

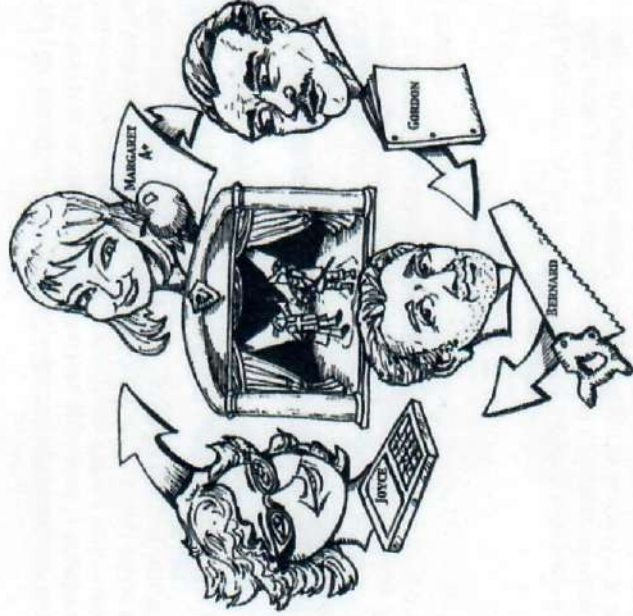


SMP DRAMATIC SOCIETY

# A Little Grimley Evening

(2 short comedies by David Tristram)

Directed by Peter Isaac



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
Presentation House Theatre  
333 Chesterfield Avenue  
North Vancouver BC  
Curtain 8:00pm  
Reservations: 604 990 3474

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

## ABOUT THE COMPANY



**Peter Isaac (Director)** - As a founding member of SMP Peter has been involved in numerous versions of their pantos. He has produced and acted in roles from Villain through Dumb & Dumber to Dame and has also worked on painting and set construction for most of their shows.

He produced Director Paul Clarke's outstanding version of *Fawcley Towers* for SMP in the 2011 Festival of Plays in which he played the role of Lord Melbury. Peter has been an enthusiastic member and supporter of NVCP for many years, He is very pleased to have assembled such a keen and capable cast and crew for *Little Grimley* and he thanks both SMP and NVCP for their strong support in this venture.



**Paul Clarke (Gordon)** - Paul Clarke is thrilled to be involved in this hilarious SMP production, hosted for the first time at Hendry Hall. Paul has appeared in countless Pantos for SMP, and in 2011 directed *Fawcley Towers* as SMP's North Shore Zone Festival entry. Other memorable opportunities include set building for NVCP's very successful *Letrice & Lovage*, and mangling the sound operation for *Theatre West Van's The Farnedale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery*.



**Martin Stuible (Bernard)** - Martin has been seeking acting challenges ever since his first role for SMP as Captain Long John Tinfoil in *Dick Whittington*. He followed this with another baddie, the role of Abanazer in *Aladdin & Jasmine*. This eventually led to the donning of a dress as one of *Cinderella's* step sisters. After mangling a cockney accent in *Fawcley Towers*, he decided to play Bernard as a Canadian. But the greatest challenge will be keeping a straight face while discussing Margaret's breasts.



**Nicky Pratt (Joyce)** - Nicky is delighted to be working with such a talented and fun group. She has enjoyed acting and directing with SMP on a number of Pantos and plays - her favourite parts include Sybil in *Fawcley Towers*, the Evil Queen in *Snow White* and Dandini in *Cinderella*... very liberating playing the guy! She has also acted with NVCP in *Are you being Served?* and *Letrice & Lovage*. *Little Grimley* has provided many laughs with such a witty script - hope you enjoy the show.



**Judy Levitt (Margaret)** - Judy is thrilled to return to the SMP family to play this challenging role. Previously, she was the Fairy Godmother in SMP's *Cinderella*. She has also played quirky Olive in *A Dark & Stormy Night* and wealthy Rhum Baba in the Panto *Ali Baba* both with Deep Cove Stage. Judy also performs all over town with the Freddy Fuddpucker Band. She offers many thanks to the amazing cast and crew for their input and support and to her dear friends who are always cheering her on.

## **CAST**

(in order of appearance)

*Gordon.....Paul Clarke  
Bernard.....Martin Stuible  
Joyce.....Nicky Pratt  
Margaret.....Judy Levitt*

## **SETTING**

A small village in England sometime in the 1990s

### **Last Tango in Little Grimley**

*Scene 1: The village hall stage  
Scene 2: Same time the following week  
Scene 3: The last rehearsal  
Scene 4: A few days after the last show*

## **THERE WILL BE ONE 20 MINUTE INTERMISSION**

### **Last Panto in Little Grimley**

*Scene 1: The village hall stage  
Scene 2: The next evening  
Scene 3: Opening Night*

## **PRODUCTION STAFF**

*Director.....Peter Isaac  
Stage Manager.....Darlene Clarke  
Light Design & Operation.....Simon Drake  
Properties & Costumes.....Valerie Isaac & Cathy Dallimore  
Sound Design.....Peter Isaac  
Sound Operation.....Simon Drake  
Set Construction.....Paul Clarke  
Make-up.....Nicky Pratt  
Front of House.....Vanessa Drake  
Ticket sales & Box Office.....Cathy Hauen*

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## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

A few years ago I was hunting for some scripts for an SMP play reading and came across some very funny work by British playwright David Tristram. When we read the scripts we laughed ourselves silly and did nothing further. However I felt this material, in spite of being very British, would be well understood in Canada and very worthy of production. We are making no special use of English dialects but I have tried to stick faithfully to the scripts as written to retain the British "feel". Consequently there are eight particularly English expressions which for the curious amongst us I offer a glossary in the program. These two plays follow our four "heroes" as they slide their hilarious way down the splintery banister of community theatre life. Somehow or other we can't help loving these misfits so get comfy and enjoy our talented cast as they work their magic.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this evening's production of Little Grimley's Last Tango and Last Panto. We hope you will enjoy these hilarious comedies and reflect on the delights of live theatre.

SMP's home territory is St. Martin's Church Hall on East Windsor and St. Georges, where we mount a pantomime in January each year, and a youth production in May, in which our youth perform and produce the show, with help from adult mentors in each production area. If you feel the urge to perform, or to create a vision to be shared with others, contact us through

[www.smpdramatics.com](http://www.smpdramatics.com)

We are enormously grateful to the North Vancouver Community Players for allowing us to use their facilities. And now, I invite you to sit back and enjoy the show! Chris Bond

## Glossary of English expressions used in the scripts

### Last Tango in Little Grimley

*Bloody* – Yes *Minister* – Yes Minister was a British satirical sitcom from the 1980s set in a fictional Cabinet Minister's office.

*Contiboard* – Faced particle board used in the UK.

*Old Vic* - London Theatre synonymous with great acting talent.

*Sellafield* – Controversial Nuclear Reprocessing Facility in Cumbria, England.

### Last Panto in Little Grimley

*Spanners* - British term for wrenches.

*Bruno* – Shocking, almost pornographic film by Sacha Baron Cohen.

*Botham* – Ian Botham, former England Cricket Test Match Captain and Sports Commentator.

*WI* – Women's Institute. Largest women's voluntary organization in the UK