



Skipton's Little Theatre

2006-2007 Season

Skipton Players

Presents

**I'll Be Back Before
MIDNIGHT!**

by Peter Colley

Directed by Ann Busfield

Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th December 2006 at 7.30pm

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If anyone lost a wristwatch in the theatre
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Chairman's Message

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to our latest production, 'I'll Be Back Before Midnight' by Peter Colley. We decided to have a change from comedy and give you a good old fashioned thriller for Christmas. This production was put together in a bit of a hurry and I am very grateful to Ann Busfield for stepping in at the last minute as Director. She assembled the cast in double quick time and she assures me she didn't have to resort to any arm twisting or any other dubious means of 'persuasion'!

We welcome Joanne Whistler back to the SLT stage. She has been away having a little production of her own – Oliver James is now a gorgeous 8 months old. Congratulations to Jo and Paul.

Ann has asked me to mention that this play was written for a Canadian audience which explains the rather laissez-faire attitude to firearms. In this country we don't tend to have them lying around in the sitting room. Apparently this play has been a sell-out wherever it has been performed in Canada – I hope you enjoy it.

We are extremely grateful to those faithful members who renew their membership year after year, we really do appreciate your support. We are also grateful to those of you who, although not members, also come back every year. There is so much competition these days for your time and money so I cannot thank you all enough for coming to see us.

I hope you don't mind but I have to end on rather a sad note. There is one person who will not be watching this production, will never again ring up to book her tickets and we will no longer see her smiling face on the front row. I speak of course of Gwynne Walters who passed away, suddenly, a short while ago. Gwynne was a strong supporter of the theatre here in Skipton and further afield. Indeed she had been to a show on the night she died. I will miss her.

On a lighter note, Christmas is almost here. Was that a groan? So may I be among the first to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beryl Binns

Cast

in order of appearance

Jan Sanderson

Joanne Whistler

Greg Sanderson

Neil Hellewell

George Willowby

Richard Wilkinson

Laura Sanderson

Jay Livingston

Directed by Ann Busfield

Production Team

Tom Cox

Martin Cole

Ruth Pearson

Angela Freeman

Sandra Ward Bateman

Elizabeth Welch

Chris Birch

Paul Mann

...who were responsible for; building the scenery, setting the lights, painting the scenery, making things go bang, making the lights go on and off, making the tea, creating sound effects, making the sound effects all work at the same time, teaching the cast to fight (without hurting themselves!), designing posters, prompting during rehearsals and performances, making the impossible possible, making more tea, building special effects, making sure the props are in the right place at the right time, baby sitting, taking photographs, organising costumes, and much much more!

THE STORY: Jan has recently had a nervous breakdown, and her husband Greg, an archeologist, has rented an old farmhouse in the country where she can recover. The old farmhouse is also near an archeological dig where he can continue his studies. When George, the droll farmer they rent the house from, tells stories about a terrible murder that once took place in the farmhouse and the ghost that reputedly stalks the night, Jan's imagination gets fired up. The situation becomes worse when Laura, Greg's beautiful but manipulative sister arrives. Soon Jan finds herself tormented by strange sounds in the night, and visions of the vengeful ghost. Is she having another breakdown? Is someone trying to drive her mad? When she tries to defend herself from this apparition, events take an unexpected turn in a night of unimaginable suspense.

The action of the play takes place in the living-room of a farmhouse in the country

Act 1

Scene 1

An Evening in Early Spring

Scene 2

The Next Morning

Scene 3

That Night

Interval

Act 2

Scene 1

A Few Moments Later

Scene 2

An Evening A Week Later

Scene 3

That Night, Just Before Midnight

Time · The Present

Joanne Whistler (Jan)

Joanne joined Skipton Players in 2003 and was instantly hooked. Since then she has strenuously avoided typecasting by playing roles including Gwenoline (*Importance of Being Earnest*, 2005), a horseriding lesbian (*Day of Reckoning*, 2004), the straight – in both senses of the word! – love interest (*Wild Goose Chase*, 2005) and a policewoman (*Arsenic and Old Lace*, 2004).



Neil Hellewell (Greg)

The script describes Greg as an academic, in his mid 30's, in good condition and a spectacle wearer. Neil thinks one out of four isn't bad! Neil has appeared in a number plays at the Little Theatre, most recently he appeared in 'Toe in the Water' and 'Dry Rot'

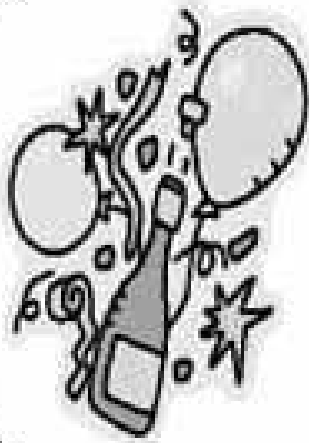
Richard Wilkinson (George)

Richard has appeared in and produced many productions at the Little Theatre, Richard produced 'Arsenic and Old Lace' in 2004 and his last performance here was three years ago in 'Funny Money' Richard also performs with Skipton Amateur Operatic Society and has appeared in their last five productions



Jay Livingston (Laura)

Jay is fairly new to Skipton and the Little Theatre, but we reckon you'll see her hanging around here quite a lot in the near future. She has performed with many drama and operatic groups in the local area and also appeared regularly as an extra in film and T.V.



SKIPTON LITTLE THEATRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 16 December 7.30

For members, players, friends and guests

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The Next Production in The Little Theatre

'Servant of Two Masters'

February 20th - 24th 2007

First Rehearsal Wednesday 13th December at 7.30

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February 20th – 24th 2007
(Please note the change of date)

'Servant of Two Masters'

By Carlo Goldoni
Directed by Thelma Hebden

April 24th – 28th 2007

'Blithe Spirit'

By Noel Coward
Directed by Phil Smith

June 19th – 23rd 2007

'Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime'

By David Tristram
Directed by Chris Birch

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