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Huntingdon Drama Club presents *Absent Friends*

In July, Huntingdon Drama Club presents *Absent Friends*, a wickedly observant comedy by playwright Alan Ayckbourn.

In the play, Diana has organised a tea party for Colin, an old friend of her husband Paul. Colin's fiancée has recently drowned and the aim is to cheer him up with a gathering of old friends Paul, John and Gordon. Of course, in typical Ayckbourn fashion, all is not what it seems and soon some of the tensions simmering under the surface are brought out for everyone to see.

Director Dean Laccohee said: "*Absent Friends* is one of Ayckbourn's finest comedies. Though originally performed in the 1970s it is still very relevant today, raising many interesting and amusing points on marriage, relationships and friendship. I think everyone watching will see something of themselves in one or more of the characters."

Absent Friends is being performed at 7.30 on 16th, 17th and 18th July at the Commemoration Hall, Huntingdon. Tickets cost £8 (£6 for concessions or bookings of four or more). Tickets can be booked through the website (no booking fee): www.huntingdondramaclub.org.uk and are available from the Commemoration Hall, the Card Gallery, or by telephoning 01480 454486.

For further information, email Kat Sexton
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Rehearsal photographs are available on the website.

About Huntingdon Drama Club

Huntingdon Drama Club was formed in 1944 and gave its first full-length play in the Town Hall in 1945. In 1960, they moved to the Commemoration Hall, where for the first time, they had a permanent stage, dressing rooms, canteen

facilities and scenery accommodation. They have been there ever since and have performed at least two plays each year.

Recently, Huntingdon Drama Club has performed *Cold Comfort Farm* adapted by Paul Doust, *Hay Fever* by Noël Coward, *Ghost Writer* by David Tristram and *Separate Tables* by Terence Rattigan, all with great success.

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