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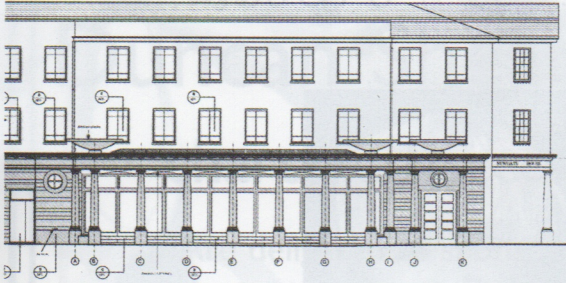
Director's Notes



Welcome to suburbia and our version of "Two & Two Together". We all have had fun rehearsing this play and the company hope that you will enjoy it too.

As the Director of the first production to start in 2002, may I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy New Year. Thank you for your support this evening, especially that of our sponsors Duncan Sheard Glass.

Pat Ball
Director



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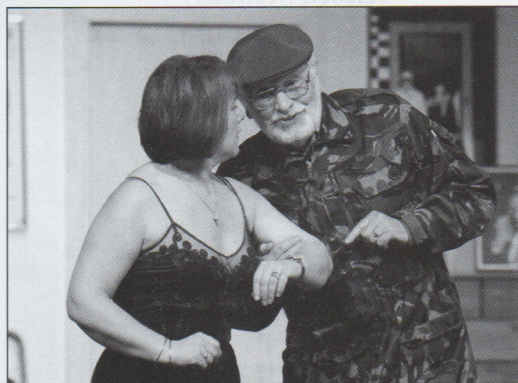
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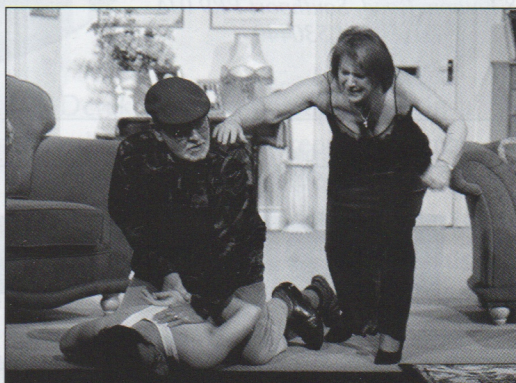
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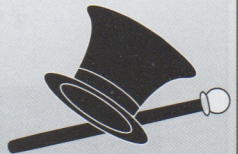


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Derek Benfield

As well as the outstanding comic masterpiece presented tonight, "Two & Two Together", Derek Benfield has written over 20 plays. These include "Bedside Manners", "Bird in the Hand", "Fish out of Water", and "Anyone for Breakfast". Derek Benfield is a playwright whose plays are widely performed, both in Britain and abroad, and always enjoyed wherever they are seen.

A well-known actor, Derek Benfield has appeared in a wide variety of roles over the span of his career. Some may not remember that he appeared in Coronation Street for almost 10 years (It was in the 1960's so it is understandable.). Other memorable characters included his appearances in "Rumpole of the Bailey" and "First of the Summer Wine". He is most widely known now as an actor for his recent television appearances. He starred alongside Patricia Routledge in the BBC series "Hetty Wainthrope Investigates", playing the husband to her intrepid detective.

Aside from a busy acting and writing career Derek Benfield founded the Postscript Theatre Company in 1997.

Two & Two Together

A Comedy by Derek Benfield

Directed by Pat Ball

Cast

FrankMATTHEW WOODHAMS

RachelJAN HALE

VictorANDREW SLOMAN

GeorginaHELEN COOKSON

ProcterSTAN HAGAN

HenryJON ELLIS FOX

Mrs CapstickANN RICHARDS

The events take place in two houses in the same street in the suburbs of a big city, one belonging to Georgina and Henry, the other to Rachel and Victor.

Time: The Present.

Act 1 A Thursday evening in summer

Act 2 The next morning, ten o'clock

There will be an interval of 20 minutes between Acts One and Two



Staging

Stage ManagerPETER HESLIN
Assistant Stage Manager (Book)SHEILA FURLONG
PropertiesMARIANNE HARDY
LightingROY CARR
SoundBRIAN HODGE
BERNIE HOWAT
PETE BESWICK
WardrobeJAMES HUGHES-ALTY & CAST
Set Constructed bySDC PRODUCTION TEAM
Scenic ArtistBOB JESSAMINE
Photography byNEIL HICKSON

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Pat would like to offer special thanks to,
Jack Donnelly - for his help with the dancing sequences and Marjorie Abrams - Dog training

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Two & Two Together Cast

Pat Ball (Director)

Pat has been a member of the SDC since she was 17 - she's not saying how long ago that was! As an actress her favourite roles have all been powerful, strong-minded women - including Jean Brodie, Queen Mary and Sarah Bernhardt - plus an array of wicked witches.

She has directed a wide range of plays during the past few years - including her favourite "Katherine Howard".

Pat's grandchildren Stephie and Gaby appeared in this season's panto "Aladdin".



Matthew Woodhams (Frank)

Having previously played a selection of idiots and fools over the years, tonight's play gives Matthew his big break from this, as he has been cast as a sex symbol (this may come as bit of a surprise to our regular patrons-Ed).

Having recently finished "Tons of Money", Matthew will grace us with a spectacle not seen since "How the other Half Loves" and "Relatively Speaking" (In fact most plays he has been in), the sight of him in his underwear!



Jan Hale (Rachel)

After rare outings on stage in recent years Jan is back with a vengeance coming straight from appearing in "Tons of Money", the play before the panto, to this evening's production.

Having cut her teeth, at the tender age of 18, on panto Jan has been a member of the SDC for many years. Having played a wide variety of parts, she especially looks forward to playing Rachael, the mistress of seduction !



Andrew Sloman (Victor)

Having spent his formative years performing in Sefton Theatre Company plays in roles such as "3rd Urchin from the left" and "extra in second row", he was keen to get back on stage after finishing university.

Andy has performed with the Southport Amateur Operatics Society in various musicals, most recently putting his singing and dancing talents on show as Frank Butler in "Annie get your Gun". Since joining the SDC Andy has appeared in "Mansfield Park" and "Deathtrap".



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SDC - The Theatre Experience

Two & Two Together Cast

Helen Cookson (Georgina)

Having performed for many years with the Hoghton Players G&S Society, Helen is delighted to be appearing once again with the SDC after her debut as Tracey Lord in last season's "Philadelphia Story".

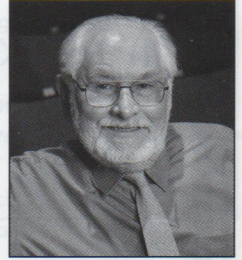
Once again her character sheds clothes and hits the bottle. Is this a case of art imitating nature? (Definitely not).



Stan Hagan (Procter)

You can tell by looking at him that Stan has been around a long time, but this is his first "straight" appearance on the Little Theatre stage. He survived an SDC pantomime a couple of years back and has appeared in many musicals for the Southport Amateur Operatic Society at the Little and also at the Arts Centre.

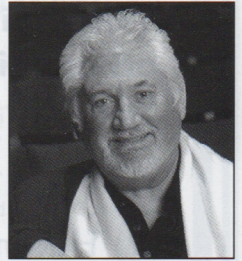
His play-acting has previously been reserved for the Formby Little Theatre, latterly as an errant husband in "When We Are Married", but they feel someone else should have him for a change!



Jon Ellis-Fox (Henry)

Jon (aged 32'ish) has appeared in many SDC productions including Time of your Life, "Month of Sundays" and "Katherine Howard". After drama school Jon appeared at the Dukes Playhouse in Lancaster and has also made several TV appearances.

Jon is pleased to be playing "An Actor" in "Two and Two Together" but asks the audience to use their imagination as to being the "Handsome Actor" described in the script.



Ann Richards (Mrs Capstick)

Ann has a lot of experience playing dotty ladies of "a certain age". In fact the last time she was a cleaning lady was in the role of Dotty in "Noises Off", a few years ago.

Ann's most recent performance for the SDC was in "Lady Windermere's Fan", as the Duchess of Berwick - a real eccentric!

Since then she has fallen on hard times and has now taken up cleaning again at No. 10 and No. 35!



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4) Hong Kong	154	9) Spain	91
5) France	134	10) Pakistan	88

With a title like “Two and Two Together” what other quiz could you have but a numbers quiz? See how you get on.

- 1) What is the middle day in a non leap year?
- 2) How many seconds are there in a non leap year?
- 3) How many bytes in a megabyte?
- 4) Number of letters in the Greek Alphabet?
- 5) Roman numbers use how many symbols?

Answers on the bottom of page 18



The Little Theatre

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Wednesday 6th February to Saturday
9th February 2002
'Random Harvest'
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Friday 22nd February to Saturday 2nd March 2002
'Shadowlands'
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The famous award-winning drama,
directed by Poppy Flanagan
an SDC Production

Wednesday 6th March to Saturday 9th March 2002
'The Railway Children'
by E. E. Nesbitt
directed by Robin Hirsch
an SDC Youth Production

Wednesday 13th March to Saturday 16th March 2002
'The Importance of being Earnest'
by Oscar Wilde
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