

70th Anniversary Season

Alan Ayckbourn's Comedy

"Bedroom Farce"

15-18 October 2014

"Four couples, three bedrooms, one unforgettable night!"

Hugh Whitemore's Thriller

"Pack of Lies"

4-7 Feb 2015

"How well do you REALLY know your neighbours?"

John Buchan's "The 39 Steps"

Adapted by Patrick Barlow

22-25 Apr 2015

"Murder has never been this funny"

Bram Stoker's "Dracula"

Adapted by Jane Thornton & John Godber

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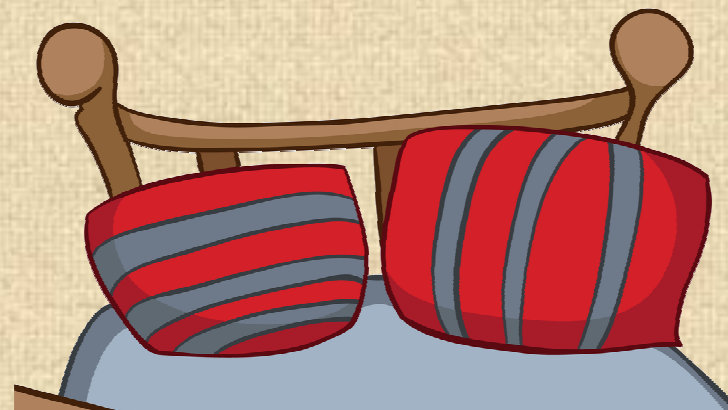
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ALAN AYCKBOURN'S

BEDROOM FARCE



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Welcome to the first production of our 70th Anniversary season. From way back in 1945, with a production of Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*, we have been on a long and exciting journey. A journey we hope to continue for another 70 years.



To help us on our way, we are very pleased to introduce our first ever sponsors: Spratt Endicott, Walford & Round Opticians, Norbar Tools, J & M Humphris, Peepers Opticians and The Courtyard Coffee House. This sponsorship will help ensure BCP can continue putting on a wide range of plays which challenge our members and engage our audiences. We hope this is the beginning of a strong relationship between Banbury businesses and local community theatre.

Tonight's performance of *Bedroom Farce* is the eighth Alan Ayckbourn play we have performed - and one of his most entertaining. Set in the 1970s with a composite set of three bedrooms and Ayckbourn's clever use of time and space, we think you are in for a treat. Enjoy this farce, comparing and contrasting the differences between four couples and the troubles they encounter.

In the New Year, we present *Pack of Lies* by Hugh Whitmore. Based on the true events of Helen and Peter Kroger being convicted of spying in 1961, this play portrays a powerfully moving, fictional account of the events leading up to their arrest.

In the Spring, we perform Patrick Barlow's hilarious adaptation of John Buchan's & Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps* - with 4 actors playing 150 characters!

John Godber and Jane Thornton's adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, sees out this landmark season with a good dose of blood, vampires and chilling theatre.

Do come and join us this season - either in the audience or perhaps as a member. We are always looking for actors, technicians, set-builders and costumiers. Become part of the team in one of our productions or just be part of one of our regular Tuesday evenings at The Mill where we explore all aspects of theatre with an added dash of socialising! We'd be delighted to see you.



Jem Turner
Chairman



Tracey Emin's *My Bed*
(1999)

.. bought by advertising mogul and art collector Charles Saatchi for £150,000 ..

The Great Bed of Ware
(1580)

.. more than fifteen people could reportedly sleep comfortably in it..



John & Yoko's Protest Bed
(1969)

.. they stayed in bed for two weeks in protest of the Vietnam War in 1969..

Van Gogh's *The Bedroom*
(1889)

.. his bedroom at 2 Place Lamartine, Arles, known as his *Yellow House*..



Director
Trish Thompson

Stage Manager
Clare Lester

ASM
Nik Lester

Lighting
John Hicks
Linda Shaw

Sound
Mark Neale

Props
Gill Huband
Mary Sullivan

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Make Up
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June Ronson

Set Design
Richard Ashby

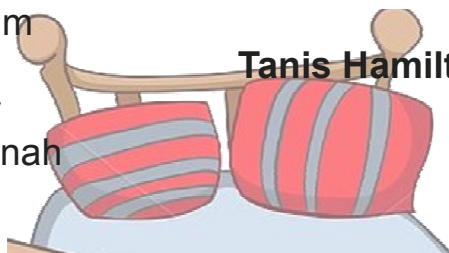
Set Construction
Richard Ashby, Nik Lester

BEDROOM FARCE

CAST

Ernest
Delia
Nick
Jan
Malcolm
Kate
Trevor
Susannah

Peter Bloor
Janice Lake
Andy Crump
Helena Boughton
Tom Perry
Tanis Hamilton-Everest
Rob Hall
Tara Lacey



The action takes place in three bedrooms

Act 1 - Saturday evening, 7pm

INTERVAL

Act 2 - A few moments later

Patrons are requested to switch off mobile phones before the performance begins and are reminded that photography and video recording is strictly prohibited.

Emergency exits are to the left of the stage area and to the rear of the auditorium.

In case of emergency, please follow instruction from Front of House staff.



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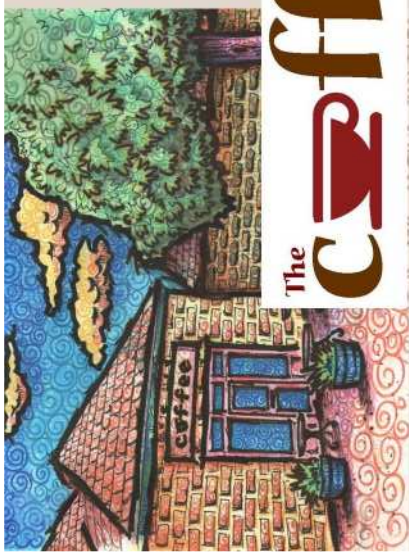


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