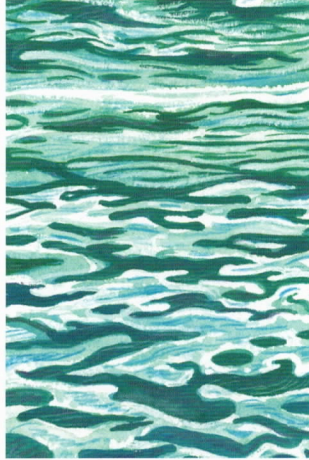




LITTLE THEATRE

A
Southport Dramatic Club
Production



THE *Memory* OF WATER

• Funny • Heart-warming • Moving • Poignant •

by Shelagh Stephenson

directed by Margaret Mann

*22nd February -
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In this poignant play, everyone in the dedicated cast has been able to relate to some of the experiences, emotions and frustrations of the characters being portrayed. When a close relative dies, as has occurred in this play, one thinks, inevitably, of words not spoken, opportunities missed and, for these sisters, the inability to communicate the depth of feelings they really have for each other and their late mother. Skeletons come tumbling out of the cupboard and fond delusions are shot to pieces as each of their far from perfect lives, are revealed.


It also becomes apparent that the mother, the girls thought they had left behind, still runs through them, like 'wine through water'.

We think you will be happy and sad in equal measure as you experience the play; we certainly have been in rehearsal. There are some hilarious moments, but you may need to have the tissues handy!

My personal thanks to a very talented and dedicated cast and crew, and to you, our audience, for supporting Southport Dramatic Club's current production.

Margaret





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Playwright Shelagh Stephenson was born in Northumberland and read drama at Manchester University. She is the author of several original radio plays written for BBC Radio, including *Darling Peidi*, *The Anatomical Venus* and *Five Kinds of Silence* (1997), which won the Writer's Guild Award (Best Original Radio Play). Recent plays include *Life is a Dream* and *Nemesis*, broadcast in 2004 and 2005 respectively.

Her first stage play, *The Memory of Water* (1997), which opened at the Hampstead Theatre, London in 1996, won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy. This was adapted for film, and produced as *Before You Go* in 2002, Starring Julie Walters, Patricia Hodge, Joanne Whalley and Tom Wilkinson, directed by Lewis Gilbert. Her second stage play, *An Experiment With An Air Pump* (1998), was joint winner of the 1997 Peggy Ramsay Award, and premiered at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, in 1998. *Ancient Lights* (2000) was produced at Hampstead Theatre in 2000, and in 2002, *Mappa Mundi* (2002) opened at the Royal National Theatre. Her latest play, *Enlightenment*, opened at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin in 2005.



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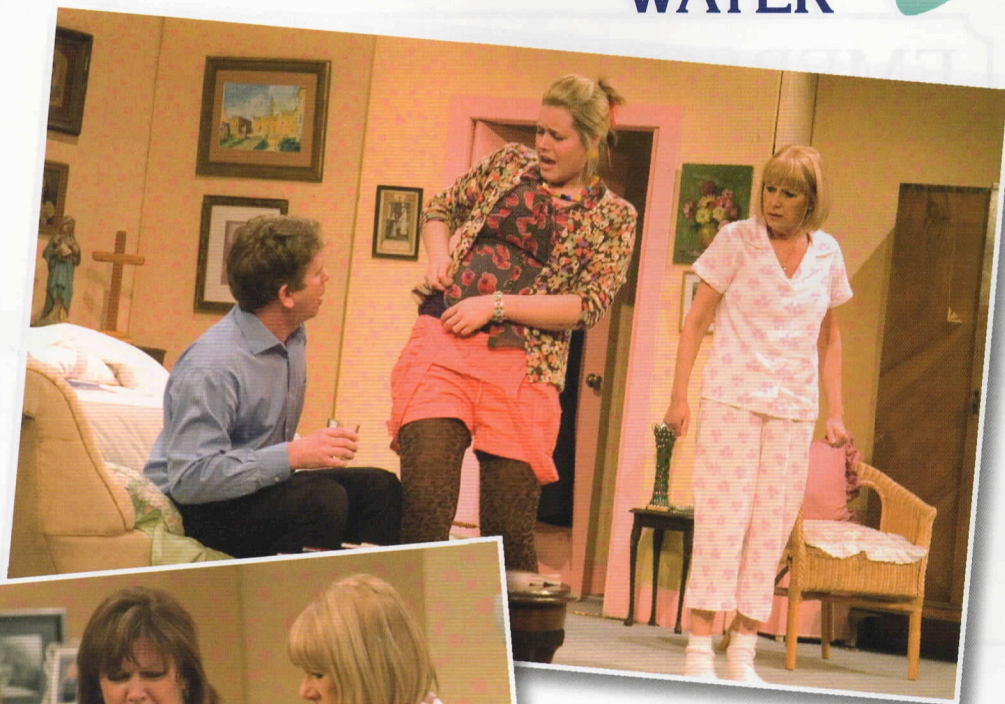
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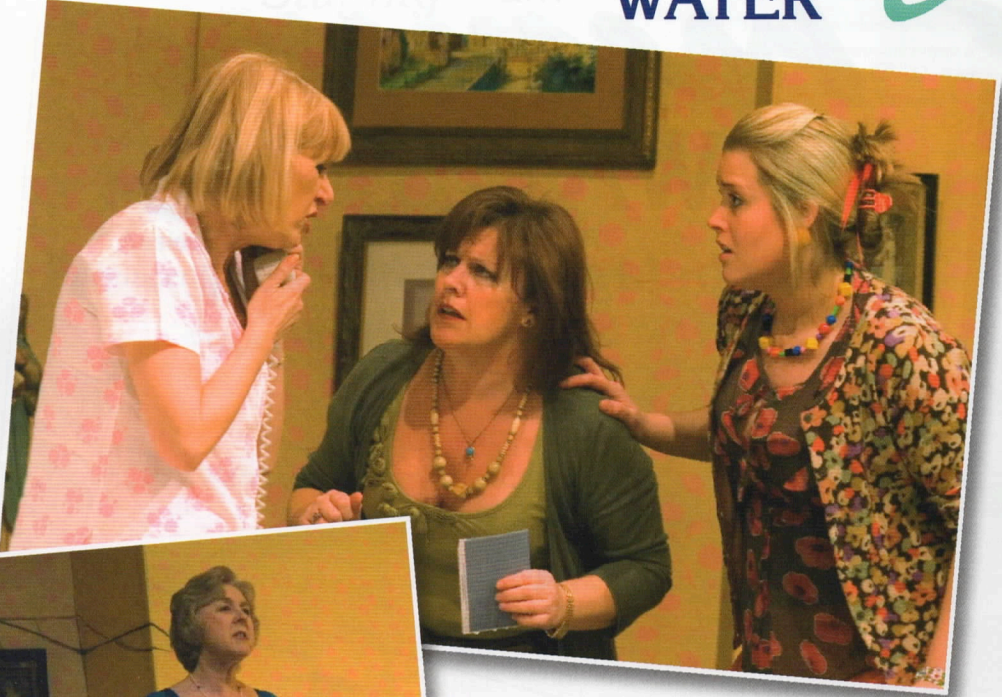
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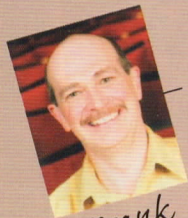
THE *Memory* OF WATER

by *Shelagh Stephenson*

directed by *Margaret Mann*



Vi



Frank



Teresa



Mary



Mike



Catherine

The action takes place in the family home situated on the cliffs in the north of England.

Time: the present

Act 1:

The day before the funeral
Interval

Act 2:

Scene 1 and 2: The day before the funeral
Scene 3: The day of the funeral

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between the acts
Why not beat the rush and pre-order your interval drinks in the bar?

• *Funny* • *Heart-warming*

Staging

Stage Manager	Chris Ratcliffe
Assistant Stage Manager (Book)	Fran Percival
Assistant Stage Manager (Staging)	Susan McCormick
Properties	Pat Simpkin David Harrop Helen Pritchard
Wardrobe	James Hughes-Alty and Cast
Set Design	Syd Coley
Lighting Design	Tony Berry Phil Hutchinson
Lighting Operator	Andrew Connard
Sound	Brian Hodge
Set construction	SDC Production Team
Scenic Artist	Bob Jessamine
Photographs	Neil Hickson

Music in this evenings performance

I'll see you in my dreams, performed variously by Sue Raney, Paul Watson and Guy Lombardo
Before you go (theme) by Debbie Wiseman
and I'll be seeing you, sung by Vera Lynn.

Acknowledgements

The director would like to thank personally: 'Beds of Distinction', Eastbank Street, Southport, for supplying the bed.

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Sue Harrop
Vi

Spirited away from other duties at the SDC for a little while, Sue is delighted to be playing the part of Vi in this funny, emotional and poignant play.



Helen Pickavance
Mary

“What can I say it’s been a blast”, Helen says.



Jan Hale
Teresa

Jan has enjoyed playing with such a talented cast in such an interesting play. Any similarity between her character in this play (slightly demented wife to Steve’s miserable husband) and the last play they were in together is purely a coincidence!



Beccy Beardsell
Catherine

Beccy hopes she isn’t starting to get typecast at the SDC... taking her clothes off & kissing Steve for the 2nd time this season.

“On a more serious note its been great working with such an amazing cast & crew”, says Beccy





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Brendan Gillow

Mike

From *Women in White* to *Women in Black*, but the difference is much more than just a colour change.

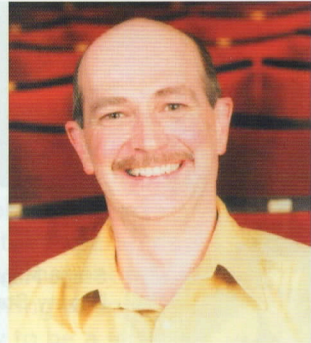
Its been a delight to work with such a talented and beautiful cast.

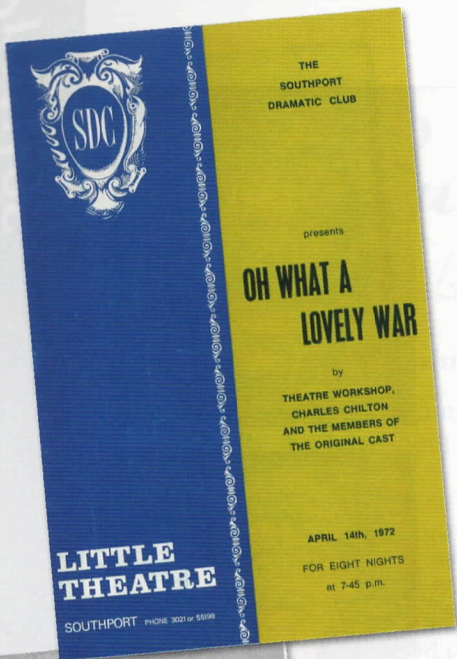


Steve Pritchard

Frank

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Cast

June Evans
 John Haynes
 Janet James
 Ray Mann
 Sheila Pook
 Tony Owens
 Anne Sykes
 David Tattersall
 Elizabeth White
 John Todd
 Brian Tooley
 Len Brindley
 Douglas Turner
 Arnold Gorse
 John Watkins

Directed by Don Anderson



Stage Staff

Stage Manager	Alan George	Wardrobe	Olive Blue,
Deputy Stage Manager	Roderick Beardsell		Margaret Campion, Ray Evans,
A.S.M. (Book)	Marjorie Whitten		Dolly Howard, Peggy Ince, Pat Moore
A.S.M. (Cast)	Valerie Drake	Lighting	Syd Coley,
	Sue Ellesmere		Godfrey Hawkes, Ann Perks
Properties	Vera Darrah, Jay Denning,	Sound	Ron Treanor
	Maureen Hand, Francis Percival	Stage Assistants	Michael Dow,
			Peter Barnett





I had been watching the Remembrance ceremonies and other programmes about the first World War and I was reminded that I had thought I would offer a short piece about my memories of a favourite SDC's production of mine, *Oh What a Lovely War* to help celebrate the theatre's 70 birthday.



Jan James

I have always felt really fortunate to have been part of that production. It was important to me in so many different ways; I learned such a lot of history, it was an eye opener. The script was constructed from contemporary writings and was deeply shocking. The numbers of men lost and missing were put up on a newspanel just beneath the proscenium arch and there was a screen with slides providing graphic context; amazing stuff. But there was another side to the experience, I made really good long standing friends during that show, sadly many no longer with us. And, never having been very sporty, it was here where I really learned how to be a team player

There were 15 of us in the cast, ten men and five women. It was a real ensemble production, we were absolutely dependent on each other, especially wardrobe and props and the musicians, **Benny Darrah** was there on his organ and **John Wright** on Piano. We had constant changes of hats shoes and skirts, mostly in the dark. I wore a boater that was once worn by Millicent Martin, I remember going on once in odd shoes!! Funny what stays with you.

It was a seminal experience for me and I shall never forget it or the special friends - especially **Don Anderson**, **June Evans** and **Sheila Pook**. I am really proud to have been part of that production. But I was horrified to realise when I went searching for the programme and cuttings that it was over 35 years ago! Heavens how time does fly.

The Southport Visiter April 18th 1972 reported "A splendid production of *Oh What a Lovely War* is at present running at The Little Theatre". A black comedy about the horror and un-glory of the 1st World War, this 'musical entertainment needs great skill and technique. The Southport Dramatic Club have succeeded completely under the direction of Don Anderson'.





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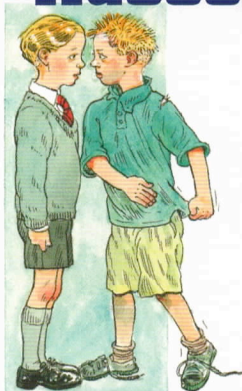
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