



Three Quarters Joyce

An evening of fun and laughter as actress Linda Shannon recreates some of the best-loved sketches of Joyce Grenfell, comedienne and queen of the comic monologue. Tonight, Linda becomes the characters of those monologues (with a song!) while she tells you the story of Joyce's extraordinary life.

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Woking Surrey**

At the kind invitation of member Sue Stephens

Sunday 22nd August from 6pm



Toothy Britisher JOYCE GRENFELL (1910-1979) with her stark equine features is lovingly remembered for her one woman shows and comic monologues in which she invented roles like that of the harassed nursery teacher “George don’t do that.”

She was a true all-rounder, a gifted actress, comedienne, and musician, on stage, radio, reviews, film and TV for over 30 years. She was also a writer of several books including her autobiography. She charmed and humoured audiences both here and abroad with her delightfully witty monologues, even during wartime.

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After the war she continued in revues working with celebrities such as Noel Coward and Max Adrian. Her first solo act was Joyce Grenfell Requests the Pleasure (1954) at The Fortune and St. Martins Theatre, which she eventually took to the States.

Grenfell inherited her bold talents from her eccentric socialite American mother and her sister Lady Nancy Astor. She finally found an opening in films playing gawky matrons in rollicking comedies. Among the best were The Happiest Days of Your Life, The Galloping Major, Laughter in Paradise and The Belles of St. Trinian's, and the resulting Trinian sequels. Joyce also wrote numerous songs and poems working alongside Richard Addinsell for the musical accompaniment to her songs.

Maureen Lipman often toured with her one woman show Re-Joyce! which was a resounding hit on the London stage. Linda Shannon has long been an admirer of Joyce Grenfell and for years tried to follow in Joyce's footsteps by performing her monologues at parties. Recently, the idea came of putting together an homage to Joyce by researching her life and devising and writing a show, peppering it with some of her sketches – those very well-known, such as 'The Nursery Teacher, and those less so, such as the young girl sitting at the feet of a giant of literature.

<p>Members: 42.50 Guests: £49.50</p> <p>Drinks reception, one-woman show, cold buffet supper with dessert & coffee</p> <p>For comfort, numbers limited to twenty-five guests. Our evening ends at around 10.30pm</p> <p><i>RSVP</i></p>

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