



Skipton's Little Theatre

**Skipton Players
Presents**

The Cracked Pot



By Blake Morrison

A COMEDY set in SKIPTON in 1810

Directed by Geoffrey Hebden

Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th February 2006

At 7.30pm

Programmes 50p

Chairman's Message

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to our February production, 'The Cracked Pot' directed by Geoffrey Hebden. It's a case of third time lucky for Geoffrey, we have tried to stage the play twice before and been prevented because it was always being produced somewhere else, but now the play has 'come home'. Being set in and around Skipton, it is right that we stage it at Skipton Little Theatre - be sure to listen out for all the local references.

This version is a translation by local poet Blake Morrison of the German comedy 'Der Zerbrochene Krug' by Heinrich von Kleist. Written in bold Yorkshire dialect, Morrison uses many expressive Yorkshire words, none of which have been invented, many come from a collection put together in 1911 by Richard Blakeborough. So sit back and enjoy this journey into nostalgia.

We welcome Jay Livingstone in her first play for Skipton Players, although some of you will have seen her in our Wartime Revue before Christmas. A very versatile lady, she will be found later in the year directing the Skipton Operatics production of 'Pirates of Penzance' (the Broadway version).

We were sorry to have to change our Christmas play 'See How they Run' but again we were prevented from doing it because it was being taken on tour by a professional company. I must say a big thank you to those who carried on with the wartime revue 'Bless 'em All'. I was away on holiday but I understand it was a real team effort and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to see it.

We are looking forward to a visit from The Northern Lights Theatre Company who are coming in April with a production of J B Priestley's lesser known play, 'The Long Mirror'. More details in our next programme.

Well, that's enough from me. May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a rather belated Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Beryl Binn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21st February – 7.30pm
Producers Meeting

Monday 20th February
Play Reading
'A Toe in the Water'
Our next production directed by Phil Smith

Tuesday 25th April
'The Long Mirror' by J B Priestley

The rest of the 2005/06 season.....

4-8 April 2006
Toe in the Water
By Derek Benfield
Directed by Phil Smith

20-24 June 2006
Chase me up Farndale Avenue S'il Your Plait
By Walter Zerlin Jr. & David McGillivray
Directed by Chris Birch

The Cracked Pot

The cracked Pot is more than a translation of Heinrich von Kleist's *Der Zerbrochene Krug*, as the action now takes place in Skipton, Yorkshire, in 1810, with Kleist's German verse transformed into tough Yorkshire dialect. Funny, earthy and satirical, the play concerns Judge Adam, Skipton's sole agent of justice, who is far from happy to be visited by the investigating magistrate Walter Clegg, seeking out signs of mal practice. The trial that Walter oversees seems uncomplicated at first: the formidable Martha is suing her daughter's fiancé, Leslie, for breaking her Jug. The Plot thickens, inevitable, as many family grievances are unearthed and discovering the identity of a mysterious man seen with the daughter become crucial to the case.....

CAST

Bright	Chris Cundell
Judge Adam.....	Chris Birch
Meg the maid	JAY LIVINGSTONE
Judge Walter.....	Jeremy Bullock
Eve Rudd.....	Roxanne Williams
Martha Rudd	HELEN PARKINSON
Leslie Dixon.....	Philip smith
Tommy Dixon	ALAN PARKINSON
Aunt Bridget.....	Jay Livingstone

DIRECTED BY GEOFFREY HEBDEN

Place – The Town Courtroom (also Judge Adams House) in Skipton

Time – Circa 1810

CREW

Set construction	Martin cole
Props	BERYL BINNS
Prompt	Jeffie Lord
Lighting and effects	TERRY HARRISON
Wardrobe	THEMLA HEBDEN
Posters	MARTIN COLE

Chicken kindly loaned by Mrs F Godfen of Clapham

Selected glossary

Batter- fanged	Beaten by a Woman
Belder	Roar like a bull
Bellytimber	Food
Bensiling	Chastisement
Bizzumhead	Foolish Person
Blair	Shout
Blathry	Muddy
Blish-blash	Gossip
Bowdykite	Cheeky Child
Brock	Badger
Brully	Squabble
Buznacking	Gossip
Caff-hearted	Cowardly
CaggyDirty	Quarrelsome
Caufhead	Stupid Fellow
Chaffer, chunter	Bicker, Complain
Clarty Sticky	Clumsy
Clunter	Heavy Fall
Crammily	Twisted
Creepins	Shivering Fear
Daddy	Intoxicated
Differing bout	Quarrel

Dirty-bottomed.....	Untrustworthy
Doderams.....	Violent Shakings
Drabblele.....	Loose Woman
Dunderknowle.....	Stupid Person
Flappytongue.....	Gossip
Flaunny.....	Tawdry
Fushlugs.....	Low Fellow
Gammerstang.....	Whore
Garfils.....	Entrails
Ge-e-gaws.....	Jewels
Gowky.....	Clumsy
Grenky.....	Ugly
Griming.....	Cover
Hauvey-gauvey.....	Loat
Honey-fall.....	Rare Piece of Luck
Lig.....	Lie
Murl.....	Melt
Nauping.....	Thashing
Nazz-moll.....	Immoral Woman
Nazzed.....	Drank
Nobbut middling.....	Unwell
Owerance.....	Command
Prickyback.....	Hedgehog
Raffepack.....	Riotous Assembly
Ragabash, ragally.....	Rough Fellow
Rantipole.....	Romping Child
Rauddock.....	Robin
Scutters.....	Diarrhoea
Splaudy.....	Widespread
Swinways.....	Diagonal
Timbertoe.....	Wearing a wooden leg
Tongue-scraping.....	Flattery
Trail-tripe.....	Whore
Traps.....	Belongings
Tyke.....	Yorkshireman
Whille-whaffle.....	Idle Talk

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