

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

William Douglas Home was born in 1912 the son of the 13th Earl of Home and brother of the present Lord Home of the Hirsel. He was educated at Eton and Oxford. Trained at RADA as an actor - he made his debut at Brighton Repertory Theatre in 1937 followed by West End appearances. His first plays were in a serious vein - 'Great Possessions' about practical Christianity in the modern world and 'Now Barabbas' a powerful study of life in prison. Other serious plays include 'The Thistle and the Rose' and 'The Queen's Highland Servant'. Among his many delightful comedies are 'The Chiltern Hundreds', presented by us many years ago, 'The Reluctant Peer', 'The Secretary Bird', 'Lloyd George Knew My Father', 'The Kingfisher' and of course our present production 'The Reluctant Debutante'.

AN OPEN INVITATION

The Players will be celebrating Christmas in their usual way in Carol Singing and seasonal readings on Monday 21st December 1981 at 7.30 p.m. in the Small Hall. We invite you to join us.

An offering will be taken in aid of Church Funds.

St. Serf's Players

THE RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE

BY

William Douglas Home

Thursday	3rd December 1981
Friday	4th December 1981
Saturday	5th December 1981

at 7.30 p.m.

Programme 5p.

C A S T  
(in order of appearance)

JIMMY BROADBENT	Jack Paterson
SHEILA BROADBENT (His wife)	Dorsay Larnach
JANE (his daughter)	Heather Baird
MABEL CROSSWAITE	Helen Wilson
CLARISSA (her daughter)	Alison McCallum
DAVID BULLOCH	John Locke
DAVID HOYLAK- <del>JOHNSTON</del>	Stuart Larnach

PLAY DIRECTED BY

EDDIE BIDDIE

DEBUTANTE - Girl making first appearance in society  
(Oxford Dictionary)

The practice of being presented at court and going the rounds  
of debutante parties was discontinued in the mid-1950's.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The action of the play takes place in the Broadbent's  
flat off Eaton Square.

ACT I

Scene 1	Breakfast time
Scene 2	Cocktail time the same evening

ACT II

Scene 1	Early the following morning
Scene 2	Breakfast time

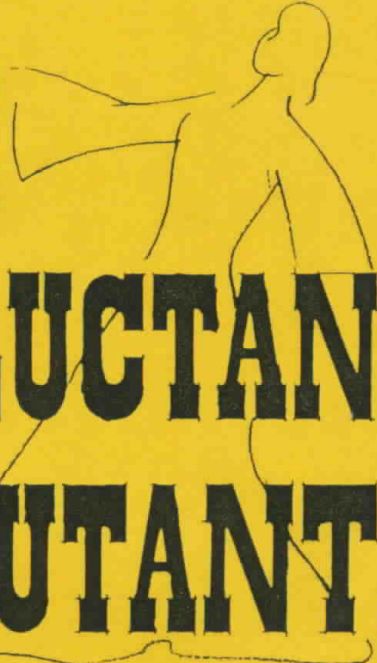
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There will be an interval of 20 minutes between acts  
during which refreshments will be available in the  
Small Hall.

Stage Manager	Pat Brodie
Properties and Costume	(Jeane Dryburgh Jennie Biddie Gilbert Stewart)
Lighting, Sound and Setting	(Trevor Garlick Norman Anderson Lesley Hutcheon)
Continuity	Eileen Bennett
Front of House	Ian Cunningham
Catering	(Jean Redman Jessie Johnstone)

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**ST. SERF'S PLAYERS**  
present



**THE  
RELUCTANT  
DEBUTANTE**

a comedy by **WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOME**

in the Church Hall, Clark Road on 3rd  
4th & 5th December at 7.30p.m.

Adult £1

Child 50p