



The Worthy Players

*Amateur Dramatic
Society*

*presents a comedy
by Dave Freeman*



Kindly Keep It Covered

Jubilee Hall, Kingsworthy

Director's Note

Having decided that I would like to direct a farce for the autumn production, the first task was to find one with a suitable cast for the limited number of people available at this time of year.

After rejecting two or three I was lucky enough to discover this play, which fitted the talents of the probable cast to a T.

It is well written and very funny, to the extent that even after weeks of rehearsal we were still laughing. In spite of the cast taking their parts very seriously, rehearsals have seemed more like an enjoyable romp.

Now our hope is that you, the audience, enjoy watching it as much as we've enjoyed producing it.

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Synopsis Of Scenes

The action takes place in the Reception Area of a country health spa.

Act I Midsummer's Eve 8 p.m.

Act II Ten minutes later

Time – The present

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between Acts.

Cast of Characters

Roland Dickerby	David Woolford
Julia Dickerby	Sarah Hammond
Olivia	Jackie Nouwens
Sidney	Peter Nouwens
Vanessa	Alison Woolford
Hooper	David Early
Sergeant Campbell	Gerrie Stead

Production Crew

Producer	Shirley Lovell
Assistant to Producer	Clare Walker
Stage Manager	Liz Leask
Assistant to Stage Manager	Kitty Leask
Lighting & Sound Design	Richard Aldous
Lighting & Sound	Nick Kearns
Front of House Manager	Miriam Edmond
Bar Manager	Nick Kearns
Poster and Programme	Peter Nouwens
Publicity	Martin Pettigrew
Properties	Michael Edwards
Set Construction	Peter Nouwens
	David Woolford
	David Early
	Michael Edwards

Shirley Lovell

Having been born to a family steeped in amateur dramatics, Shirley produced her first play at age nine for the Brownies and has been acting and directing ever since. She trained to teach modern dance and directed highly successful school productions involving dance and drama. At the age of 29 she founded the Testudo Musical Players in Seaton, Devon, who recently celebrated their 40th anniversary, directing and doing the choreography for many shows including *Oklahoma!*, *Brigadoon* and *Perchance to Dream*. Shirley joined the Worthy Players in 1975, since when she has tackled every aspect of production, acting in and directing reviews, plays and pantomimes. Her favourite roles include Madame Arcati, Miss Marple and more recently a long monologue in *Visiting Hour*. She also wrote and directed The Worthy Players Mystery Play in St Mary's Church to celebrate the millennium, and last directed *The Darling Buds of May*.

David Woolford

David, the current Chairman of the group, has been a member for more than 20 years. Over the years he has acted, directed, sung and written for the Worthy Players, including the forthcoming pantomime "*King Arthur and the Nuts of the Round Table*". Yet again David has accepted a role which sees him in women's clothing.

Sarah Hammond

Sarah has been a member of the Worthy Players for more years than she cares to think about and has performed in a variety of roles, most recently as Angela Snow in *The Darling buds of May* and Lucy in *Confusions*. She is a member of the committee and has recently inherited the running of the Box Office to add to her role of Bar Manager.

Jackie Nouwens

Jackie has had a varied career with the Worthy Players, both as actor & director. Her favourite role to date was the part of Lettice in *Lettice and Lovage*. She very much enjoyed producing the Worthy Youth in *A Murder Is Announced*. In this production she has the rare opportunity to play her real life husband's mother-in-law. Talk about a dysfunctional family!

Peter Nouwens

Peter comes from Sydney and plays Sidney. In 1982, in Sydney, he joined the Genesian Theatre and so, like many other members of the Worthy Players, he's been involved in the theatre for nigh on 25 years. Will he get it right tonight?!

Alison Woolford

Like her husband David, Alison has been a member of the group for nearly a quarter of a century! She has also written, directed and acted with the group, but thankfully keeps her singing for the bathroom.

This is Alison's first acting role since being directed by Shirley in last year's production of *Darling Buds of May*.



David Early

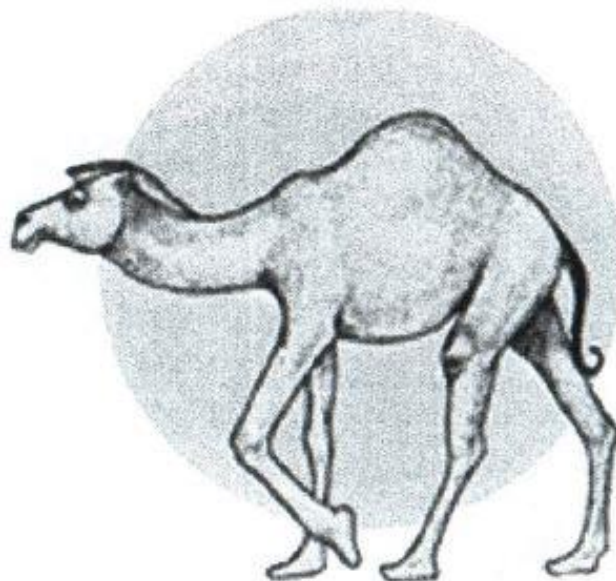
At last a part for me! Looking for food ... I said I was fed up so they sent me to the health farm. Another farce to please the crowd. One full year with the Worthy Players and thoroughly enjoyed.

Gerrie Stead

Geraldine Stead first joined the Worthy Players in 1991 and has taken part in many productions, helping both behind the scenes and Front of House, as is a requirement of amateur dramatics! Parts played have ranged from panto, comedy, drama and Music Hall melodramas and she is pleased to be involved in our current production as she makes a welcome return to the stage after a couple of years absence.

Read all About it!

There is a history of the Worthy Players in The New Worthy History Book. Copies are on sale now for £3.00
Contact a member of the Front of House staff for yours today.



For more information about the Worthy Players, please either contact our Secretary, Alison Woolford, on _____, or visit our exciting web site at <http://theworthyplayers.users.btopenworld.com>. You can also email us at theworthyplayers@btinternet.com

If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive details of the year's productions in advance, just give your details to any member of the Front of House Staff. You can then book for the year ahead at a discount. Alternatively, contact Sarah Hammond on _____.

Special Thanks

The Worthy Players would like to thank Wessex Windows for allowing patrons to park on their premises this evening.



Thanks also to Anna Chalk for the loan of the Waiter from the Ali Baba Cafe.

Be sure not to miss our next production ...

King Arthur And The Nuts Of The Round Table

December 7,8 and 14,15 at 7:30pm with Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm

Auditions September 11,12 and 18 at the Jubilee Hall at 7:30pm

A long, long time ago.....

The Worthy Players have been around for quite some time. Here's a list of our past productions - maybe you can remember some of them.....

1973	Dick Whittington	1990	The Other Fellow's Oats
1974	Double Bill Mother Goose		Music Hall
1975	Swither Puss In Boots		Pardon Me Prime Minister
1976	2 One Act Plays		Sinbad the Sailor
	Bonaventure	1991	Confusions
	St. George And The Dragon		Music Hall
	A Worthy Tale		Breeze Block Park
1977	2 One Act Plays		Robinson Caruso
	Murder At Key Cottage	1992	84 Charing Cross Road
	Jack And The Beanstalk		Music Hall
1978	FlatSpin		The Secretary Bird
	20's Revue		The Wizard of Oz
	Deadly Record	1993	When We Are Married
	Sleeping Beauty		Farnedale Ave-Murder Mystery
1979	Ladies In Retirement		Music Hall
	Sailor Beware	1994	A Month Of Sundays
	3 One Act Plays		Farnedale Ave-S.S. We Found Love
	Pantomania		Music Hall
1980	When We Are Married		Humpty Dumpty
	Music Hall		One For The Road
	Suddenly At Home	1995	Living Together
	Hickory Dickory Dock		Falling Off A Log
1981	Nothing Legal/Black Comedy		Music Hall
	Music Hall	1996	Murder In Company
	The Edge Of Darkness		Music Hall
1982	Mother Goose's Golden Christmas		Local Affairs
	Rose		Panto Trek
	Music Hall	1997	Gaslight
	Don't Just Lie There, Say Something		Mixed Doubles
1983	Dangerous Corner		Relatively Speaking
	Revue, We'll Meet Again		Music Hall
	Move Over Mrs Markham	1998	Farnedale Ave-Haunting
	Aladdin		Breath Of Spring
1984	Rock-A-Bye Sailor		Music Hall
	Music Hall	1999	Business Of Murder
	Not Now Darling		Educating Rita
	A Right Christmas Caper		The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers
1985	End Of The Honeymoon		Music Hall
	Music Hall	2000	Cinderella And The Football Boots
	Key For Two	2001	Outside Edge
	Cinderella		Black Comedy/Red Letter Day
1986	Table Manners		Dick Whittington
	A Tomb With A View	2002	Play On
	Music Hall		Visiting Hour
	Dick Whittington		Aladdin
1987	The Chalk Garden	2003	Bedroom Farce
	Music Hall		Lettice & Lovage
	Do Not Disturb		Robin Hood
	Babies In The Magic Wood	2004	It's Those Worthies Again (ITWA)
1988	Something To Hide		Laying The Ghost
	Music Hall		Beauty And The Beast
	There Goes The Bride	2005	Party Piece
	Pinocchio		Present Laughter
1989	Blithe Spirit		A Christmas Carol
	Music Hall	2006	The Darling Buds of May
	3 One Act Plays		A Murder is Announced
	Jack And The Beanstalk		Snow White