

Group: Loddon Players
Show: Lucky Sods
Venue: Sherfield-On-Loddon Village Hall
Date: Thursday 16th April 2015
Director: Matt Stanley



Lucky Sods is a play by John Godber following the story of a pair of National Lottery winners and the subsequent cracks in their marriage together with the impact on relatives all contribute to a lively entertainment.

Matt Stanley made his debut as a director with this play some 18 years ago. He joined Loddon Players 8 years ago and has since directed and participated in a wide range of productions including award winners *Habeas Corpus* and *Play On!*

Front of House: The front of house is always welcoming.

Theatre Ambience: The hall was laid out in theatre style with plenty of room between rows.

The Programme: The A5 programme contains the essential information for the show and is presented in a very clear style.

Scenery/Set/Properties: The challenge for this play was to produce 7 diverse sets with very quick changes. The director and crew are to be congratulated on their simple approach which proved very successful. Each scene was effective but often through very simple changes from another. Each scene was well managed.

Make-Up: was appropriate throughout.

Costume: The costumes helped to set the period of the play.

Lighting & Sound Effects: The lighting was simple but effective.

The Production: The trials and tribulations of the lottery winners pervade this play with the relatives being ancillary characters with their agenda to get their dues. The Loddon Players drew all the audience into the story and kept the suspense going throughout. Every character was credible without overacting. All aspects of the play had been well thought through.

A short review will appear in due course on the NODA website.

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