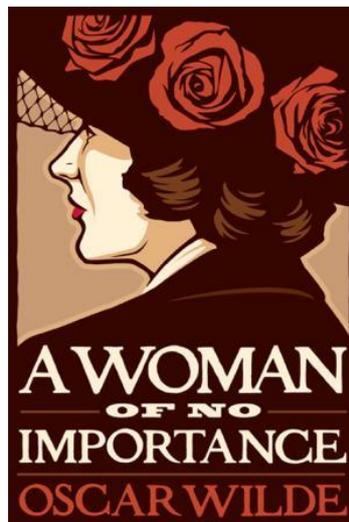




## AUDITION NOTICE

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June in Room H6, Chichester High School (meet at reception promptly at 7.30)



A youthful illicit liaison between a now successful diplomat and a woman known for her charitable works come back to bite them both threatens to create a society scandal. This sparkingly witty play by Oscar Wilde was given added relevance to modern audiences with the emergence of the *#metoo* campaign in Hollywood and the West End. A country house weekend is the setting and the play is peppered with Wildean quips and humour.

The play is directed by Richard Kinder. Copies of the play are available for quick reading. Please contact [pammieh@talktalk.net](mailto:pammieh@talktalk.net) for script.

Performance dates: 31 October, 1-2 November in the Centenary Theatre, Chichester High School. Rehearsals for most characters will start in September, but Gerald and Lady Stutfield may be required earlier for rehearsals starting in July.

There are six parts still available. The part of Gerald is a major role, and Lady Stutfield is on quite a lot. The three men (all houseguests) are small roles and would suit anyone happy to take on a cameo role with not a lot to learn. Please see next page for character details.

If you would like to audition for a part but cannot attend on the 10<sup>th</sup>, please email or text Richard at [richardkinder08@aol.com](mailto:richardkinder08@aol.com) or 07712 614183 who will arrange an alternate date prior to 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## WHO'S WHO

### **Gerald Arbuthnot**

Gerald's young and rather inexperienced character is keen to find a place in society and gain high social standing. His naivety allows him to accept uncritically what society deems as proper, and he holds a strong belief in honour and duty. Playing age early 20s.

### **Sir John Pontefract**

Husband to Lady Caroline Pontefract, he is a quiet man who allows his wife to control their relationship. Behind her back, however, he remains ever-hopeful of amorous success outside matrimony. Definitely old enough to know better! 50s+

### **Lady Stutfield**

Social butterfly- a kinder way than describing her as an "airhead" 20s-40s

### **Mr. Kelvil, M.P.**

A stuffy and thoroughly modern progressive moralist. He earnestly wishes to improve society and in particular the lot of the lower classes. He is completely out of his comfort zone with the company he is keeping. Age 30s upwards

### **Lord Alfred Rufford**

A lazy and feckless aristocrat who is constantly in debt with no intentions of paying back his debtors. Any age

**Francis\***, Footman. Any age, but ideally with shapely calves! If this proves too difficult to find, this role could be changed to **Frances**, the Housemaid!