

## The Wychwood Players Summer Fun in November

A fish and chips supper followed by ice cream at the interval got everyone in a beach holiday mood for one of the most highly praised productions **The Wychwood Players** have ever presented. Many people were overheard extolling Director Mandy's mirthful, madcap, manoeuvre amongst the beach huts. This play, *Sandcastles*, written by Bob Larbey specifically for amateur dramatics, brought out the very best in the entire cast and there were no poor performances, each cast member performed beautifully.

### **Toned Bodies and Timing!**

Three generations of Hartleys performed; Richard's combine-harvester toned body was on full display, as well as Rose's impeccable comic timing and little Richard's thespian genes. A noteworthy new member, Kim Bradley, gave a wonderful performance as Mark Jessey's long suffering wife. Joanna McKerlie, Joan Hawker and Sheela Cousins staged a hilarious sit-in and Barbara Wilson's



performance as Mark's malcontent mother was side-splittingly funny. Veteran performers, Mark Jessey and Philip Croxson, gave fantastically good depictions of British stereotypical beach hut owners.

Kate Young morphed from nearly invisible wallflower to sexy desirable romantic, seamlessly and convincingly.

### **Thanking Our Lucky Stars**

David Trollope and Pat Bannister outdid themselves with perfectly proportioned beach huts and a fantastically realistic back cloth. The climate change in November was a very welcome relief from freezing temperatures, and recessionary concerns. Once again, we thank our lucky stars that we are blessed with the multi-talented Wychwood Players dedicated team of on stage and behind the scenes personalities who provide our community with such high calibre entertainment. Congratulations to all for a superb evening.

**Peggy Walmsley**

## **The Next Production!**

The Wychwood Players' next production on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the New Beaconsfield Hall is *Hero* by Gerald Sibleyras and Tom Stoppard. This witty and wistful play is directed by Alice Burns and is about three veterans from the First World War (Dudley Thompson, Mark Jessey and John Drew) who dream of escaping from their soldiers' home. For the first time, there will be an additional performance at Tiddy Hall, Ascott on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.