



Invitation

Gala Book Launch of early rediscovered satirical gems

Four playlets by

P G Wodehouse

And Bertram Fletcher Robinson.

Presented in book form for the first time.

Bobbles & Plum

Compiled by celebrated author and historian

Paul R Spiring

The Bookshop Theatre, Waterloo

Saturday July 25th from 6.30 pm.

The book also throws an interesting spotlight on the early careers of these two young authors, one semi-forgotten, the other a household name, but also reminds us that political satire is nothing new. First published between 1904 and 1907 they are now presented with full biographical and historical commentaries.

*“As a piece of historical and literary scholarship, I can’t fault it at all”
..... John Van der Kiste ‘Bookbag’ 5 star rating.*

6.30pm - Drinks reception with canapés

7.30pm - Welcome by Hilary Bruce, Chairman of the Wodehouse Society

The Background – by writer and biographer Norman Murphy

The Discovery – Paul R Spiring

Paul gives the background to how he came across the four lost playlets, the first written when Wodehouse was only twenty-two.

There will be time to put your questions to our three guests

Dress code: Smart casual

To include supper afterwards

Members £55

Members’ double ticket £105

Members’ guests £65

Reception and launch only (limited availability)

£25 - members £35 - guests

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Between 1904 and 1907 the two young journalists PG Wodehouse (“Plum”) and Bertram Fletcher Robinson (“Bobbles”) co-authored this collection of playlets which disappeared deep into the archives. Each is a lampooning review of the previous year’s news and were originally published in the Daily Express and Vanity Fair.

These playlets are a must for Wodehouse fans and those interested in Victorian society which they reflect. They capture two of the most talented humorists of their time at their most edgy, long before Wodehouse became internationally famous. The works could be considered a kind of gentle forerunner of ‘That Was The Week That Was’ and ‘Have I Got News For You’ poking fun at the establishment of the day. Enthusiasts may choose to make comparison between these playlets and Wodehouse’s later works. He was finding his feet in journalism before discovering his niche in comic fiction. Other contributors to the book are Tony Ring and Andrew Crowther.

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