

Press Release - Huntingdon Drama Club



by Hugh Whitmore

How well do you know your neighbours? That is the question being posed by Huntingdon Drama Club in their forthcoming production of Hugh Whitmore's play *Pack Of Lies*.

Following the success of recent productions *Abigail's Party* and *A Doll's House*, the Club are turning back the clock to the Cold War of the 1960's and the real events that inspired this intriguing and gripping tale. Originally produced in London in the 1980's, starring Judi Dench, the play tells the story of an ordinary suburban family whose lives are shattered when they discover that their friends and neighbours are spying for the Russians. The drama is based on events involving Peter and Helen Kroger, who were arrested in Ruislip in 1961 for their involvement in what became known as the Portland Spy Ring, selling information on nuclear submarines to the Soviets and attempting to recruit 'moles' within the British military. The cast includes Michael Black and Ann Monk as Bob and Barbara Jackson, whose home is commandeered by the Secret Service as a surveillance post, and newcomer to the Club Jenny Bingham as their daughter, Julie. Kelly Mason - recently seen as Bev in *Abigail's Party* - is Helen Kroger and Scott Hutchison is shadowy secret service man Mr Stewart. Ronald Stevenson, Jane Crittenden and Emma Hill make up the rest of the cast.

Director Dean Laccohee is delighted to be bringing this thrilling and moving play to the stage and said: 'First and foremost, this is a really fantastic story. The drama comes from seeing how this very dangerous time in 20th century history had a real impact on ordinary, innocent people. The fact that it's a true story lends it even more power, particularly for those in the audience who remember it happening.'

The play runs at the Commemoration Hall, Huntingdon from Thursday 10th until Saturday 12th November, and you can book online through the Club's website www.huntingdondramaclub.org.uk, phone 01480-454486, or buy tickets at the door on the night. Tickets are £9, or £7 for concessions and groups of 4 or more.

For more information, visit the Club's website, www.huntingdondramaclub.org.uk, or go to www.facebook.com/HuntingdonDramaClub.

--- End---

For further information and photographs, please contact:

Dean Laccohee, deanlaccohee@yahoo.co.uk

Michael Black, michael.black@btinternet.com, or phone 01480-454486