

## Memory 9 sheet

From Richard:

*“Another deeply thought-provoking missive from me, can you guess what film I am writing about??*

*This film just oozes humour at every turn, even in the darker moments and there are plenty of those for a children’s film (blast, that has narrowed things down a bit).*

*It’s set in a prison camp surrounded by high fences and barbed wire, guarded by a hen pecked (quite appropriate really) old man and a couple of vicious looking dogs. The inmates, all female, are put to work and if they don’t produce the goods, they are for the chop, quite literally!*

*One female (a bit more determined than the rest) works tirelessly to effect an escape but her plans are always thwarted and she repeatedly ends up in the ‘cooler’. Suddenly, ‘out of the blue’ so to speak, a male appears in their mist and they look on him in awe and he promises salvation, unfortunately, things are not as they seem to be and one night he slips quietly away to hit the open road (does that ring a bell ladies?) but on finally realising the peril they are in, he returns and redeems himself. He is called ‘Rocky’ - there you must have guessed it by now, the film has so many references to ‘The Great escape’ and even ‘Star Trek’ with the mention of ‘Klingons’ (dear old Mrs Tweedy clinging onto the fairy lights – where did they get those from, supplied by the friendly rats I expect - looking forward to Rocky’s eggs he promised to lay for them!! – they finally realise laying eggs is a ‘womans thing’, which makes it a film for grown up as well as the children among us.*

*It’s a cartoon but for those that have ever kept chickens, there might just be a deep-down feeling that they do think and behave as in the film. Scheming and planning, the way they look at you with their beady little eyes, yes chickens are a cunning little lot, in a stupid sort of way. For those of you who have not worked out the film, please send a £10 note to... just joking, make it £20”*

*Richard*

From Jean:

After receiving the latest group newsletter, I started thinking about when the group began and the outings we had. Of course Josie and our sadly missed Colin got it all going and I am so glad they did. I had only been to the Minack as an outside venue it is a wonderful setting but for me it distracted a bit from the

performance.

Move forward to the evening we went to Enys garden to see the Miracle Theatre Company perform *The Third Policeman*. I was totally enthralled by the small cast and the characters they played. The simple sets and costumes had me rapt from start to finish and it was just so funny. The ending to the mystery was so obvious when it came. It was that light bulb moment when you say of course how did I not get it.

The next Miracle offering was *The Cherry Orchard* at Tregrehan garden a really good interpretation and how a cast of about six could so easily swap characters was amazing. At times I couldn't recognise who was playing the new role. A fantastic evening with plenty to talk about afterwards.

The last play by them we saw was in 2019 at Restormel Castle, called *a Perfect World* it showcased all the things Miracle are so good at. Brilliant storyline and showed the grass is not always greener on the other side. It included science, time travel, population regulation and of course a great deal of humour along with a few catchphrases.

This company has fired my interest in small outdoor performances and for those of you who went to Restormel I can only say "Smooth".

Jean