

Skipton Players Present

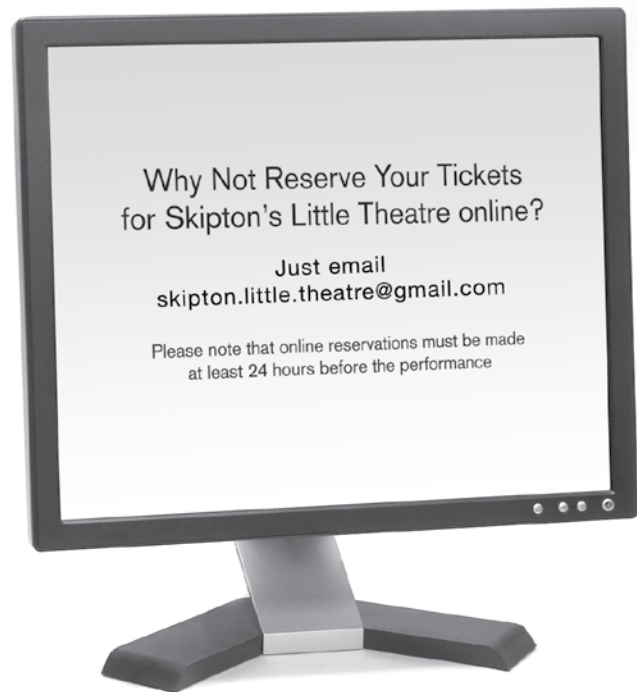


by Eric Chappell  
Directed by Ann Busfield



Skipton  
Little Theatre

**6th to 10th of December 2011**



## MISTLETOE AND MERRIMENT

**ROLL UP! ROLL UP!**

**Skipton Players invite you to an evening of Christmas and Assorted Cheer!**

**"Songs, sketches, readings, monologues, corny jokes and the odd mini pantomime"**

**£8 INCLUDING free buffet and glass of wine!**

**SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER at 7:30pm**

**in the Little Theatre  
Bookings via our usual channels**



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From the Chairman

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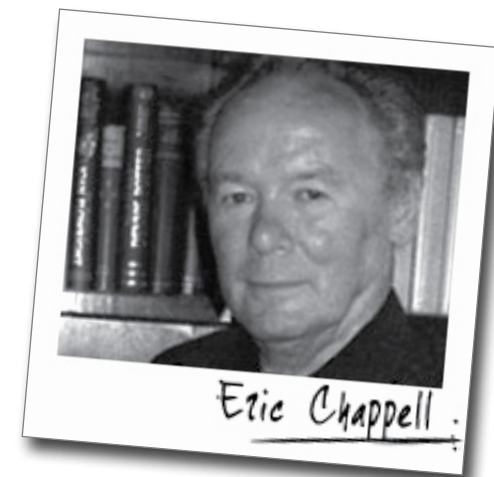
## A warm welcome to our second play of the season

Tonight's play is Theft by Eric Chappell, a prolific writer of plays and TV comedies, the most famous of which is Rising Damp. One critic described Theft as the antithesis of An Inspector Calls. First performed in 1998, it has twice toured nationally with star-studded casts, and I am sure that this production directed by our own Ann Busfield will not disappoint.

On Saturday 17th December we will be staging our Christmas Revue, 'Mistletoe & Merriment', here in the theatre. Entertainment, in the form of 'songs and sketches and jokes old and new' will be provided by whoever I can bully into participating, and a glass of wine and light supper are included for the modest price of £8.00. Tickets are limited so please apply through the usual channels as early as possible.

Finally, may I wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Alan Parkinson.





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Cast – In order of appearance:

Trevor ..... Neil Helliwell  
John ..... John Whyte  
Spriggs ..... Steve Charlton  
Jenny ..... Jo Hartley  
Barbara ..... Alison Ford

Director's Notes

It is five years since I produced a conventional play with a proper set and more than two actors. I'm finding it quite a shock to the system, not least, because rehearsals are a lot harder to arrange to fit six people's schedules.

The play, by creator and writer of Rising Damp, is an interesting mix of dry humour and subtle twists of plot.

I'm sure you will be pleased to see two new faces and the return of another who has not acted with us for a while.

Ann Busfield

Backstage Crew

Producer/Director ..... Ann Busfield  
Stage manager ..... Mark Wilson  
Set design & construction ..... Chris Rose, Martin, Ann & team  
Set painting ..... Gerry Holmes  
Backstage team ..... Felicity, Ann, Mark & Joanne  
Prompt ..... Hazel Sinclair  
Wardrobe ..... The team  
Poster & Programme design ..... Tom Fisher



The action takes place over the course of one evening in John's study.  
Act 1 scene 1 & 2  
Interval  
Act 2 scene 1 & 2

**THEFT**



The cast (from L to R) Neil Hellewell, Jo Hartley, Steve Charlton, Alison Ford, John Whyte

## Skipton Players 2012 Productions

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February 21st to 25th 2012

### Perfect Wedding

by Robin Hawdon  
Directed by Phil Smith

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April 24th to 28th 2012

### The Anniversary

by Bill MacIlwraith  
Directed by Joan Nicholson

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June 19th to 23rd 2012

### Ladies Day

by Amanda Whittington  
Directed by Jay Livingstone

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All productions start at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm.  
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