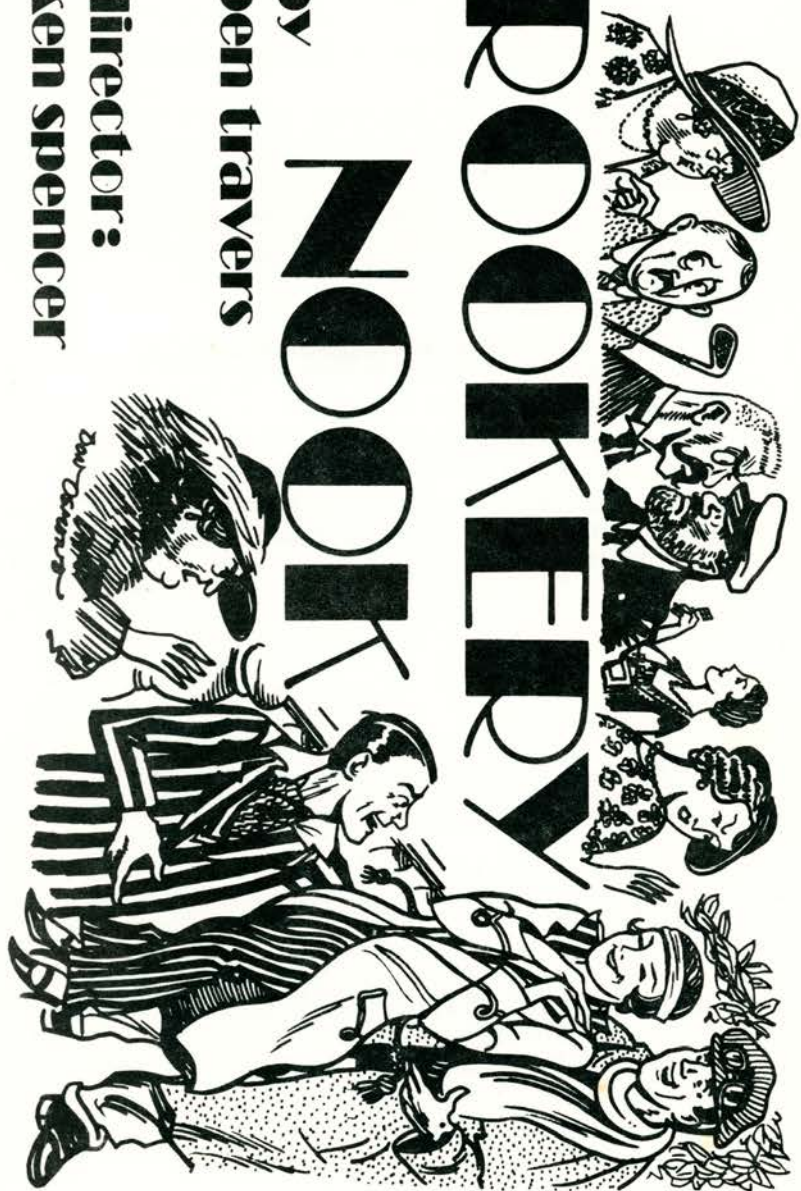


director:  
**ken spencer**

by  
**ben travers**

# RIDDYER



## NUFFIELD THEATRE

JEAN ADAMS ..... Secretary  
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 STANLEY RIXON ..... Technical Manager  
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 MOLLY WILSON ..... Box Office

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The Nuffield Theatre acknowledges financial assistance from the Southern Arts Association and the Leisure Committee of the City of Southampton towards the costs of maintaining this theatre.

In accordance with the requirements of the licensing authority:

- 1 The audience may leave at the end of the performance by all exit doors.
- 2 All gangways, corridors, staircases and passageways which afford a means of exit shall be kept entirely free from obstruction.
- 3 Persons shall not be permitted to stand or sit in any of the gangways except in positions authorised by the licensing authority and in the numbers indicated in the notices exhibited in those positions.
- 4 The safety curtain shall be lowered and raised at each performance in the presence of the audience.

The management reserves the right to refuse admission, also to make alteration in the cast which may be rendered necessary by illness or other unavoidable causes.

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 The use of cameras or tape recorders in the theatre is forbidden.



## Cast

Gertrude Twine ..... Jenny McConnell  
Mrs. Leverett ..... Julie Baker  
Harold Twine ..... Tony Bull  
Clive Popkiss ..... John Carrington  
Gerald Popkiss ..... Philip de Grouchy  
Rhoda Marley ..... Mary Elliott  
Putz ..... Ken Spencer  
Admiral Juddy ..... David Jupp  
Poppy Dickey ..... Philippa Taylor  
Clara Popkiss ..... Carol Clark  
Mrs. Possett ..... Sheila Clark

## Rookery Nook

The action of the play takes place in the lounge hall of Rookery Nook.

Act I late on a summer night  
Act II early next morning  
Act III about 2½ hours later

There will be two intervals of approximately 15 minutes during which the fully licensed Theatre Bar will be open.

Coffe, soft drinks, chocolate and ice cream are also available.

## for the maskers

Designer and Director ..... Ken Spencer  
Technical Director ..... Joy Wingfield  
Stage Manager ..... Mike Patterson  
Lighting ..... Clive Weeks  
Sound ..... Ron Tillyer  
David Partlett  
Set Construction ..... Bill Parkes  
John Riggs  
Wardrobe ..... Lillian Gunstone  
Properties ..... Angela Stephens  
Business Management and  
Publicity ..... Graham Buchanan  
Brian Stansbridge

## Ben Travers

Ben Travers commenced his brilliant career as an author and novelist just after the First World War and simply could not stop! Nor did his wit or ability fail him in later years, as may be expected of a man whose writing career spans more than fifty years. Indeed "The Bed Before Yesterday" was first produced in 1976, Ben Travers ninetieth year, and was acclaimed by critics as one of his finest works.

Travers was of course the master of the Aldwych farces, the basis of which, in his own words, were that "the characters wanted to go to bed with each other".

Rookery Nook was first produced in 1926 and is, perhaps, one of the best known and best loved of his plays. It was revived in 1972 as a West End musical under the name "Popkiss". The play has long been on the maskers most wanted list and we trust that you will enjoy this evening's performance.

## the maskers theatre company

The maskers theatre company was formed in 1968 by a small nucleus of dedicated amateur actors with a professional outlook. The company is the most active amateur group in the area and has a full programme which embraces all facets of drama. Amongst the productions staged over the last year, either at the Nuffield Theatre or at our own small theatre in Burgess Road are :-

"HOTEL PARADISO" - Classic Feydeau farce  
"THE WINSLOW BOY"  
"SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR"  
"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM"  
"WILD OATS"  
"EQUUS" - Peter Shaffer's award winning play  
"THE CRUCIBLE"

To the best of our knowledge the maskers were the first amateur company to present "Equus".

If you wish to know more about the maskers please write to Brian Stansbridge, 5 Norwich Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO2 2PN.

## *Forthcoming Events:-*

THE MASKERS THEATRE  
Burgess Road.

29th October - 3rd November : "THE ANNIVERSARY"  
By Bill Mac Ilwraith  
A remarkable first play by this now well known author, its hate-filled humour is guaranteed to draw a well balanced mixture of gasps and guffaws.

BOOKINGS - SOUTHAMPTON 769489

THE NUFFIELD THEATRE

10th - 15th December : "THE MASKERS MUSIC HALL"  
Entertainment for all from nine to ninety!