



**MARLBOROUGH
DRAMATIC
CLUB**

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One Hundred and Fourteenth Season.....2025
958th - 960th Performances

Marlborough Dramatic Club presents:

**VARIATION
ON A THEME**

A Play by
Terence Rattigan

Brentwood School Memorial Hall
CM15 8EE

October, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th, 7:30pm
Saturday 25th, 2:30pm

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

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For tickets:
www.marlbroughdramaticclub.uk
or phone 07746 915348

This amateur production of "Variation On A Theme" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

**Welcome to the Marlborough Dramatic Club's
Autumn 2025 production of Terence Rattigan's
play.**

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The club was founded in 1904 and this is our 121st year. For more information about the club, its history and forthcoming events, please check out our website:
www.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk

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

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

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Tickets are £15 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. This 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.

Variation on a Theme

By Terence Rattigan

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.

CAST

~ in order of appearance ~

Hettie

Juliette Bird

Rose

Sara

Ron

Nathan Davis

Kurt

Spencer Carter

Fiona

Lucy May Fuller

Mona

Hilary Andrews

Adrian

Will Atkinson

Sam

Roy Hobson

Taxi Driver

Vernon Keeble-Watson

For more information on the cast, please visit our website where you will find photos and biographies.



Directed by June Fitzgerald

The action takes place on the terrace of a villa on the riviera of the south of France in the 1950s and is inspired by ‘*La Dame aux Camelias*’, a novel by Alexandre Dumas.

ACT ONE

Scene 1

The terrace, April

Scene 2

The same, June, two months later

ACT TWO

Scene 1

The same, August, two months later

Scene 2

The same, November, three months later

The play will finish around
10pm Thursday and Friday
and 5pm Saturday.

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

Backstage & Front of House Crew

Stage Manager	Nigel Bowdidge
Lighting / Sound	Mark Watson-Lee / Steve Bearpark
Filming & Editing	Steve Bearpark
Set design	June Fitzgerald / Steve Bearpark
Set transport	Sam Stark / Elliot Clark
Set construction	Gary Ball, club members & friends
Properties	Sue Grandison / Cast
Costumes	June Fitzgerald / Cast
Make-up / Hair	Cast
House Manager	William Wells, with Karol Patten & Harry Morrison
Front of House	Members of the Committee & Friends

FLYER DESIGN / OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

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MUSIC

The music for this production is a selection specially chosen by the Director.

CHOREOGRAPHY

With thanks to Eliot Carter and Elizabeth Chitty for assistance with some of the ballet choreography.

FAUX FOLIAGE

With thanks to Ann Howell at **Norpar Barns**.
See back page for more information.

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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.marlboroughdramaticclub.uk

Join us on social media:

Facebook: [marlboroughdrama](https://www.facebook.com/marlboroughdrama) & Instagram: [marlborough_dramatic_club](https://www.instagram.com/marlborough_dramatic_club)

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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 121-year-old institution!

FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS – 2025-6

25th November, 7:30pm – AGM with read-through of the Spring 2026 play

9th – 11th April 2026 – 'Kind Hearts and Coronets' by Derek Webb

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

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