



The Worthy Players



Worthy Players

Amateur
Dramatic
Society

Presents



By David Tristram
Directed by Peter Nouwens

FROM THE PRODUCER

Every now and then there's a comedy with no precedent, and *A Bolt From The Blue* by acclaimed author David Tristram is just such a gem.

Edward Jones was going about his ordinary life on an ordinary day, when suddenly, quite literally out of the blue, everything changed. And just before his fortieth birthday too!

His "trip" becomes more and more bizarre as he goes from shock and recovery to search and discovery, flight, plight and astonishment. His life becomes unreal; like a dream. The impossible becomes the norm and he discovers he can cope with it better than he would have thought. And he comes to sort of like it, even though he has to make decisions that will determine his entire future, or past, as he gets older, or younger, as the case may be.

He's amazed. His friends are amazed. His wife isn't. His Doctors are amazed as his story reaches the world and the world decides to try and get a piece of him. They'll even pay for his DNA! A new craze sweeps a nation. People copy him in the hope of infinity, with some unforeseen results...

How does an ordinary fella deal with all this? By finding true friends amidst the madness and seeing beauty through moving ages. But the fates have more in store for Edward and cast him down again from the heights.

Will he ever be the same again? Will his new start pick up from where the old one left off? Or was it all just a dream after all? What really happened to Edward?

I'd like to thank all the crazy people who contributed to make this production. I think it'll challenge your sensibilities in the same way as it challenged ours!

THE CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Male Narrator	Nick Kearns
Female Narrator	Jackie Nouwens
Farmer	Mike Heseldin
Fire Chief	Mike Heseldin
Female Paramedic	Shirley Lovell
Male Paramedic	Mike Heseldin
Mary	Sarah Hammond
Edward	David Early
Rogers	Mike Heseldin / Nick Kearns
Female Doctor	Shirley Lovell
Receptionist	Shirley Lovell
Nugent	Mike Heseldin
Nurse	Shirley Lovell
Sarah	Sarah Hammond
Jack	Himself
Martin	Mike Heseldin
Male American Newsreader	Mike Heseldin
Female American Newsreader	Shirley Lovell
Female Reporter	Shirley Lovell
DC Jarvis	Shirley Lovell
DI Thompson	Mike Heseldin

THE CREW

Stage Manager	Hilary Nouwens
Assistant Stage Managers	Shirley Lovell , Sarah Hammond
Set Design	Peter Nouwens
Scenic Artist	Michael Edwards
Set Construction	The Worthy Players
Lighting & Sound Design	Richard Aldous
Lighting Operator	Ollie Southworth
Sound Operator	David Woolford
Prompt	Sarah Hammond
Poster & Program	Peter Nouwens
Front of House Manager	Alison Woolford
Bar Manager	Sarah Hammond

DAVID EARLY

This is David's 5th production with the Worthy Players since moving to Headbourne Worthy. It's been a new life for him, so his part as Edward this evening is appropriate, though maybe not so shocking! David says "Luckily, I only have one role tonight. "Hats off" to my fellow actors who have taken on much more."

SARAH HAMMOND

Sarah first appeared on the stage for the Worthy Players as Jack in *Jack And The Beanstalk* in 1989, having previously taken on starring roles for both the Winchester Junior Operatics and the Armstrong Players. Since then she has slapped her thighs through many a panto, and taken on a multitude of other roles in Music Halls, variety shows and plays. Last year she appeared on stage in *Confusions* and as Julia in *Kindly Keep It Covered*, while in 2006 she played alongside her mother and two daughters in *The Darling Buds of May*. Sarah also manages both our Box Office and Bar, so she will be doubly happy if you have lots to drink at the interval and also come to see our next production.

MIKE HESELDIN

Mike's first part with the Worthy Players was as the panto dame in *Humpty Dumpty* (back in 1993 as far as he can remember), and he has made numerous appearances since in music halls, pantos and plays. His favourite part was the lead in *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* (1999). Mike spreads himself thinly (despite middle-aged spread!) with other groups such as Chesil and the St Cross Drama Group. Mike appeared in our Director's other productions; *Bedroom Farce* and *Present Laughter*, but in this production he can't quite work out who he is!

NICK KEARNS

Nick has been involved in amateur dramatics for over 25 years in a number of different groups and guises. He joined the Worthy Players in 1992 to fill a bit part in *When We Are Married*, and since then has taken on many other bit parts! Most recently he appeared on stage in *Confusions* in 2007, and as the Brigadier in the *Darling Buds of May* in 2006. He is also a longstanding committee member, having served as Secretary and latterly Treasurer of the group since 2000.

SHIRLEY LOVELL

Having been acting and directing plays since she was nine years old, Shirley thought her acting days were over. Her last part was a long monologue in *Visiting Hour* four years ago. So she was thrilled to be taking not just one part, but seven, in this production, where age doesn't seem to matter!

JACKIE NOUWENS

Since first appearing as an Empress with attitude in *Aladdin*, Jackie has played a variety of roles including her husband's mother in law in *Kindly Keep It Covered* in 2007. She has also directed a number of productions including a youth production of *A Murder Is Announced*. As one of the Narrators in this production, she hopes to help the audience to understand what the heck is going on!

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