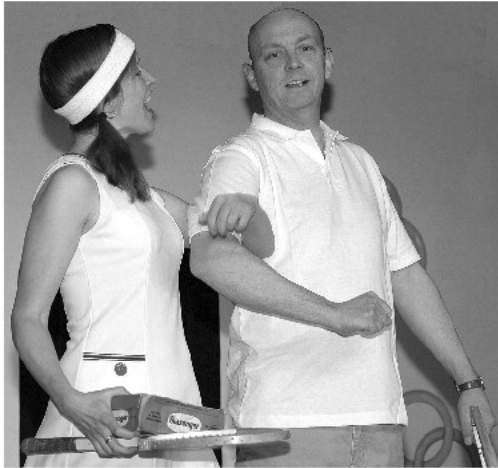


Theatre Review Mixed Doubles

Although I was fully aware of the vicissitudes of marriage before attending the Wychwood Players performance of *Mixed Doubles*, there is no question that I came away intimately acquainted with them after seeing the production, and several lines brought a knowing smirk to my face.



Kate Young and John Trevers in *Score*

An Excellent Blend

What an excellent blending of vignettes on marriage and the 1960's approach to authority figures. It was a combination of duets and monologues admirably directed by Dudley Thompson, who has just the right vicar's sneer. Some scenes were raucously funny, others poignantly hit the right note.

Most of the Wychwood Players veterans had more than one role, and they all did a good job offering up a varied menu of humour, and marital psychology. They were exceptionally diverse in their execution.

The monologues by the Bank Manager, the Lawyer, the Psychoanalyst, the Doctor, the Adman and the Director, all afforded the veteran players a platform for George Melly's apt slant on the way professionals conducted themselves. The

sparse set was just right, as were the black and white themed costumes, reminding us of the fashion in the 1960's.

Marriage is a Rocky Road

"What is important is what you do, not what you say you are going to do" pretty much sums up the entire point of view about marriage...which is that marriage is a rocky road, getting it right, ain't easy, and tolerance, forbearance, (and possibly a large gin and tonic at regular intervals), are needed to make it past the 25 year mark with any degree of success....but we all knew that anyway, didn't we!

Peggy Walmsley

New Drama Class at Beaconsfield Hall

After the Easter holidays there will be a chance for children 8 years old and upwards to join a **new class** at the **Beaconsfield Hall**. This is a joint venture with Chipping Norton Theatre and Susie Vaughan will run the classes. Costs will

be £4.00 per class and they will take place on **Mondays 3.45 to 4.45 pm** for five weeks. If there is sufficient interest we will continue for the rest of the term. Contact **Alice Burns** on: 01993 832216 to reserve a place.