



**MARLBOROUGH
DRAMATIC
CLUB**

President – SIR DEREK JACOBI

One Hundred and Fifteenth Season.....2026
961st – 963rd Performances

Marlborough Dramatic Club presents:

**KIND HEARTS
AND CORONETS**

**A Play by
Roy Horniman
(adapted by Derek Webb)**

**Brentwood School Memorial Hall
CM15 8EE**

**April, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th, 7:30pm
Saturday 11th, 2:30pm**

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Tickets £16

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With thanks to
Paul Sparrowham
for the design of
this flyer.

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This amateur production is by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd

**Welcome to the Marlborough Dramatic Club's
Spring 2026 production of a play based on the
popular Ealing Film comedy of 1949.**



The club was founded in 1904 and this is our 122nd year. For more information about the club, its history and forthcoming events, please check out our website:
www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk



**Our thanks to the Brentwood Arts Council
and N.O.D.A. for their support.**



Thank you also to headmaster Michael Bond and **Brentwood School** for the use of the Memorial Hall. Special thanks to Ryan Theobald, Paul Morgan, Bradley Herson and the Porter team for their help navigating use of the school.



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Tickets are £16 but if you are a member, you would save money and get first access to club news!



Individual membership (renewable every January) is £25 per person, per year and £45 for two at the same address. Fees remain unchanged since 2022. Membership includes one ticket per member to each of our two productions annually and updates about the club's plays and social events before the public. We also have a £5 level membership too - check out our website (see inside back cover) – 'Members' section - for how to join.

KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS

A Play by Roy Horniman
(adapted by Derek Webb)

Directed by
Lindsey Crutchett



The action takes place early to mid 20th century in England, mainly from the prison cell of Archibald Gascoyne Williams, but with flashbacks to key locations and events from his life...

For a play **synopsis**, and more information on the **characters** and locations represented in our production – please visit:
www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk
and follow the link from the homepage.

There are two acts, separated by an interval of 20 minutes, during which complimentary tea / coffee will be served in a classroom outside the Memorial Hall.

The play will finish around
9:45pm Thursday and Friday
and 4:45pm Saturday.

**Please ensure that you know the location of all emergency FIRE EXITS, prior to the performance.
Please switch off all mobile phones.**

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Actor	Character(s)
Juliette Bird	Police Inspector
Josie Bruty	Landlady / Policewoman
June Fitzgerald	Hammerton Tour Guide / Prison Governess
Roy Hobson	Earl Gascoyne
Tim Murphy	Grahame Hallward / Ned – Blacksmith's Assistant
Karol Patten	Waitress
Graham Poulteney	Gascoyne Gascoyne Senior / Blacksmith
Colin Richardson	Archibald Gascoyne Williams (the elder)
Louise Richardson	Esther Lane
Andrew Spong	Lionel Holland / Gascoyne Gascoyne Junior / Harry Gascoyne
Charlii Spong	Sibella Hallward
Leon Spong	Ronnie Gascoyne (Earl Gascoyne's son)
Richard Spong	Archibald Gascoyne Williams (the younger)
William Wells	Wilfred Gascoyne / Reverend Henry Gascoyne / Gorby – the butler
Abbie Whichelo	Kate Falconer / Edith Gascoyne

Other parts played by members of the cast
For more information on the cast, please visit our website
where you will find photos and biographies.

Backstage & Front of House Crew

Stage Manager	Nigel Bowdidge
Lighting / Sound	Mark Watson-Lee / Steve Bearpark
Set design	Lindsey Crutchett
Set transport	Sam Stark / Elliot Clark
Set construction	Gary Ball, club members & friends
Properties	Sue Grandison / Karol Patten / Cast See below
Costumes	June Fitzgerald / Cast
Make-up / Hair	Cast
House Manager	Harry Morrison
Front of House	Club members – with special thanks to the Rowes

FLYER DESIGN / OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

With thanks to Paul Sparrowham

MUSIC

The music for this production is a selection specially chosen by the director, with support from Richard Spong.

We open with the theme from ‘Tales of the Unexpected’

PROPERTIES

Special thanks to **The Guildonian Players** of Harold Wood with their help sourcing and making key properties.

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For the latest news and information about the Club, including production plans, as well as membership information, please visit the website:

www.marlbroughdramaticclub.uk

Join us on social media:

Facebook: [marlbroughdrama](https://www.facebook.com/marlbroughdrama) & Instagram: [marlbrough_dramatic_club](https://www.instagram.com/marlbrough_dramatic_club)

Any general correspondence can be sent to
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Or chairman@marlbroughdramaticclub.uk

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YOUR DRAMA CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Do you have an **eye for make-up** or a **feel for costumes**? Have you always wanted to **tread the boards**, or direct those that do? Do you fancy applying your handy **woodwork or painting** skills onto our next stage set? Would you like to find out how **crucial backstage** crew are to the smooth running of a production?

We are always on the lookout for **new volunteers** – whether people want to act or be part of the crew, or even help with the general running of the club.

If any of this sounds like you and you're up for a new challenge – then **speak to any one of the front of house staff today and leave us your details** or get in touch using the contact details inside the back cover.

We'd love you to become part of our 122-year-old institution!

FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS – 2026

8 May, 7:30pm – Quiz, with the Hutton Players

25 June, 2:30pm – Afternoon Tea and Cass Cup winner announcement

18 September, 7:30pm – 2nd Quiz, with the Hutton Players

22-24 October – Autumn Production 'My Boy Jack' by David Haig.

Keep an eye on our website for more updates – or become a member and get all the news first!

Marlborough over the Airwaves... The Club thanks the following local radio stations and podcaster for their help promoting our show. On some – we have been interviewed about our production, and you can listen again – find links to these from the main article about Kind Hearts and Coronets on our website.

**The Weekend Wind-Up
with Spencer Carter**



**The Brentwood Buzz
Podcast, with
Kay Bellwood**

**Making Memories
with Richard Spong**



Thank you for coming & safe journey home