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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF

GRANDEE

A new comedy by Clive Read

May 2013

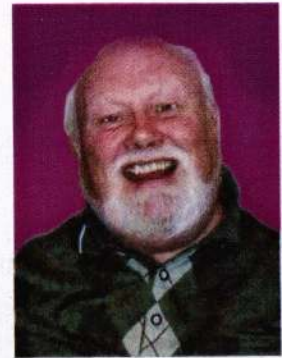
Director's Notes

He writes them but he doesn't always want to direct them. I am talking, of course, about Clive Read - local playwright so, as soon as he said he was writing a new comedy play called "Grandee", I put my hand up and said, "I'll direct it if you like." Now I am not the bravest of souls so to volunteer to take it on may, at first glance, appear to be impetuous. However, the truth is it was a no brainer. I knew before even glancing at the script it would be very funny - and it certainly is - as well as being sprinkled with just a few moments of pathos to give it balance. Another winner from the pen of our Chairman! Of course, no matter how good a script is, a director cannot rely on the writing alone to stage a successful play. One needs a good quality cast and I am fortunate that some of the Revellers' most experienced actors auditioned for "Grandee". It is no exaggeration to say that we could have cast it twice. The cast we have chosen has, between them, decades of experience - and it shows - as they have the ability to wring every last bit of comedy out of the production. There are some excellent character performances and the audience is in for a treat. My thanks go to all the people who have helped put the production together; Ray Clark, Geoff Guest, Sarah Middleton, (Techie) Pete, Lesley (our prompt) and anyone else I haven't mentioned (you know who you are). Last, but absolutely not least, I afford a hefty chunk of gratitude to my Assistant Director, Robin Neighbour, who has been a rock. He has read in for almost every character at one rehearsal or another, made notes, supplied props, assisted with technical aspects, spotted some nice opportunities for comedy moments and always with an air of professionalism. Thank you Robin. Enjoy "Grandee"!

Brian Havers



Chairman & Author's Notes



Clive Read

After our last review, "Love and Laughter" the Society received many compliments from almost capacity audiences so I hope this next offering, "Grandee", pleases too. This is a play with no dancing or singing, just a light-hearted romp with Great Grandfather Desmond aka "Grandee" after his death. It is unusual to have the title character of the play recently deceased but "Grandee", as you will see, was a man of some distinction and energy and he has left his family confused and bewildered. New plays are always a gamble and I shall be biting my fingernails down to the quick during this week's run.

We have a full programme lined up for you in the future. After "Grandee" (directed by Brian) we have an Old Tyme Music Hall, so we are back to singing, dancing and funny sketches. Hopefully, our audiences will dress in traditional Music Hall costume and there will be plenty of participation. Of course ladies if you wear a large, Victorian hat we will respectfully ask you to remove it so that "Them at the back can see!" There will be a suitable repast during the interval and the delicious menu will be advised shortly.

Following that we have another play, written by Brian Havers, This time it is a comedy "whodunnit" called "The Bitter End". Brian is the only one who knows anything about this play, no-one else has had even a glimpse of the script yet. Is it finished? Will it be finished? Who is in it? All these questions answered in 2014.

After that - we are looking at musicals various - some old, some new. Unfortunately, an awful lot of musicals are now restricted for amateur production because the professionals have reserved them for countrywide tours or to perform in the West End. However, we have one or two ideas which will delight you at The Key or maybe another venue altogether. Thank you for your support .

Clive Read

The Revellers present **Grandee**

Cast (in order of appearance)

Harold Thompson
David Thompson
Gillian Thompson
Stuart Thompson
Gemma Thompson
Ms Simpson
Olga Thompson
Grandee

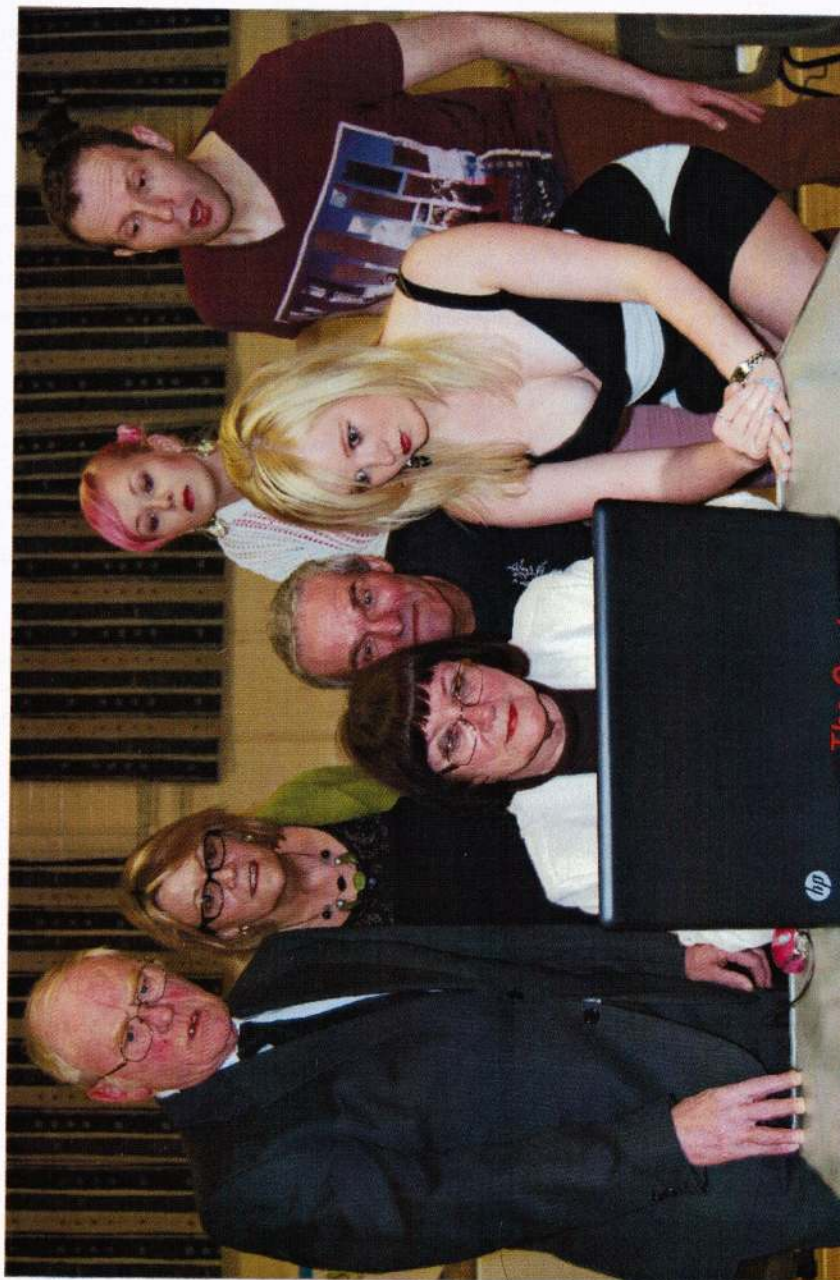
Jonathan Buckle
Brian Haswell
Gill Giaffreda
Mark Freeman
Sarah Aldred
Sue Read
Helen Linford
Clive Read

The Production Team

Director
Asst. Director
Programme
Prompt & Props
Stage Manager
Asst. Stage Manager
Sound
Front of House

Rehearsal Refreshments

Brian Havers
Robin Neighbour
Sue & Clive Read
Lesley Edwards
Ray Clark
Geoff Guest
Pete Naylor
Sarah Middleton
Sylvia Drake
Ros Butler



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Previous Productions (from 1972)

Charley's Aunt	George and the Dragon	The Taming of the Shrew
Conduct Unbecoming	Hans Andersen	Forty
A Funny Thing Happened	Tom Jones	A Funny Thing Happened
On the Way to the Forum	Music Hall	On the Way to the Forum
Carmilla	Move Over Mrs Markham	Take a Seat
Sleeping Beauty	Sinbad	Oliver
Ten Little Niggers	Smalls Talk	Romeo & Juliet
Just the Ticket	Bungate	Old Tyme Music Hall
Not Now Darling	Puss In Boots	The Naff Cafe
Intent to Murder	Music Hall	Evil in Tents
Pygmalion	Kate From Behind	Dick Turpin
Red Riding Hood	George & the Dragon	Annie
Sweet Charity	Hereward	Measure for Measure
Doctor in Love	Habeas Corpus	'Allo ' Allo
A Funny Thing Happened	Gypsy	Little Shop of Horrors
On the Way to the Forum	Smalls Talk	A Riotous Reception
A Taste of Honey	Dick Turpin	Return to the Forbidden Planet
Lord Arthur Saville's Crime	Bed of Roses	Listen
Love in a Mist	Carry on Revelling	Rats
Robinson Crusoe	Take a Seat	Mrs Bags
Dracula Spectacular	Cabaret	The End of the Pier Show
Who Goes Bare	Guards Guards	Drop In
Spring & Port Wine	Rats	A Little Night Music
Sinbad	Listen	Festive Frolics
Billy Liar	Paint Your Wagon	The Admirable Miss Smith
Dick Turpin	The Naff Cafe	The Alchemist
Habeas Corpus	Men at Arms	Robin Hood
Blithe Spirit	Only when I Dream	Keep Off the Grass/
Oh What a Lovely War	Singing in the Rain	Thinking Aloud
Bed of Roses	Kate From Behind	Carmen - the Musical
Man of La Mancha	Bungate	Love and Laughter

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