

Group: Loddon Players
Show: The Opposite Sex
Venue: Sherfield-On-Loddon Village Hall
Date: Saturday 28th April 2012
Director: Matthew Stanley



The Opposite Sex by David Tristram

This comedy in two acts weaves its story around two unhappy marriages which have become intertwined. The variety of emotions played out on the stage leads to tension building up both on stage and in the audience. The very talented cast of four built up the atmosphere very effectively and with superb timing throughout.

The play was set in the 1980s and the stage was adorned with a variety of items true to the period including an Ercol coffee table and a working lava lamp. The sound effects were appropriate right down to the flushing toilet.

The two dysfunctional couples include a ‘yuppie’ husband, Mark, complete with large mobile phone and Filofax whilst the husband of the ‘Avon lady’, Eric, is a t-shirt wearing lecturer who gives the impression that on another occasion he would be wearing a ‘tank-top’. The two wives were from either end of the intelligence spectrum indeed Vicky enters into a marriage guidance session in the middle of the play.

The cast did extremely well to manage the scripted dialogue, which in some places was wooden and drawn out. The climaxes were highly developed by the experienced director enabling four well-defined characters to effect some serious concentration and well-timed reactions.

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