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## Theatre Review

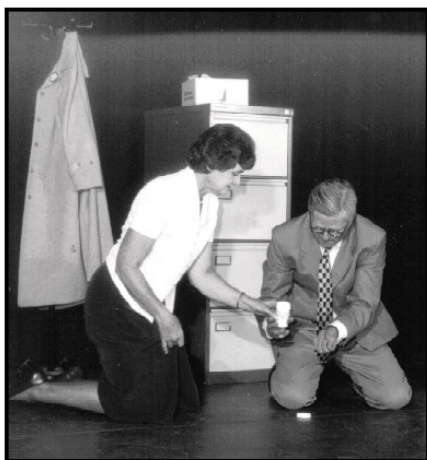
# Wychwood Players Supper Evening

Once more The Players, under the inspired direction of Dudley Thompson, performed for their audience two one-act plays, either side of a delicious supper of 'bangers and mash'.

### Swan Song

The first play, Swan Song by Vanessa Brooks was both amusing and poignant, telling the tale of Donald and Margaret on their last working day in the office where they have worked together for the last 36 years. Rosemary Hartley and Rob Gorton played their parts with depth and feeling, though it is sad to see how working with the Players has aged poor Rob! Sian O'Neill was a convincingly scheming wife trying to drag her reluctant husband to share her dream life in Spain.

As one would expect, the path of unrequited love was not allowed to run smoothly and there was a sad twist to the end of the tale.



### Flood Warning

The second helping was Flood Warning by Fay Weldon; family life and secrets were laid bare against the backdrop of rising floodwater. Caroline Trevers, new



to the stage of the New Beaconsfield Hall played a particularly self-assured sister to Zoë Humphrey's more gentle, even downtrodden role. Another newcomer, David Staines, was the unfortunate male caught between the sisters, while Gill Thompson and John Drew were the gentle parents watching on as secrets and rivalries unfolded. Happily all ended well for this family.

### Congratulations to ALL the Team!

The size of the audience reflected how much we all look forward to these productions and the applause said it all for the performers. We all know though that without the back stage team these shows would not get 'on the road' and our congratulations and thanks must go to all who helped.

Thank you for another wonderful evening.

**Christine Halliday**