



Skipton Players Present

CORPSE!

A comedy thriller

by Gerald Moon

Directed by Richard Wilkinson



21st to 25th of June 2011



From the Chairman

Greeting and welcome to our final play in the current season!

Gerald Moon's comedy thriller has been doing the rounds since 1984, but if you have never seen it before, Corpse! is a hoot.

Corpse! is set in December 1936 on the day of Edward VIII's abdication, a day when everyone is at home waiting to hear the King's history-making speech on the radio. So there is hardly anyone around who will know the comings and goings at Evelyn's basement flat in Soho and in Rupert's house in Regent's Park.

Death piles on agonising death as bodies litter the dingy digs of thwarted thespian Evelyn and make a mess of the penthouse flat of wealthy twin Rupert. The conceit of its preposterous plot is that the bodies belong to the same two characters as the siblings are murdered time and again!

Evelyn engages the bumbling Major Powell, another who's not quite all he seems, to bump off his brother so that Evelyn can take Rupert's place. Not everything, though, goes to plan - or does it?

Gerald Moon has written a tremendously clever play which has more twists than a corkscrew. Although you may be able to guess some of them, you're hardly likely to fathom out every intricacy.

FACEBOOK users should note that we now have a Facebook page - www.facebook.com/pages/Skipton-Little-Theatre. There is no getting away from the ever-spreading tentacles of this social networking site!

I should also mention that the date of the next AGM is Thursday 8th September, here in the Little Theatre at 7.30pm. We hope as many persons as possible will turn up. Every local society like ours cannot survive without willing volunteers, even if it is just to help sell refreshments. Please come along if you have an inkling to join us and help run the society.

Finally can I remind you that the annual subscription is now due for the 2011/12 season, and we have held it at £35. For those who have paid on the door, this would save you £5 to see all five plays, and you help us enormously in sustaining our cash flow without which we cannot continue.

On behalf of Skipton Players may I wish you a happy summer holiday. We hope to see you at the opening production of the 2011/12 season, which is Home by David Storey, and directed by Geoffrey Hebden, on October 11th to 15th.

Beryl Binns

CORPSE!

By Gerald Moon - Directed By Richard Wilkinson

Cast

Evelyn Farrant.....Phil Smith
Mrs McGeeHelen Parkinson
Major Ambrose Powell.....Tom Lodge
Rupert FarrantMichael Smith
Hawkins..... Richard Wilkinson

The action takes place in Evelyn's basement flat in Soho, and Rupert's House in Regent's Park, London.
Time: December 1936

Act One

Scene 1Evelyn's Flat midday
Scene 2Rupert's house, seven o'clock that night
Scene 3Evelyn's flat, shortly after

Act Two

Scene 1Evelyn's flat immediately following
Scene 2Rupert's house a while later

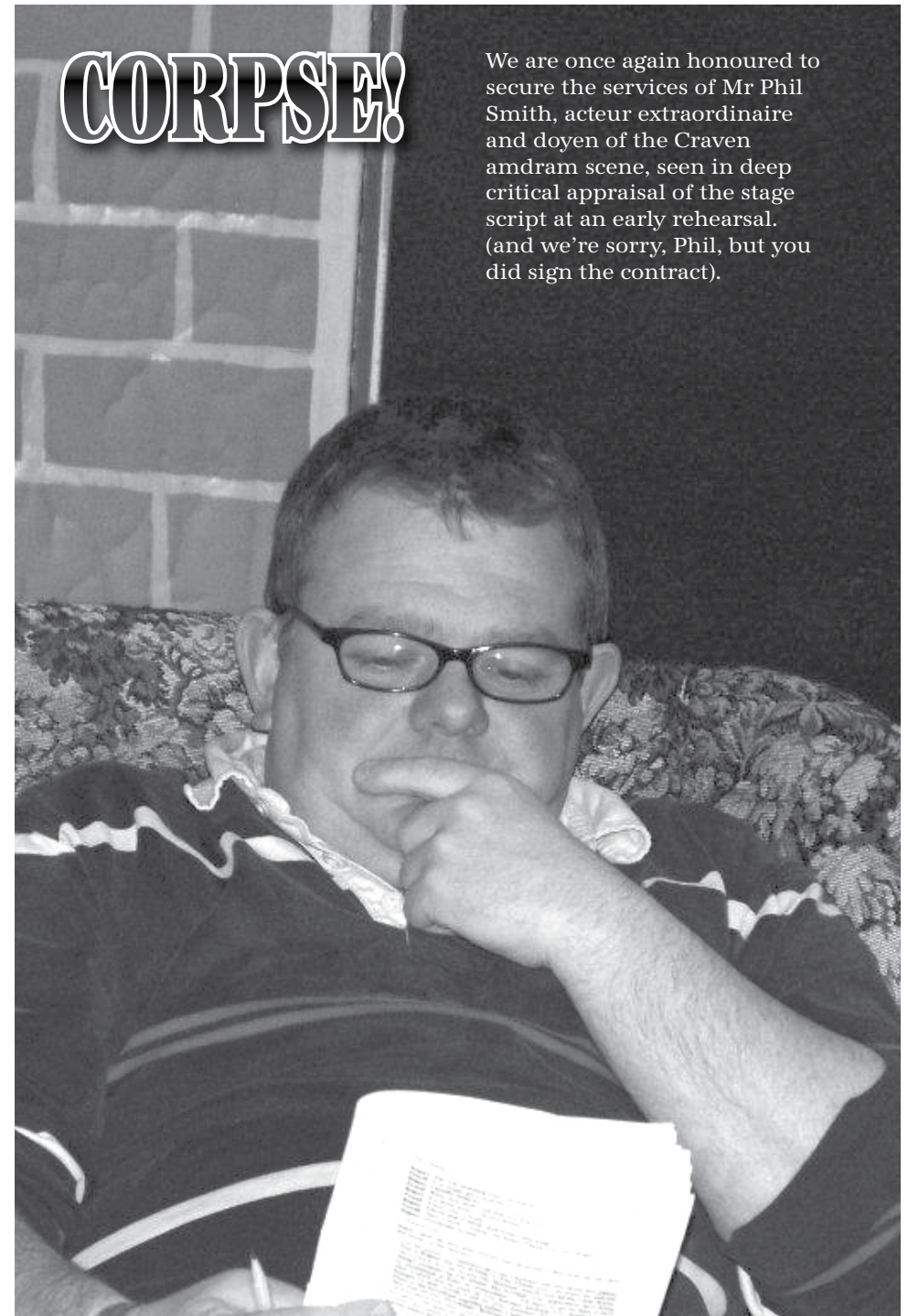
Backstage Crew

Chris Rose

Poster & Programme Design by Tom Fisher

Front of House by Friends & Members

Please be aware that there are four loud gunshots during the course of the play



We are once again honoured to secure the services of Mr Phil Smith, acteur extraordinaire and doyen of the Craven amdram scene, seen in deep critical appraisal of the stage script at an early rehearsal. (and we're sorry, Phil, but you did sign the contract).

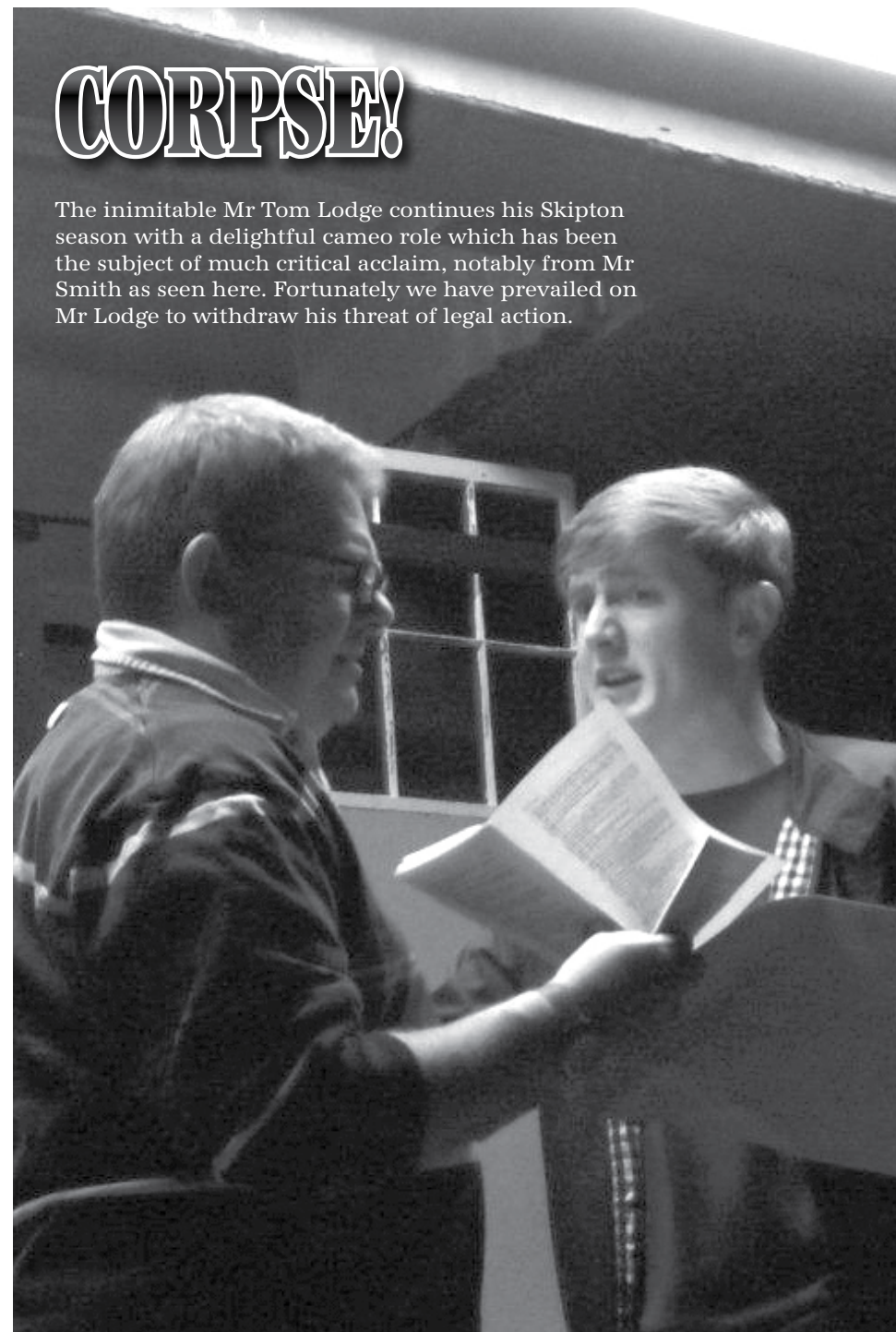
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Ms Helen Parkinson, in rehearsal with Mr Smith. We are very grateful to Ms Parkinson (may we call you Helen?) for a rare rehearsal photograph, as normally, pre-production publicity images are only occasionally released by her agent expressly on her approval. She is seen giving a mini masterclass to Mr Smith on comic delivery.



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The inimitable Mr Tom Lodge continues his Skipton season with a delightful cameo role which has been the subject of much critical acclaim, notably from Mr Smith as seen here. Fortunately we have prevailed on Mr Lodge to withdraw his threat of legal action.



Skipton Players 2011-12 Productions

October 11th to 15th 2011

Home

by David Storey – Directed by Geoffrey Hebden

December 6th to 10th 2011

Theft

by Eric Chappell – Directed by Ann Busfield

February 21st to 25th 2012

Perfect Wedding

by Robin Hawdon – Directed by Phil Smith

April 24th to 28th 2012

The Anniversary

by Bill MacIlwraith – Directed by Joan Nicholson

June 19th to 23rd 2012

Ladies Day

by Amanda Whittington – Directed by Jay Livingstone

All productions start at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm.
To book seats either go to www.skiptonlittletheatre.org.uk
or phone 01756 791552, during the week before the play.