

THEATRE IN HENLEY

SEASON 1976-1977

HENLEY-in-ARDEN AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

PRESENT

"THE HAPPY MARRIAGE"

by John Clements

MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY

24, 25 and 26 JANUARY 1977

07.30 p.m.

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES:

The action of the play passes in the roof-garden of the Mansell-Smith's House in London during a day in Summer.

Act I Morning
Act II Afternoon
Act III Evening

TIME: THE PRESENT

COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE INTERVAL
BETWEEN ACTS I AND II.

CAST LIST

(In order of appearance)

Briggs, the manservant ... Ron Boroughs
Helen Mansell-Smith ... Beryl Butler
Doctor Protheroe ... Graham Robson
Henry Mansell-Smith ... Alan Butler
Miss Patt, the secretary... Christina Holtom
Audrey Foster ... Gwen Wells
George Foster ... John Shuttleworth

Settings ... The Scenery Section
Properties ... Catherine Fox
Lighting ... Howard Terry
Prompt ... Mabel Gooderick
Stage Manager ... Krystine Aukstolis
House Manager ... Joe Green

Directed by PAUL HOLTOM

THE HAPPY MARRIAGE

It certainly does not seem twelve months since my debut as a director of the play 'Big Bad Mouse' but alas it is. During the past 12 months, excluding the summer break, the Society has been busy producing the plays 'Black Chiffon' and 'She Stoops to Conquer' for your enjoyment.

'The Happy Marriage' by John Clements is described as a farcical comedy. However, this play does not include trouser dropping, absent-minded vicars and gorgeous girls hiding in every corner. Therefore, personally, I would like to call it a light comedy although the plot is rather bizarre.

Helen Mansell-Smith is persuaded to attend a lecture given by a Dr. Protheroe about subconscious urges. Helen then starts noticing things about her husband Henry and his behaviour and relates all his mannerisms to the lecture. She then consults Dr. P. to discover a solution to the problem - although Henry himself is quite unaware of a problem at all - until Helen becomes so obsessed in her quest for finding a solution that Henry begins to worry about Helen and is therefore persuaded by his secretary Miss Patt, to visit the same Dr. Protheroe. A solution to the problem is arrived at, but involves Helen's best friend Audrey and her husband George, who just happens to be Henry's best friend. Henry uses George to help solve Helen's problem and similarly Helen uses Audrey to solve Henry's problem, with catastrophic results.

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