



Noted For Music presents

OLD HERBACEOUS

“Downton Abbey ... with gardening tips” *The Guardian*

by Alfred Shaugnessy from the novel by Reginald Arkell

The team who brought the very successful *Heroes* to the Vera Fletcher Hall last year, are now going to delight us with *Old Herbaceous*, featuring Giles Shenton as Bert, the head gardener of a country house.

Pottering amongst the seeds and cuttings at the back of his ramshackle greenhouse in the garden of a Gloucestershire manor house, Herbert Pinnegar, now in his twilight years, is full of memories and tales of a by-gone era. In between potting up and potting on, he recounts his journey from orphan boy to legendary head gardener, “Old Herbaceous”, and tells of his friendship with the lady of the house, Mrs Charteris.

Sown with seeds of gardening wisdom, this charming one-man show is a love story - a humorous portrayal of a single-minded yet gentle man with a passion for plants.

Performed by **Giles Shenton** who has worked extensively in the West End and has more recently been seen locally as Sir Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night* at Polesden Lacey and last year at the Vera Fletcher Hall during the tour of *Stoppard’s Heroes*.

Directed by **Simon Downing** who has thirty years experience in professional theatre both acting and directing. Trained as an actor at the Guildford School of Acting and directed *Stoppard’s Heroes*.

DATE: SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2016

TIME: 7.30 PM

VENUE INFORMATION: Vera Fletcher Hall, 4 Embercourt Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0QL

TICKETS: £12.50

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