

Wychwood Players Bedroom Farce Review

Alan Ayckbourn's *Bedroom Farce* is as hilarious and relevant today as it was when he wrote it in 1975. Connubial habits and peccadilloes made us guffaw just as much now as ever before and The Wychwood Players production on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd was beautifully timed, expertly acted, and a complete triumph.

Real Life

The sexual innuendo between all four couples was terribly funny, as in "why don't you take the weight on your elbows like a gentleman." Rose Hartley and Ralph Wears (Delia and Ernest) ate pilchards in bed, with smelly results, and rain gushing through the roof. John and Caroline Trevers (Nick and Jan) hysterically displayed the age-old problem of the husband's illness being treated as hypochondria by his wife. Richard Hartley and Kate Lister (Malcolm and Kate) had us laughing over male DIY



ineptitude and "what are those naughty magazines doing in your sock drawer!" Ruari Scott and Kim Bradley (Trevor and Susannah) rounded out the chaos as a pair of completely insensitive, naive and socially brazen

newlyweds, as yet unaccustomed to 'real life'. All four couples were superb, aided immeasurably by Frank O'Neill's beautifully timed sound and light.

Best Production

Philip Brown, with assistance from

Amanda Keighley, can be justifiably proud of a very well balanced overall performance, and the difficult comic timing was perfection. It was one of the best Wychwood Players productions I have ever seen, and we are lucky to have such

talented amateurs to entertain us so well.

Peggy Walmsley

Editor: Calling all Thespians, would any of you like to take on the Theatre Reviewer role?

