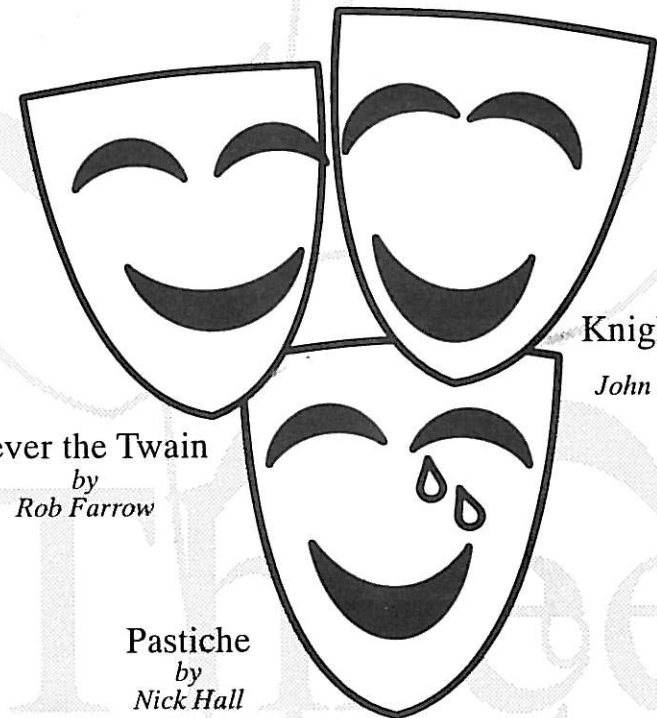




Frayed Knot Theatre Company

Three Comedies



Knightsbridge
by
John Mortimer

Never the Twain
by
Rob Farrow

Pastiche
by
Nick Hall

The Court Theatre, Pendley
September 17-20th

7.30 for 8.00pm

Running order

Knightsbridge

Never the Twain

Pastiche

There will be an interval of twenty minutes
between Never the Twain and Pastiche

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Directors' notes

Knightsbridge
Written by John Mortimer
Directed by Jackie Farrow

Directing! - My first time you know,
So I ask of you "eggs not to throw"
John Mortimer – author,
With Muriel and daughter.
And Henry too, star in the show.

In a posh part of London it's set,
Strange phone calls Francesca may get,
With a talented cast,
Who cannot be surpassed
By characters in Rumpole, I bet!

So sit back and enjoy this small show
One day you may join us you know –
Once in our "Frayed Knot"
You'll experience a lot ...
And your talents will just grow and grow!

Jackie Farrow
September 1997

Never the Twain
Written and Directed by Rob Farrow

For those of you that have witnessed my other plays which "Frayed Knot" have performed, "Never the Twain" may come as something of a surprise, as it is very different from the Marreau sequence or D.F.C. It is – or at least I hope it is – a comedy, but of a rather more surrealist brand than you might expect from my keyboard-finger (I'd like to say 'pen' but that would be fibbing!) It isn't that I've suddenly become weirder or anything however, for this playlet was actually written about six years ago, just after the very first Marreau – but this has been the first reasonable opportunity to air it.

"So," you may well ask – "what is it all about?"

Well, the flippant response would be "fish" – but as you've paid good money to come and see it, I'd better not be flippant! The idea is that what you are seeing is eight conversations – isolated from each other by being on different topics with different protagonists, but connected in several ways. A meets B who meets C etc. until H meets up with A thus completing the unbroken circle. The second point of connection is that the actions of all eight characters impinge either knowingly or accidentally on each other. The result is a web in which the eight characters are caught but of which they are unaware and that the actions of someone they personally do not know may affect them in some unforeseen and unforeseeable way. The humour, however, is not really in this device – it is in absurdity of an abstracted conversation to a dispassionate outsider – your good selves.

I hope you enjoy it and aren't too confused – when all's said and done, it's only a bit of fun.

Rob Farrow
September 1997

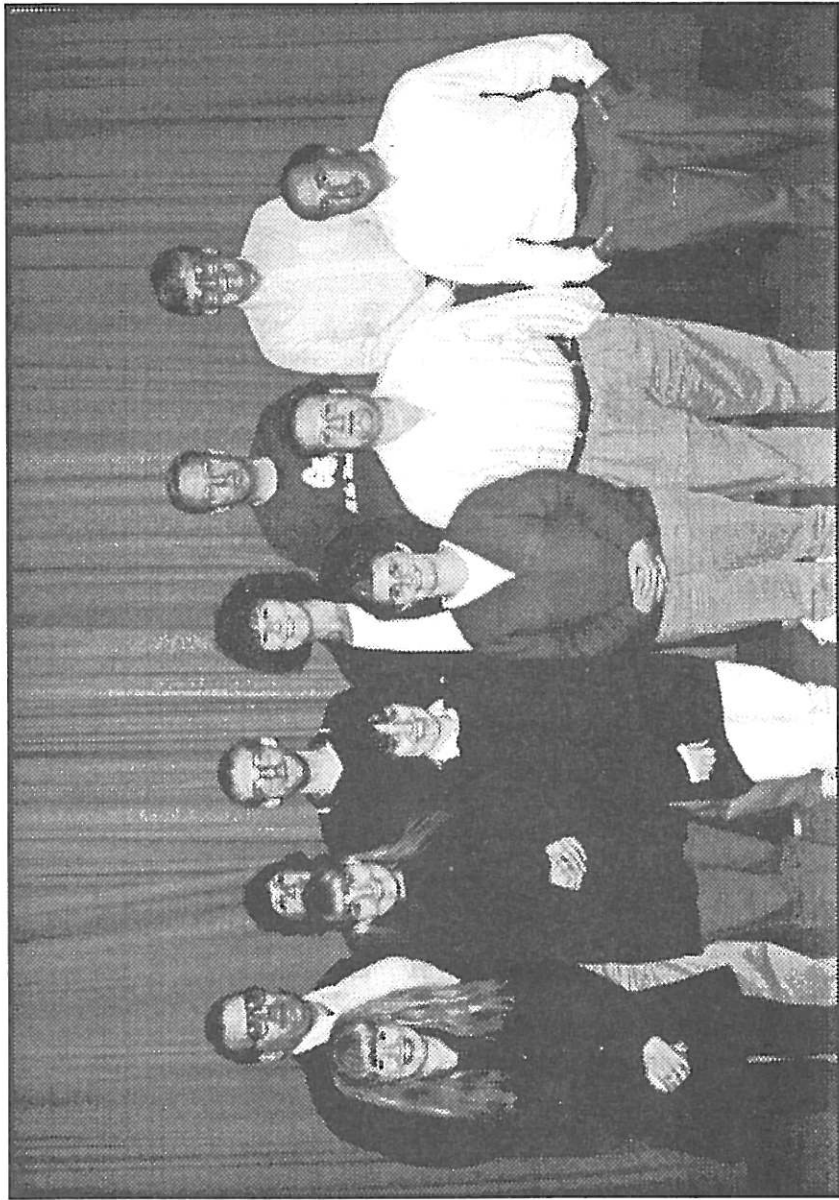
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Pastiche
Written by Nick Hall
Directed by Vi Malcolm

Pastiche is a light comedy of manners which chronicles the disastrous attempts of a would-be romantic, ageing knight with a chorus girl. The attempts to seduce her are foiled by a combination of a newly-promoted butler and the wife.

Will they succeed?

Vi Malcolm
September 1997



The cast of Three Comedies

Cast List

Knightsbridge

Muriel Stokes - Jacqui Hildreth

Henry Bulstrode - Chris Noble

Francesca Stokes - Maria Cook

Man in Mac - Bob Theaker

Never the Twain

Carol - Jackie Farrow

Brian - Bob Theaker

John - Rob Farrow

Vincent - Graham Double

Karen - Kate Harvey

Linda - Jessica Harrison

Harry - Matthew Barrett

Peter - Matt Cox

Pastiche

Medford - Colin Bryer

Lady Alexandra - Jan Jones

Sir Peter - Stephen Gilson

Viola - Jenny Booth

Welcome to the Three Comedies

For the first time in the six years since the Frayed Knot Theatre Company began we bring you not one, but Three Comedies, and in just one evening! This is a chance for you to compare the subtle humour of "Knightsbridge", by John Mortimer; with the witty intellect of "Never the Twain", by our own Rob Farrow; and the frantic pace of "Pastiche" by Nick Hall - a feast of entertainment!

Of course, Frayed Knot has never been a company to stand still. Rehearsals are already under way for our next production "Farndale's Christmas Carol" to be staged in November, which, if you saw "Farndale's Macbeth" last year, you can guarantee will be great fun for adults and children alike.

We're always pleased to see you at one of our shows and hope you have a very good evening. See you again soon.

Jacqui Hildreth
Chairperson

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Crew

Directors –	Jackie Farrow, Rob Farrow & Vi Malcolm
Producer –	Ian Wells
Technical Director –	Johann Meadows
Stage Manager –	Ian Wells
Lighting –	Johann Meadows
Sound –	Norman Ward
Front of House –	Iris Colley
Costumes –	Kate Harvey
Make Up –	Paint By Numbers
Props –	Sally Bennet
Publicity –	Rob Farrow

The Frayed Knot Theatre Company would like to thank
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with their production of

*Knightsbridge
Never the Twain
and
Pastiche*

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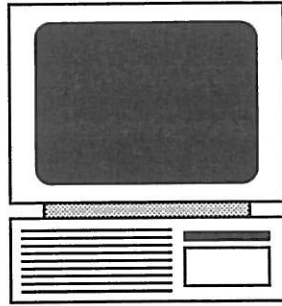


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production. Here's hoping that this time the scenery is
the right way around and nobody gets hospitalised ...

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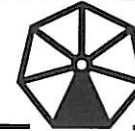
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