

An
Old Town Theatre
Company Production

OTTC

A play
directed by
Nancy A. Heath

One For The Road

The cake's for Dennis.

by Willy Russell

He's sick of his life,

So what's he

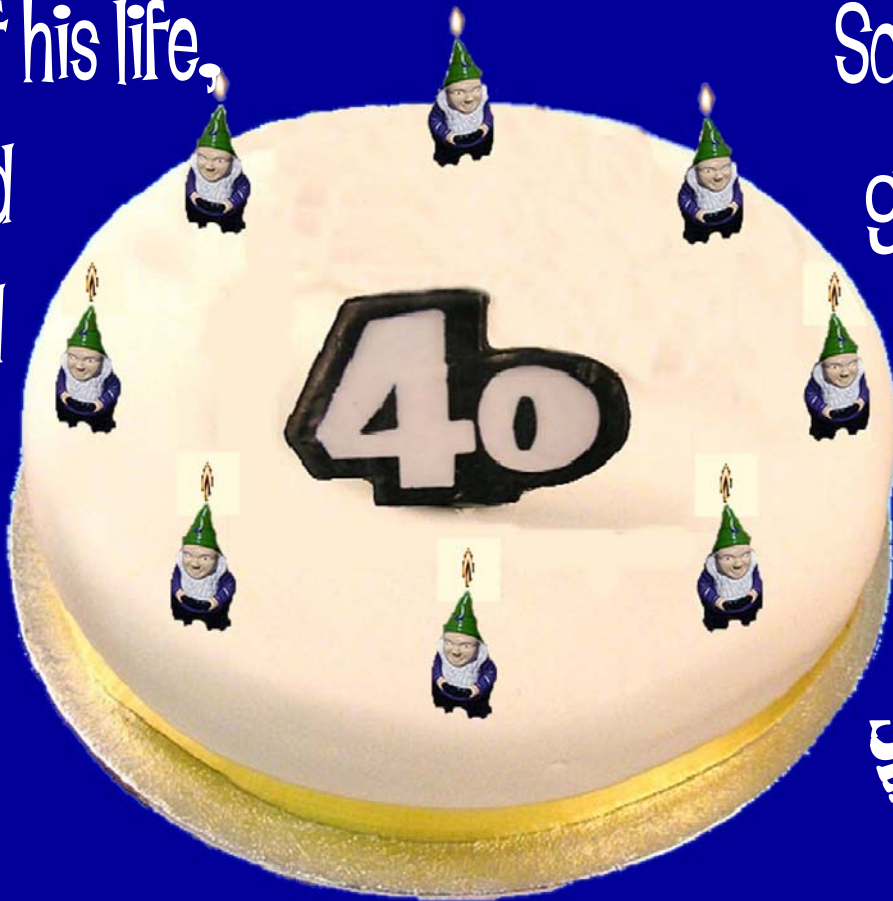
his wife and

going to do

his so-called

about it?

friends..



SOME

OFFENSIVE

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**THEMES
OF A
SEXUAL NATURE**

A runaway comedy for anyone who's ever screamed

'Stop the World, I want to Get Off!'

Thursday 11th
to Saturday 13th December 2008
The Arts Centre, Swindon
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to check it's off, or silent!
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Past Productions

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March 2006	The Lion in Winter
Festival 2006	Foxes in the Early Light

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What the Papers Say about OTTC

Sterling performances from 3 ladies of the company.

Best Play,
Harold Jolliffe One Act Play Festival 2008

"..well cast and extremely well played
..another winner."

"There was no doubt in my mind that this company
could pull it off; and they did."

"The audience loved it and so did I"

"As always, OTTC managed to put on a
performance that was entertaining"

"Duo pick up the gauntlet of tough play in style...
...cracking, the lines just flowed."

BBC 'Playwrite' winner

Christmas comedy 2006

"An hour and half of dynamic acting. I enjoyed this
more than the professional production"

"Inspirational"

"An enthralling flashback to the Christmas of 1183
in Michael Bull's excellent production"

"A taut and thought-provoking piece"

Our Next Production

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presents

The Vortex

by Noel Coward

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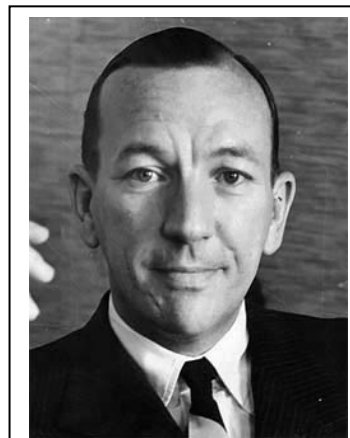
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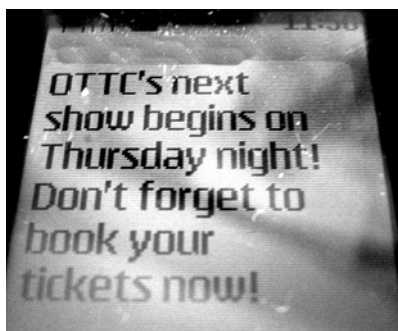
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One For The Road by Willy Russell

This superb adult comedy explodes into farce as Dennis, shuddering on the brink of his fortieth birthday, unleashes his roaming, rebel spirit against wife Pauline's comfortable bungalow housing estate life-style.

Willy Russell swings from nostalgia to anarchy in this suburban comedy, confirming his Educating Rita reputation amongst the best of contemporary wit.

Cast, in order of appearance

Dennis Cain

"From the first reading, I enjoyed this play. Through rehearsals, it's become quite clear that the obvious gags are just the tip of the iceberg!

Once you get past the extreme – and funny - behaviour in the story, you quickly see that this is about real people, with real and understandable desires and frustrations.

Having said that, with all the mad stories we read about in the papers these days, who's to say that what's happening where Dennis and Pauline live, isn't also going on in the street where you live....?!!!"

Ashley Heath



Pauline Cain

"At first glance, this is a straight forward domestic comedy with farce thrown in but the more you get into it, the more layers are revealed.

Pauline is a conventional housewife and mum, again only on the surface! Whilst she does have a genuine affection for Dennis, she's increasingly puzzled by his 'flaky' behaviour.

Although Dennis is the character who's most obviously funny, the other three characters, including Pauline, deliver real surprises of their own!"

Jane Dale



Jane Fuller

"I've really enjoyed this play, and my character! Jane is a flower child of the 60's, working class and very insecure about who she is. She's become a social climber, in a small way, and feels more confident hiding behind a middle class façade with all its material possessions. It's very important to Jane that others have a positive perception of her.

Not being the most confident person in the world, I also adapt myself to others in social settings; maybe that's why I enjoy acting!"

Jayne Achrill

Roger Fuller

"This is the Dinner Party from Hell! Although all the characters are in their 40's but there's hardly an adult amongst us! Roger is smugness personified (Typecast again!) but we'll find out that he's not as infallible as he believes.

There are aspects to Roger that I do recognise in myself, and indeed, situations he gets into that are very familiar to me. I won't say what, that would be giving too much away!

I've really enjoyed One for The Road, it's been a great opportunity; enjoy the show!"

Mike Carpenter



Crew

Director:	Nancy Heath	Stage Manager:	Becky Gregory-Clarke
Lighting Design:	Matt Davis	Lighting:	Adam Elvin
Sound:	Stuart Quinn	Set Design:	Paul Blonden
Front of House Coordinator:	Fenella Harrop	Front of House Stewards:	OTTC Members

"This play, apart from being very funny indeed, is about how thin our veneers of conventionality can really be. Dennis challenges established norms, but does he have the conviction to be the true rebel he would like to be?

Each of these actors is a joy to work with and I'm sure the final result will speak for itself!

Also, I'd like to thank everyone involved who you won't see tonight – they've contributed just as much to what's going to be an enjoyable show!"

Nancy Heath Director

The Company

Since Old Town Theatre Company was set up in 1992 we've added another dimension to Swindon's drama scene. Particularly focused on the works of contemporary playwrights, we aim to offer entertainment appealing to the more adventurous theatre-goer. This has established OTTC as one of Swindon's most ambitious and innovative theatre companies. This reputation has been built from the desire of the members to challenge themselves as performers, and from a common shared philosophy within the company that we should break down the barriers of what an 'amateur' company 'can' or 'should' perform.

How to Join OTTC

Our membership is open to all. If you are interested in acting, directing or backstage, you're very welcome!

As an OTTC member you will receive:

- Opportunities to audition for all OTTC productions
- OTTC newsletters
- Concessionary price tickets for OTTC productions

Yearly membership costs just £20 for adults and £10 for junior members under 18.

However, you are welcome to make an additional donation!

To help cover production costs, we ask cast members to pay an acting fee of £7.50 per play.

There are various ways of contacting OTTC:



Website www.swindonweb.com/ottc



Email ottcenquiries@googlemail.com



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