



ONE NIGHT
TWO PLAYS



THERMAL UNDERWEAR

by Andrew Davies

OCT
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The Village Hall
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Chair's Message

It's good to be back! When I took over as Chair from Nicki back in February 2021 the last thing I expected was lockdown, and that we wouldn't be putting on any productions for over a year.

During lockdown the group kept going on Zoom, taking the opportunity to read together, to give us ideas for future productions. Also, some of our members did the new Online Acting Exams, and all passed! However, it was great to be back in the room together for rehearsals – even if the doors and windows were wide open!

Sadly, during the last year we've lost a few friends and members. George Horne was well known in the village for his performances at the Rowntree Theatre, and George has supported and performed with the Monday Players for many years.

Terry Wilson has also been a longstanding friend of the group.

Elaine Wells joined the group a couple of years ago and was an accomplished actress. Elaine also died last year and is greatly missed.

Last year a number of friends retired from the group. We are very grateful for all that Barbara & Robert Hardcastle, David & Alma Belbin, David Lane, Pam & David Newsholme, Kath Wilson and Norma Nicholson have done for us over the years.

So, to the future. How best to emerge from the Pandemic? I'm pleased to announce that we're going to have a recruitment drive, offering a course of 6 'Let's Get Acting' workshops in January and February 2022, costing £10, which gets you all the workshops and membership of the Monday Players for a year.

So, if you want to give acting a try - or if you want to give it another try – please contact me on 01757 249820. Similarly, if you know someone who you think might enjoy acting, please pass the word on.

Tonight's production of two short plays will involve almost all the Players. I'd like to welcome you back to the Village Hall, and hope you enjoy the show.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Ken".

The Director (1)

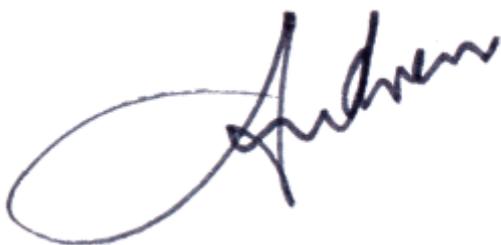
Thermal Underwear is written by Andrew Davies who is known as both a playwright and as an adapter of works for television and radio. Of particular fame are his TV adaptations of, for example, *Pride and Prejudice* (with Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle), *Bleak House* and *Sense & Sensibility*. He also adapted *House of Cards* for TV and collaborated on the screenplay for the first two *Bridget Jones* films.

But here we are with *Thermal Underwear*, which is a short comedy. Mr and Mrs Hudd are celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Emma, and her husband, Ben. Further guests are expected, but don't all arrive. The husband of family friend, Sylvia, cries off at the last minute, much to Emma's chagrin; so does the wife of the couple's odd-ball son, Gareth. Coincidence?

Ben is troubled, especially by his marriage difficulties, and is anxious to plumb the depths of his father-in-law's experience of life, and wisdom. How does Mr Hudd cope so serenely with the vicissitudes of life? What is their secret? Can it be as simple as wearing warm underclothes?

The play definitely is comic, but it has a depth worthy of reflection. Rather like a good short story, the characters are not just two-dimensional; we feel as though we know them, and we have an insight into the personalities of the characters we see, and also of the people who don't turn up.

The Monday Players are pleased to be welcoming Geoff Stockill as a new member of the cast for this production. It's been interesting to rehearse, and I hope that you find something to chuckle at, and some food for thought, too.



The Director (2)

It now seems a distant memory since the world first plunged headfirst into the battle against COVID-19. Lockdown affected our everyday lives; gone for many were daily routines, work, pleasure, support, and companionship which for some led to anxiety, loneliness, financial worries, isolation... and panic buying! Daily routines soon became about feeding the sourdough starter, baking the banana bread, stocking up on flour and loo roll, trying to Zoom on a conference call in pyjamas while home schooling the kids... and of course the weekly family Zoom quizzes with those oh so familiar words, "Can you hear me? Am I on mute? We can't see you. Maybe you should log out and log in again!". And how people had time to fit in an hour exercise each day I have no idea! Yet with all the uncertainty in the world there were some significant events that raised spirits: Clap for Heroes every Thursday at 8pm for 10 weeks; the heart-warming journey and phenomenal £32m fundraising efforts of Captain Sir Thomas Moore; and the inspirational scientific triumph of developing effective vaccines against COVID-19.

The Monday Players had their own significant spirit raising endeavour. During all three lockdowns and over a 15-month period we held weekly Zoom play reading evenings. Hours were spent scouring for scripts and potential plays. We searched the internet, play libraries, and tapped into our own archives. I came across Lockdown in Little Grimley during a search online and was immediately struck by its relevance. Experiencing lockdown as an AmDram group brought with it a lot of uncertainty - when and how can we ever put on a play again? When first reading the play we were yet again in another lockdown, and during the early weeks of rehearsals the rule of six, 2m distance and mask wearing were all still requirements. The content of the play eerily mirrored our reality, so it is overwhelming we are finally back here, performing in the village hall, with an audience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful cast. Rehearsals have been a tonic, with plenty of laughter thrown in. They have been fully immersed in their characters from the start and have been a joy to direct - I am so incredibly proud of them. I shall miss the quirky troupe of Little Grimley Am-Drammers!



Nicki

The East

THERMAL UNDERWEAR

Mum – Lisa Valentine
Emma – Jill Pearson
Shirley – Lynne Edwards
Dad – Bob Wells
Ben – Geoff Stockill
Gareth – Trevor Britain

Directed by Andrew Faulkes

LOCKDOWN in **LITTLE GRIMLEY**

Bernard – Alan Rome
Margaret – Linda Baillie
Gordon – Graeme Parker
Joyce – Helen Lawley

Directed by Nicki Clay

The Crew

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Ken Davison (TU)

PROMPT

Andrew Faulkes (TU)

Nicki Clay (LILG)

STAGING & SET

Nicki Clay, Ken Davison,
Andrew Faulkes, Bob Wells
and The Monday Players

RAFFLE

Pamela Yates

LIGHTING & SOUND

Ken Davison

PROGRAMME & POSTER DESIGN

Graeme Parker

HAIR / WIGS

Alan Rome

TICKET SALES

Pat Davison and Mike Waters

BAR

Gary Bateson with
Anita Shipley and Barry Shiple

FRONT OF HOUSE

Pat Davison with
Julia Birkett, Nicki Clay,
Astrid Croasdale,
Corinne Kilburn,
Mike Waters

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Let's Get Acting!

The Monday Players will be offering 6 'Introduction to Acting' workshops on Mondays in January and February 2022. It only costs £10 to join the group and access these workshops.

The workshops will be followed by a play reading session, when the group will be reviewing possible future productions.

If you've ever fancied treading the boards, or if you'd like to use Drama to meet new people and boost your confidence, please get in touch.

The first session will be Monday 17 January 2022 at 7.30pm at Escrick Village Hall

Please contact our Chair, Ken Davison:

chair@mondayplayers.com

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Ten Years Ago...

ROLE PLAY

PLAYWRIGHT: Alan Ayckbourn

PERFORMANCE DATES: 17th – 19th November 2011

DIRECTOR: Sadie Ashton

CAST:

Julie-Ann Jobson - Nicki Clay

Justin Lazenby - Graeme Parker

Paige Petite - MacKenzie Crompton

Mickey Rale - David Lane

Derek Jobson - Brian Rowland

Dee Jobson - Pat Davison

Arabella Lazenby - Barbara Miller

The Hand - Keith Old



SYNOPSIS: In a Docklands apartment, Justin and Julie-Ann are preparing a dinner, while a storm rages outside. They have invited Justin's mother Arabella and her current foreign lothario to meet Julie-Ann's parents, Derek and Dee, for the first time. And then a girl, Paige, falls onto Justin's balcony, trying to escape her boyfriend Rudy's bodyguard and has dropped in from the flat above. Despite knowing the potential for disaster, he promises to help her.



By the time, Julie-Ann returns, Justin and Paige have been joined by the bodyguard Micky, who is obviously torn between his loyalties to his boss and Paige's blackmail tactics.

Let the dinner party commence...!

Past Productions

1993

Dec Season's Greetings

1995

May The Happiest Days Of Your Life

1996

Feb When We Are Married

Nov Fish Out Of Water

1997

May Breath Of Spring

Nov Bedroom Farce

1998

May Suddenly At Home

Nov Flying Feathers

1999

May Cabaret Evening

Nov Stepping Out

2000

Apr The Farndale Avenue Housing
Estate Townswomen's Guild
Dramatic Society Murder Mystery

Jun Millennium Cabaret

Nov Celebration

2001

May Last Tango In Whitby

Nov Fringe Benefits

2002

Jun Separate Tables / Dress Rehearsal

2003

Jan Red Riding Hood

May Joking Apart

Nov Blithe Spirit

2004

Mar Sand Castles

Jun Cabaret 2004

Nov Daisy Pulls It Off

2005

May 'Allo 'Allo

Nov Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

2006

May Witness For The Prosecution

Nov Party Piece

2007

May Outside Edge

Nov Caramba's Revenge

2008

Apr Comic Potential

Nov Angels In Love

2009

May Cabaret 2009

Nov Natural Causes

2010

May Pygmalion

Nov Taking Steps

2011

May Habeas Corpus

Nov Role Play

2012

May Diamond Jubilee Cabaret

Nov Key For Two

2013

May Ladies' Day

Nov Season's Greetings

2014

May Salt Of The Earth

Nov Relative Values

2015

May The Odd Couple

Nov Absurd Person Singular

2016

May A Respectable Funeral /
Last Tango in Escrick

Nov The Importance of Being Earnest

2017

May See How They Run

Nov Theft

2018

May How The Vote Was Won

Nov Par For The Course

2019

May The Ladykillers

Nov Hobson's Choice

2021

Oct Thermal Underwear /
Lockdown in Little Grimley



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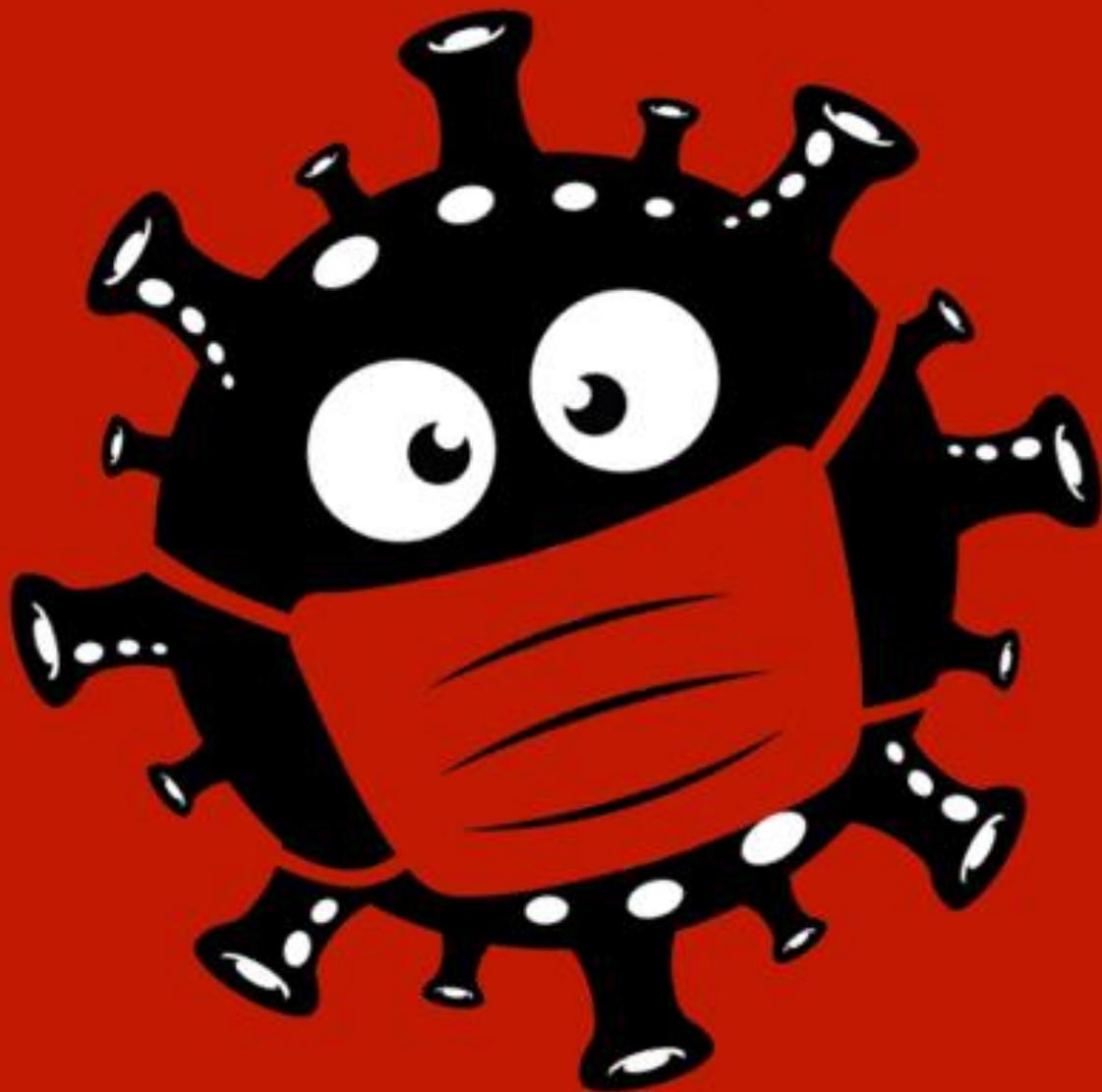
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LOCKDOWN in LITTLE GRIMLEY

by David Tristram



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