So, enjoy and know that we also have more planned for next year. And if you fancy joining us, just let one of us know tonight or contact us through our website.

Andy Miller

From the Director



I was asked to direct a play for our club in the spring of last year and we all know what happened to stop that! Finally, after months of lockdown and following our successful summer production of *“Separate Tables”* I was frantically looking for a play which would make people laugh and which we could do in a short space of time. I finally came up with *“Ladies Day”*. It was the lovely Barbara Laird, a great local actress, who reminded me of this play which I first saw in Mayfield where she played one of the characters. She lent me a copy and I couldn't put it down. It takes a lot to make me laugh out loud when I read a play but this one did just that.

The story, written by Amanda Whittington, concerns four factory fish packers from Hull who gate crash Ladies' Day when Royal Ascot moved to York in 2005. As you can imagine, the result is hilarious. It is well written and, along with the comedy, are some very touching moments too. A talented “foursome” of very different ladies together with one gentleman who plays six different characters will have you laughing and crying throughout this wonderful play. If we have done our job correctly, you will leave the theatre with that “feel good” factor which we have all craved for so long.
ENJOY!!

Derek Holland



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THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF “LADIES' DAY” IS BY
ARRANGEMENT WITH NICK HERN BOOKS.