

Running Riot

The action takes place at L'Auberge Blanche, a small hotel somewhere in Europe during the time of an Olympic Games

Act I Late afternoon, one day in summer

Act II The following morning

Refreshments in the small hall
There will be a raffle in aid of the *Croydon Colorectal Cancer Charity*.

Act III The next day. Early afternoon.

Running Riot is written by Derek Benfield, a well-known creator of farces. *The Players* previously presented *Post Horn Gallop* by the same author. Derek's name may not be recognised but you will have seen him regularly on television - he plays *Hetty Wainthrop's* husband and those of a certain vintage may remember him as the foreman lorry driver in *The Brothers*. Dave Adams directs with usual panache and Sue Reid produces or pacifies depending on your point of view. Dave has assembled an experienced cast to bring you a fast-paced-full-of-frolicking-fun-fairly-French-farce. That's how I read it anyway. The plot? Well there's a hapless hotelier, his dutiful delightful daughter, a Russian runner, a frightened fleeing fruiterer turned galloping greengrocer, a conniving cad, a scathing searching spouse, a sparky substandard spy, a keen but confused coach, a misplaced middle-distancer - Olympic, of course and a mistaken identity....I think! Confused? You soon will be - enjoy.

Croydon Colorectal Cancer Charity

Bowel Cancer is the second most common cancer in the UK; 16000 people die each year from this disease. 4000 patients with symptoms are seen at Croydon each year, 180 are diagnosed with bowel cancer. Rapid, accurate and sensitive assessment is needed to relieve anxiety. The aim is to fund the creation of a dedicated, state-of-the-art colorectal unit at Mayday University Hospital to realise this objective. Charity Office: 020 8401 3400

The Players

in order of appearance

Nicolette

Rae Calnan

Felix

Richard Percival

Agnes Podmore

Kathy Hubbard

Basil Trent

Mark Jamieson

Bruchik

Mark Foster

Miss Hackett

Monica Cane

Humphrey Podmore

Simon Watkins

Pauline Maryot

Julie Exell

A Visitor

Barry Gavin

Stage Manager Julie Crouch

Sound & Lighting David Batchelor, Chris Suggitt

Prompt Debra Gavin

Props Daryl Baker

Set Design & Realisation *The Mobley Crew*

Backdrop Gill Martin

Publicity Martin Stone

Box Office Julia Jamieson

Front of House Lisa Bottomley,
Hazell Rowell

Raffle Steve Smith,
Deborah Strickland

Refreshments 4th Barnehurst Scout Group

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King Arthur

Reading Fridays 11th & 18th Oct for Performances Jan/Feb 2003