

COMING SOON FROM THE WYCHWOOD PLAYERS

A feast of fun and food is promised by the Wychwood Players at their next Supper Evenings on Friday 25 October and Saturday 26 October from 7.30pm at The New Beaconsfield Hall.

Two separate one-act plays are being presented along with two courses of food: "Cup Final" by Charles Mander and "Chinamen" from "The Two of Us" by Michael Frayn. Despite its title "Cup Final" has nothing whatever to do with football so need not deter those who don't know their Arsenal from their Man U. In fact, this is an amusing behind-the-scenes look at the world of amateur drama competitions. The play is directed by Daphne Waugh and includes such old favourites as Emily Lewis, Eileen Jessey, Phillip Croxson and Jonathon Willson as well as newcomers John Trevers and Bobby Hawkins. This is the Wychwood Players not taking themselves too seriously: it's not so much "up themselves" as "sending themselves up".

"Chinamen" is one of Michael Frayn's earlier works in a hugely successful theatrical career which includes such classics as "Donkey's Years", "Benefactors" and "Noises Off". Dudley Thompson directs this clever and witty piece and the cast includes Zoe Humphrey and Rob Gorton with newcomers, Frank Lee, Sue Doe and Guy de Price. The setting is a dinner party, which is apt for its inclusion in a Supper Evening, but in the play friends have been invited who, at all costs, must not be allowed to meet.

These events have become extremely popular and invariably sellout. For the modest cost of £10 a ticket you can enjoy two different comedies and two courses of food in a convivial setting. There will also be a bar for the purchase of wine and beer at reasonable prices. Why not link up with friends to ensure agreeable table seating arrangements? So book now with Gill Drew at 830398 for either Friday 25 October or Saturday 26 October and help us make the Supper Evening a Super Evening.

The next production after the Supper Evening is set to be the famous "Oh What A Lovely War". Joan Littlewood's Musical Entertainment is one of the major works of modern theatre and Alice Burns will direct this inspired portrayal of the first world war by a seaside end-of-the-pier show. It's an ambitious choice by the Wychwood Players and Alice is already deep in preparations for this production for 30 and 31 January and 1 February 2003. As soon as you get your diary for next year please make sure you note these dates in your pristine new book and prepare to be stirred and moved by a memorable piece of British theatrical history.

As this is a major project the Wychwood Players would like more people to become involved, so if you are able to help in any way as a singer, musician, actor or backstage assistant please contact Alice Burns on 830554.

Entertainment and enlightenment for the Wychwoods from the Wychwood Players!

Look out for further announcements but meanwhile don't forget to book your ticket for the Supper Evening on 25 or 26 October at 830398.

John Drew.