

PREVIEW Von Ribbentrop's Watch

Wimborne Drama Productions

The play isn't true, but the watch is. In 1985, Laurence Marks went window shopping and saw a very elegant Art Deco wristwatch, so treated himself. Two decades later, when the pre-war watch started losing time, he took it to be repaired. When the jeweller called to ask if the watch was a family heirloom Laurence confirmed it wasn't, and the jeweller replied: "In that case come to the shop. I think there's

something you should see."

Engraved on the inside back of the watch were the initials 'JVR' above a neat little swastika. JVR could only mean Joachim Von Ribbentrop, Hitler's Foreign Minister. The prior ownership was confirmed by Sotheby's and Laurence was told it would fetch a great deal at auction. Laurence was tempted to sell it but told his friend Maurice Gran, who said: "How can you possibly profit from a Nazi watch?"

After a long debate, they decided there was only one thing to do: write a play about this very dilemma. 'Von Ribbentrop's Watch' is that play.

It will be performed by Wimborne Drama Productions at the Tivoli Theatre from 19 to 21 February. To book, telephone 01202 885566 or visit tivoliwimborne.co.uk.



The cast: Sali Pike, Andy Gill, Stuart Glossop, Molly Jackson and Judy Garrett

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