TERENCE RATTIGAN SOCIETY QUIZ!

*All questions are worth one point except for the last six, which have a possible two points each. Here are the answers! Do let me know your score so we can publish the best performers!*

1. TR died in 1977, but where? Was it: a) London, b) Los Angeles, c) Sunningdale, d) **Bermuda**?
2. TR’s first play was co-written with a university friend, Philip Heimann. Under what title is it most generally known? **First Episode**
3. Which Hollywood glamour couple appeared in TR’s screenplay *The VIPs* in 1963? **Burton & Taylor**
4. Which 1953 TR play was subtitled ‘an occasional fairy tale’? **The Sleeping Prince** (filmed as The Prince and the Showgirl)
5. What was TR’s mother’s first name? **Vera**
6. By what nickname was TR’s lover Michael Franklin known? **The Midget**
7. *Joie de Vivre* was the title given to an ill-fated musical version of which play? **French Without Tears**
8. Who did Kenneth Tynan rather cruelly suggest was the ‘real star’ of *Variation on a Theme* in 1958? **Norman Hartnell** (who designed Margaret Leighton’s costumes)
9. On which 19th century French novel (and play) was *Variation on a Theme* based? **La Dame Aux Camélias** (by Dumas fils)
10. Who played England batsman Sam Palmer in the 1953 film *The Final Test*? **Jack Warner**
11. TR left his entire estate to charity, with all the royalties from his plays being donated to which charitable organisation? Was it: a) The Royal Theatrical Fund; b) The Dramatists’ Guild Benevolent Fund; c) **Denville Hall Retirement Home**; d) Cancer Research ?
12. Which TR play is loosely based on the plot of *Hamlet*? **Less Than Kind** (also known as **Love in Idleness**)
13. Which historical figure is the subject of the 1949 play *Adventure Story*? **Alexander the Great**
14. Which historical figure is the subject of the 1970 play *A Bequest to the Nation*? **Lord Nelson**
15. With which renowned actor did TR adapt *A Tale of Two Cities* for the stage in 1935 (not performed on stage till 2013)? **John Gielgud**
16. Which TR play was based on a famous murder case and was first performed on radio? **Cause Célèbre**
17. Which director was TR’s long-time film collaborator? **Anthony Asquith**
18. *The Man Who Loved Redheads* is the title of the film version of which TR play? **Who Is Sylvia?**
19. What is the title of the winning play in the TRS playwriting competition and which was performed at the Sarah Thorne Theatre in Broadstairs? **The Onion at the End** (by Roy Kendall)
20. For which 1952 screenplay was TR nominated for an Academy Award? **The Sound Barrier**
21. Which actress received Olivier and Evening Standard awards for her performance in *After the Dance* at the National in 2010? **Nancy Carroll**
22. Which West End theatre housed the premiere of *The Deep Blue Sea* in 1952 (*1 point*) and who originated the role of Hester Collyer? (*1 point*) **The Duchess / Peggy Ashcroft**
23. TR holds the record for having two separate plays (seven years apart) that ran for more than 1000 performances; can you name both of them? (*1 point each*) **French Without Tears / While the Sun Shines**
24. Our President and one of our VPs have starred in TR revivals in the West End in recent years – in which plays? (*1 point each*) **Man and Boy** (David Suchet) **/ The Deep Blue Sea** (Greta Scacchi)
25. During the war years TR had three plays running concurrently on Shaftesbury Avenue; *Flare Path* was one - can you name the other two? (*1 point each*) **While the Sun Shines / Love in Idleness** (can accept **Less Than Kind,** though it was not known by that title at the time)
26. Who wrote the new companion piece to *The Browning Version* for the production at Chichester in 2011 (*1 point*) and what was the two-word title of this new play (relating to the local area) (*1 point*)? **David Hare / South Downs**
27. Dirk Bogarde was cast to play the lead in a film version of a TR play but the film never saw the light of day as a similar project was already under way. Can you name the stage play on which the film was to be based (*1 point*) – and for a second point can you also name the other film on the same subject which made a huge star of another British actor? (*1 point*) **Ross / Lawrence of Arabia** (Peter O’Toole)

TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE 33