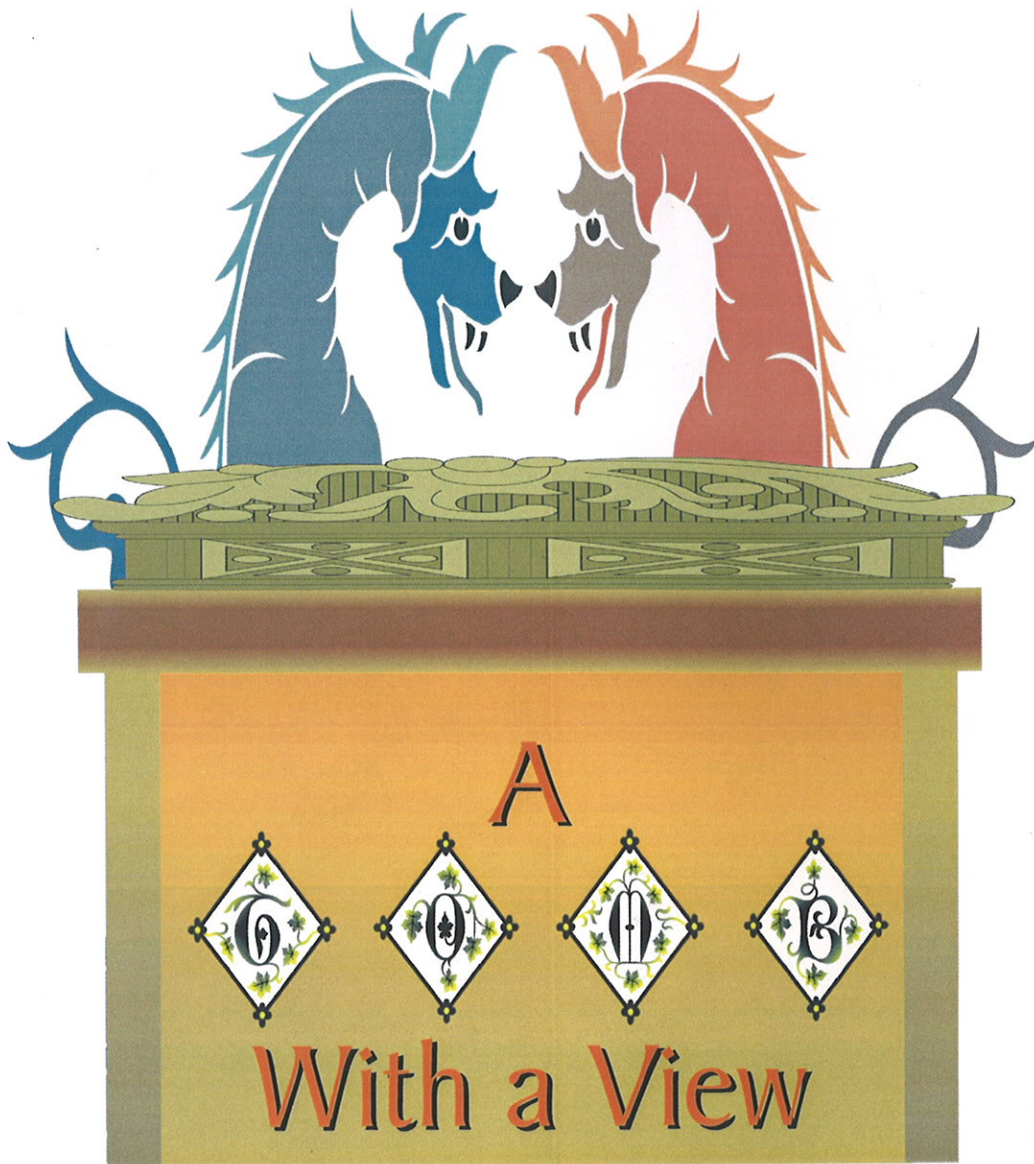


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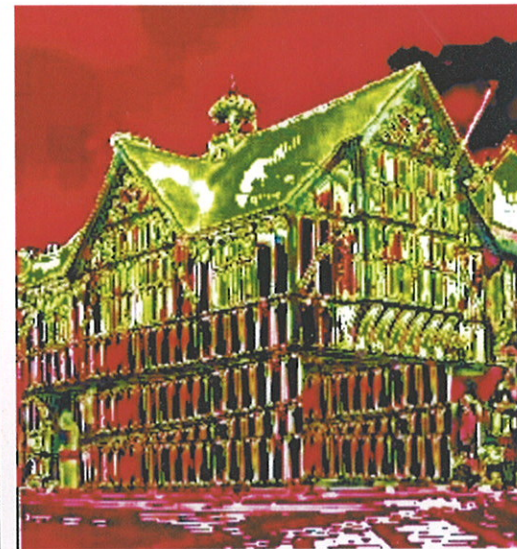


A Tomb With a View

Wed 9th - Sat 12th November 2004

Frayed Knot Theatre Co.
MARREAU
AND THE
TERRO
OF
TRING

By
**Rob
Farrow**



Mystery
Suspense
Drama
and
Comedy !

At The Court Theatre

Pendley, Tring

Wed 21st - Sat 24th April

Programme £ 1



Colin Bryer



Jenny Booth



Graham Double



Rob Farrow



John Copas



Ian Wells



Helen Bryer



Dave Barratt



Edward Farrow



Dave Reece



Jeremy O'Gorman



Lindsay Smith



Naomi Glasser



John Ross



Maxine Reece

Cast synopses

Colin Bryer (*Hemlock Marreau*) is one of the founding members of Frayed Knot and has played the eponymous hero in all but one of the Marreau plays. He has also appeared in numerous other productions by Frayed Knot and by other societies, most notably his many plays with Pendley Theatre Company.

Jenny Booth (*Gwendolyn Smith*) has also been in every Marreau except the last one, usually, but not exclusively playing the part of Gwendolyn. Another founder member of F.K. she has appeared in nearly all our productions playing many varied rôles, though specialising in dotty old dears !

Graham Double (*Simon Simpson*) rarely appears with Frayed Knot these days, performing more regularly with his local society in Stewkley, however he normally comes out of the woodwork to appear in Marreaus, though like Colin & Jenny he missed the last outing. We're glad to have him back though because no-one plays a twerp with quite such ease and accuracy as Graham !

Rob Farrow (*Insp. Farmer*) is inextricably linked with the Marreau plays - as he writes and directs them as well as playing the ubiquitous Inspector. Yet another founder member and currently Chairman of F.K., Rob has appeared in and directed many productions by the society and occasionally acts with other societies in the area.

This is the first Frayed Knot production for **John Copas** (*Prof. Liggat*) who thankfully stepped into the breach half way through rehearsals when one of our cast was taken ill. John is regularly seen singing and acting with Vale G&S, and used to be a leading light in F.K.'s predecessor Phoenix.

Marreau was ably played by **Ian Wells** (*Dr. Finn*) in the last show (*Tregalleon Inheritance*), and also when we re-ran the very first Marreau in 1997. However Ian more usually plays one of Marreau's adversaries - including his *bête noir*, Professor Maurice Hearty ! Ian has performed with many societies notably Vale G&S and Chuckles and many shows with F.K.

This is **Helen Bryer's** (*Dr. Mary Danvers*) first play with Frayed Knot, but she has appeared in several pantomimes and was also in TFC's production of *Bugsy Malone*. Hopefully she will become an F.K. regular like her father.

Another newcomer to Frayed Knot is **Dave Barratt** (*Henry Spector*) who is very busy at present - as after completing this show, he is in TFC's production of *Stepping Out* next week and in Vale's *Merry Widow* the following week. I hope he doesn't get the parts mixed-up !

Making his stage debut is the author's son, **Edward Farrow** (*Edward Liggat*). Having had a few lines in his school's Christmas play, Edward decided that he wanted a bigger part - so his dad managed to find him one ! Edward now wants to be in all future Marreaus and has even suggested some new titles !

Dave Reece (*Dr. Wolf*) is a stalwart of the Tring entertainment scene, having acted in numerous productions, drummed at countless gigs and help organise many events particularly for TFC. Dave has appeared in several Marreaus including the last one where he played two very different rôles.

Stepping valiantly into the rôle of Simpson last year, **Jeremy O'Gorman** (*Dr. Slough*) should find this character somewhat different ! Since joining F.K., Jeremy has been a regular performer and also help with producing several of our shows. He also acts with several other societies in the area including TFC and Prospect.

No stranger to the boards, **Lindsay Smith** (*Dr. Doris Crabbe*) has been in dozens of shows with most of the local societies, including acting in and directing *Lady Windermere's Fan* for F.K. and a cameo role in our recent production of *Saving Ardley*. Lindsay also writes and co-ordinates productions including her own one-woman show which is a real tour-de-force.

Naomi Glasser (*Dr. Elizabeth Winger*) first joined us to play the adventurous Laura Taft in *Requiem for Marreau*. After playing the sappy Diana Pringle in the last Marreau she then took on an enormous rôle in our production of *Saving Ardley* which we performed last year in aid of the WWF.

John Ross - the definitive *Dr. Protheroe* ! Having only ever played the rôle which has made him famous, in 2002 John branched out and was seen (but not heard) in our production of *Lady Windermere's Fan* !

The third of our second-generation stars - **Maxine Reece** (*Ellen Madison*) has acted in several F.K. productions and in numerous productions with other local companies. As Lily in *Requiem for Marreau* she famously announced that one of the suspects had been caught by the Gruttocks !

Frayed Knot would like to express their gratitude to The Zoological Museum (Tring) for their generous loan of specimens for this production.

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Once again we would also like to thank Matthew Homes Limited for their continued support and sponsorship of our theatre company.

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Frayed Knot Theatre Company

presents

Marreau and the Terror of Tring

By Rob Farrow

Previous Productions

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| 1991 | Marreau and the Chocolate Policeman
(co-production with Phoenix Theatre Company) |
| 1992 | Marreau and the African Moon |
| 1993 | Marreau and the Curse of Cardiff
D.F.C. / Moby Dick : Double Bill |
| 1994 | Marreau and the Bloody Carpet
Blithe Spirit |
| 1995 | Marreau and the Sword of Carthage
Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber |
| 1996 | Farndale Avenue Macbeth
Marreau and the Clouds of Death
Party Piece |
| 1997 | The Importance of Being Earnest
Knightsbridge / Never the Twain / Pastiche : Treble Bill
Farndale Avenue Christmas Carol |
| 1998 | Arsenic and Old Lace
A Murder Has Been Arranged
Marreau and the Chocolate Policeman (revisited) |
| 1999 | How the Other Half Loves
Trivial Pursuits |
| 2000 | Habeas Corpus
They came from Mars Farndale Avenue |
| 2001 | Requiem for Marreau |
| 2002 | Lady Windermere's Fan
Marreau and the Tregallcon Inheritance |
| 2003 | Saving Ardley
A Fish out of Water |

The Terror of Tring

The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Marreau	Colin Bryer
Gwendolyn	Jenny Booth
Simpson	Graham Double
Inspector Farmer	Rob Farrow
Professor James Liggat	John Copas
Doctor Algenon Finn	Ian Wells
Doctor Mary Danvers	Helen Bryer
Henry Spector	Dave Barratt
Edward Liggat	Edward Farrow
Doctor Boris Wolf	Dave Reece
Doctor Horace Slough	Jeremy O'Gorman
Doctor Doris Crabbe	Lindsay Smith
Doctor Elizabeth Winger	Naomi Glasser
Doctor Protheroe	John Ross
Ellen Madison	Maxine Reece

Production Team

Director	Rob Farrow
Stage Manager	Malcolm Stubbs
Lighting & Sound	Gary Stratton
Costume	Maxine Reece
Make-up	Paint by Numbers
Poster & Programme	Rob Farrow
Publicity	Rob & Jackie Farrow

The Terror of Tring

The Scenes

} Act I		Lounge of Simpson's London residence, morning.
} Act II	Scene 1	An old farmhouse near Tring the next morning.
	Scene 2	The same, a little while later
	Scene 3	... a few moments later.
	Interval	(The interval will be of approximately 15 minutes)
Act III	Scene 1	The same ... early afternoon
	Scene 2	Later the same afternoon
	Scene 3	... a little while later ...
	Scene 4	Early evening at the old farmhouse.

Director's Note

Old Marreau and his friends have been wandering around Britain solving cases for quite a while now ... this is the detective's ninth adventure and Frayed Knot have been staging them since 1991. Having been as far afield as Oban and Cornwall for the last two episodes, I thought it was time that the trio had a local mystery to solve, so here we are with the home grown Terror of Tring.

As always it has been a great pleasure to direct this production, even if, with a cast of fifteen, attempting to get everyone together for rehearsals is like knitting smoke. We have several new members to the society in this production including one stage debut ...

I hope that you enjoy tonight's performance and will come along to our future productions - such as "A Tomb with a View" which we will be staging in the Autumn.

So sit back and see if you can beat Marreau to working out who is responsible for the diabolical events known as the *Terror of Tring*

Rob Farrow

Frayed Knot Theatre Company

Established in 1991, Frayed Knot has been going from strength to strength and now in our fourteenth year are set to continue for many more to come. If you have ever thought of "treading the boards" yourself, why not contact us and join in with one of our productions - we regularly take on new members and many find our Theatre Company to be refreshingly open and relaxed with an unpretentious atmosphere. Apart from being on the lookout for new actors, we are always very grateful for help backstage - or with set construction. If the idea of spouting lines in front of an audience fills you with dread - as it does with many people - but you are interested in the mechanics of putting on a play - then you would be most welcome on the technical side.

On the other hand, if your interest in Theatre is purely as a spectator - then you are still vitally important to us - because if we don't have an audience then there's no point performing the show. And the bigger the audience the bigger the buzz we get from entertaining you. So, thank-you for turning out - on what is probably a cold and blustery November evening - to come and see our production. We hope that you will be highly entertained and come rushing to see our next show, Marreau and the Terror of Tring in April 2004.

If you want to keep track of what we are doing - and for notice of auditions as well as forthcoming shows, please visit our little website at

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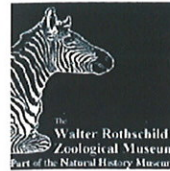
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every success with their production of

Marreau and the Terror of Tring

Let's hope the miscreants
are called to account !

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