

## STILL LIFE

The basis of the movie Brief Encounter

### Synopsis

In a suburban railway station, Dr Harvey removes a cinder from Laura's eye and they fall in love. Subsequent weekly meetings over tea, scenes debating respectability or love, and some sentimental moments transpire before they must part forever.

### Setting

#### Scene One

The refreshment room of Milford Junction Station. It is an April evening about 5.25pm.

#### Scene two

The same, about the same time, three months later.

#### Scene three

It is now October

#### Scene four

The time is 9.45pm on an evening in December

#### Scene five

The time is between 5 and 5.30pm on an afternoon in March the following year.

### Cast

Myrtle Bagot	Gill Williamson
Stanley	Cameron MacDonald
Beryl	Jane Presland
Albert	David Bone
Alec Harvey	Adam Thompson
Male customer	John Hanley
Laura	Netti Lomas
Bill	Chris Plumridge
Dolly Messiter	Marcia Bryan

DIRECTED BY CHRIS PLUMRIDGE

### Interval

THERE WILL BE AN INTERVAL OF 20 MINUTES BETWEEN THE TWO PLAYS



The Greville (as it is fondly known) was originally established by former Headteacher, Trevor Phillips, and a group of teachers from the Helena Romanes School in Great Dunmow; Greville being the family name of the Earls of Warwick. Their first production was the morality play, 'Everyman' in 1959 and in 1970 The Barn Theatre became their home. Today, over five decades later, the Greville has the privilege of continuing to tread the boards at The Barn Theatre, enabling them to bring live theatre to all.



The iconic Barn Theatre is one of the finest tithe barns in the country, which underwent major refurbishment during the Countess of Warwick's time at Little Easton Manor, to create a fully functioning theatre where Charlie Chaplin, H G Wells, George Formby and Gracie Fields – to name but a few – have all performed. Today it offers a beautiful venue space for private hire. For more information about the history of Little Easton Manor, please visit their website:

[www.littleeastonmanor.co.uk](http://www.littleeastonmanor.co.uk)

#### The Greville Theatre Company

If you have enjoyed your time spent with us and would like to join our happy team whether on stage, behind the scenes, swinging a hammer or making the tea, please do get in touch via our website [www.greville.org.uk](http://www.greville.org.uk)



The Greville Theatre Company is a member of NODA. Go to [www.noda.org.uk](http://www.noda.org.uk)



In 1935 Noel Coward wrote a collection of 10 one act plays which he called "Tonight at 8.30"

The Greville Theatre Company is proud to be performing two of these one act plays for your enjoyment.

■ **STILL LIFE**  
■ **STAR CHAMBER**





# STAR CHAMBER

A lesser known of Coward’s one act plays

## Synopsis

The action of the play takes place on the bare stage of a West End theatre in London in 1936. It is around 12 noon. A meeting takes place of the management committee of a theatrical charity, the Garrick Haven Fund, to benefit a retirement home for destitute actresses.

## Cast

Mr Farmer	David Bone
Jenny Horlick	Cheryl Ferris
Hester More	Fabienne Hanley
Violet Vibart	Heather Bennett
Julian Breed	Chris Plumridge
Johnny Bolton	Adam Thompson
Maurice Searle	John Hanley
Dame Rose Maitland	Netti Lomas
Elise Brodie	Jane Presland
Xenia James	Madeline Harmer
Photographer	John Jones
Atherton the dog	By ‘Cheeky’

DIRECTED BY MARCIA BRYAN

# TO TREAD THE BOARDS

# STILL LIFE STAR CHAMBER

## Behind the scenes

### Set design and build

Richard Pickford and David Bone

### Stage Manager

John Jones

### Light and Sound

Alan Barney and David Bone

### Properties

Mo Jones and members of the Greville

### Costumes

Jan Kingdom, cast members and  
The Dressing Up Box

### Wigs:

Patsy Page and  
Combined Actors of Cambridge

### Front of house

Members of the Greville Theatre Company  
and Friends

### Programme design

Terry Bryan

## Thank you

We are most grateful to the Little Easton Manor and in particular, Andy and Mel for their kindness and support in keeping live performances active in this historic theatre.