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Spotlight

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Towpath

A poignant one-act comedy for four women of mixed ages. Sitting by a canal with a fishing rod and a hip flask, a lone woman finds herself at the centre of a growing group of strangers, each with a tale to share and a problem to solve.

Last Tango in Paphos

Membership of the local amateur drama society has dwindled to four. Time for dramatic action. There's only one thing that sells tickets these days - sex. But how will the locals react to the promise of a sizzling sex comedy? All is revealed in this fast-paced comedy of an Am-Dram in trouble.

A Night of Comedy with 2 One Act Plays

Stage One theatre group

TOWPATH
By Robert Iles
Directed by Fiona Greavey

Last Tango In Paphos
By David Tristram
Directed by Jane Stephen

"Towpath" is produced by special arrangement with Stageplays.com

This amateur production of "Last Tango in Little Grimley" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD a Concord Theatricals Company.

Stage One Theatre Emba
Thurs 23rd—Sat 25th September,
Thurs 30th September—2nd October 2021
7.30pm €12

A percentage of profits from these performances will benefit the following local charities

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Further events are being planned by Lindy for the early autumn. Watch this space!



Plays coming in 2022

In March (3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th)

Hi De Hi directed by Peter Sandwith

In May (5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th)

Blithe Spirit directed by Caroline Harman Smith

In September/October (29th, 30th, 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th)

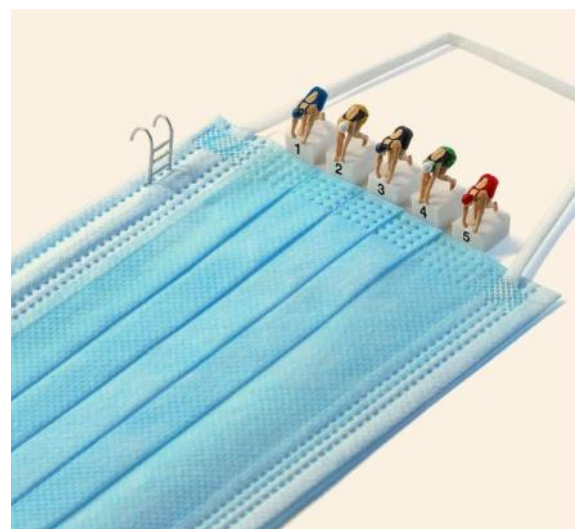
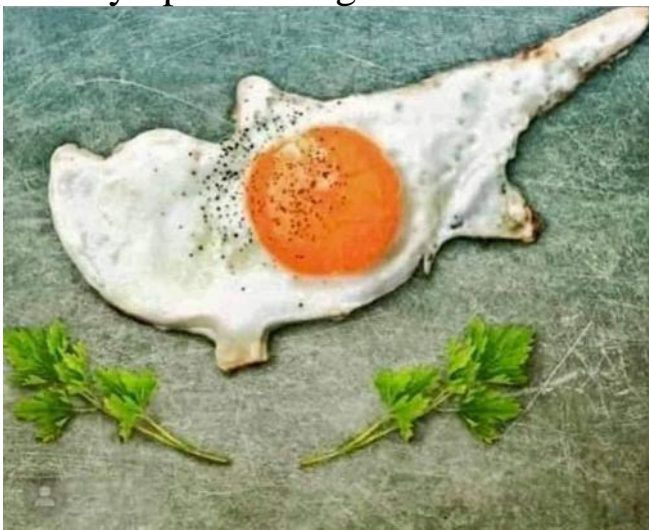
Quartet directed by Fiona Greavey

In December (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th)

Goodnight Mister Tom directed by Penny Cook

These plays will each be performed for six nights spread over two weekends of Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

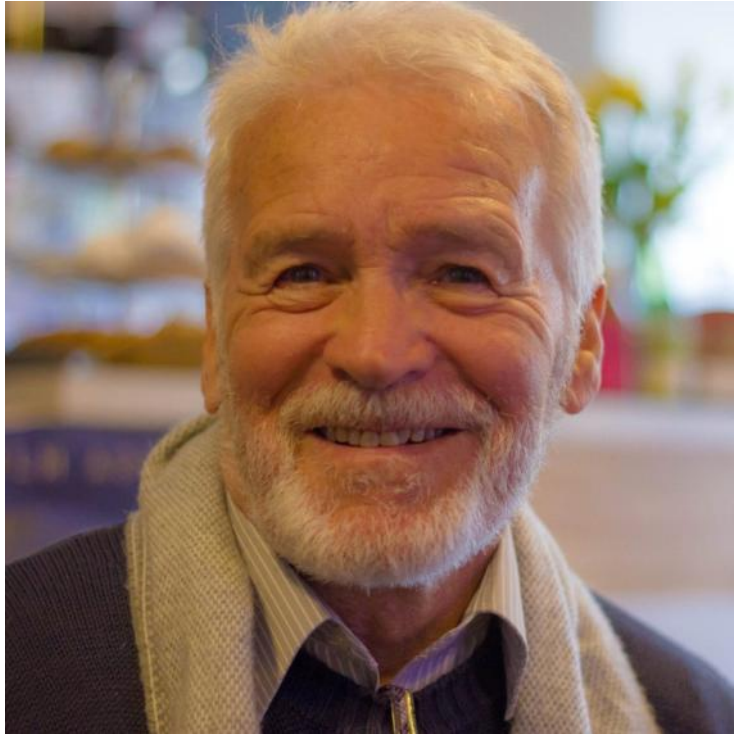
Two images that I spotted this summer. Cyprus was rather hot wasn't it! And the Olympics were good to watch!



ERIC MANUEL

Many members were able to attend the Thanksgiving service and later, the gathering of friends, to remember Eric who died earlier this month at the age of 79.

Eric was born in 1942 and Carole and Eric were due to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this October. They have been members of Stage One for over 25 years and both appeared many times in our productions. He won, in the early days, a theatre award for being “Ham of the Year” - long before the Paftas became serious! During the production of *See How They Run*, Eric wandered on to the stage at the wrong moment. Realising that he had made a mistake, it is rumoured that he said “Well



if no one is going to speak to me - I will leave”. And turned and off he went. And again during the run of *My Fair Lady* we in the chorus rehearsed, for what seemed for months, long and hard dance steps which we never ever got right. I imagine that Eric was no stranger to square bashing but even the simplest steps were beyond him. It didn’t matter as he was the “Director’s Favourite” and she let him get away with winging it every night.

I don’t think it is very well known that in 1994 and 1995 he played the Dame in two pantomimes, *Cinderella* and *Jack And The Beanstalk*. In an effort to sell tickets both Eric and his mate the late Willie Clarke went around many of the hotels in Paphos in full drag costumes promoting Stage One and the pantomimes. Two brave men.

Eric was the founder member of the Paphos squash club and continued to play well into his 70s. He was also a keen golfer in their early days here.

And then there was karaoke at Thomas’s Jungle bar, there Eric used to sing his heart out alongside Willie Clarke.

Eric put his heart and soul into everything he did and wholeheartedly put his energy into an energetic, fruitful and rich life. The last few years he suffered with awful back pain which stopped him from continuing with his healthy and fit life and that must have been distressing for him.

We send our condolences to our former Chairman, Carole and their two sons Brent and Dirk and promise that Eric will never ever be forgotten.

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Answers to Riddles in July issue: 21. A coffin, 22. A map, 23. A Penny, 24. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, 25. An envelope, 26. Your name, 27. Your finger, 28. A piano, 29. His horse was called Sunday, 30. A dice, 31. Your breath, 32. A fence, 33. A hole, 34. A clock, 35. Nothing, 36. An umbrella, 37. Smoke, 38. A secret, 39. A sponge, 40. A joke



The black-and-white drawing shows a typical family from the 1950s, with a mum and dad and five children. The mum and the older kids are eating at the table, while the dad reads the paper on the couch with the baby. But not all is as it seems in the happy home, as the challenge says: What is wrong with this picture?

Can you find the twelve deliberate mistakes? Answers next time!