



SHOWCASE

1 November 2024, Stromness Town Hall

New plays inspired by the topics of the Stromness Debating Society, 1953-2012

Gambling is a Major Evil in this Country (competition 3rd prize)

by Fiona MacInnes

Debate: 'Gambling is a major evil in this country', 12/11/1956, A. Crozier v. W.E. Knight, lost 11-17

Director: Vera Butler

Cast: Rena – Phyllis McLaughlin, Maggie – Vera Butler

What Do We Do Now?

By Barbara Stevenson

Debate: 'Feminism has gone too far', 25/02/1985, Capt. Bewley, E. Janson v. L. Winters, I. McLeod, lost 5-15

Director: Bobby Flett

Cast: Bethan – Cally Bevan, Caroline – Imogen Kerr, Catrin – Sally Bartkowiak, Gary – Erik Knight

The Grass is Always Greener on the Other Side of the Fence

By Barney Clark (age 13)

Debate: 'The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence', 25/11/1985 (minutes missing)

Director: Fiona MacInnes

Cast: Penguin – Gary Jones, Chicken – Sally Bartkowiak, Airport Official – Liam Stewart

Home Cooking

by Eilidh Fisher

Debate: 'There's no place like home', 14/12/1953, W.G Groundwater, E Flett v. G S Robertson, D. A. Eunson, won 13-3

Director: Tanne Shorter

Cast: Mhairi – Lorraine Giles, Leah – Barbara Scollay

Two Pitchforks West of Stromness (competition 2nd prize)

By David McNeish

Debate: 'The Idea of progress is a delusion', 13/10/1957, D.A. Eunson, A. Mackie v. E. Flett, W.E. Knight, lost 7-18

Director: Jane Partridge

Cast: Elizabeth/Louise – Marian Ashburn, George/Adam – John Butterfield, Billy/Tom – Bobby Flett, Mary/Maggie – Melanie Johansen

INTERVAL (20 minutes)

Female Corpse

By Eilidh McKenzie

Debate: 'Feminism has gone too far', 25/02/1985, Capt. Bewley, E. Janson v. L. Winters, I. McLeod, lost 5-15

Director: Graham Garson

Cast: Margaret – Cathy Lyner, Declan – Jethro Soutar

Your Parents Muck You Up (competition highly commended)

By Amelia Porter

Debate: 'Your parents muck you up', 08/12/2008, F.W. Heddle v. J McGill, lost 2-8

Director: Graham Garson

Cast: Father – Graham Garson, Daughter – Elsa McIntosh

Stromness Wants Nothing (competition highly commended)

By Roger Simian

Debate: 'Stromness wants nothing', 26/09/1960, G. Robertson, J. Robertson/E. Flett v. W..E. Knight, won 11-10

Director: Rachael McGill

Cast: Orlagh – Barbara Scollay, Frankie – Marcus Cordock

The State of the Stromness Street

By Morag MacInnes

Debate: 'Old Stromness is not worth preserving', 28/02/1966, D.D Johnstone, Mrs McCallum v. Mrs Skene, K. MacInnes, lost 8-19

Director: Fiona MacInnes

Cast: Karisma – Melanie Johansen, Hamish – Gerry Hodgson, Cheems – Liam Stewart, Visitor – Sally Bartkowiak

Plan B (competition 1st prize)

By Áine King

Debate: 'This country is too lenient towards its criminals', 18/10/1965, J. Flett, C. Steer/Mr McGinn v. Mr Smith, won 9-8

Director: Rachael McGill

Cast: Em – Barbara Scollay, Max – Jethro Soutar, Jonathan – Erik Knight

Stromness Plays Producer: Rachael McGill

Stromness Drama Club Organising Committee: Imogen Kerr, Jane Partridge, Barbara Scollay

Competition Judges: Pam Beasant, Graham Garson, Rachael McGill, Gerda Stevenson

Workshop Leaders: Izzy Grieve, Rachael McGill, Gerda Stevenson

Technical Manager: Mike Partridge

Stage Manager: Colin Paice

Front of House: Michael McLaughlin, Karen Thomson, Cary Welling, Carol Rae, Lorraine Giles

Artwork: Morag MacInnes

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