Lancing Repertory Players

present
a warm and touching comedy
called

FATHER'S DAY

by Eric Chappell

at LANCING PARISH HALL

Thursday 11th until Saturday 13th October 2007

Directors' Message

This is the second play that I have directed. My first, in April last year, was "Five Blue Haired Ladies Sitting On Green Park Bench".

I am pleased that we can welcome Sara Owen back onto the boards after some time away especially as she is joined by her daughter, Charlie. We also have Christopher Becker as a guest from Bexhill, I really appreciate the time and travel that he has put in. Finally there is Ian Black who directed our last play and is now on the stage instead of being in front of it.

I welcome you here tonight and hope that you enjoy this play as much as I have certainly enjoyed the preparation and rehearsals.

Julie Petrie

Future Production Dates

The "Rep" will be presenting the following at Lancing Parish Hall:-

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The Pantomime

to be Directed - Denise Fawke

10th to 12th January 2008

(7.30pm each evening plus 4pm on Saturday)



The Spring Production

Has yet to be Selected

but the dates will be

10th to 12th April 2008

Bookings: 01903 820019

About The Play

This warm and touching comedy is based on Eric Chappell's hit TV series 'Home to Roost' which starred the late John Thaw.

The play is set on a cold winter's evening at the home of a divorcee, Henry, who is enjoying a Scotch and some classical music. He is soon disturbed, however, by the appearance of his son Matthew, bringing with him his new girlfriend, the unappealing Goth, Christine. Matthew is keen for a reconciliation with his father, but Henry is happy the way things are and sparks begin to fly. But this is just the beginning, for who should turn up but Henry's ex-wife, Matthew's mother, Sue.

As the cold night wears on Henry and Sue can't help but rake over the ashes of their seemingly dead relationship and to their surprise the faint glow of a new tenderness develops between them. Before long Henry is facing some important decisions.



The action of the play takes place sometime in the 1980s and the scene throughout is the living room of the house of Henry Willows.

Act I.

scene 1	A winter's evening.
scene 2	Half an hour later

INTERVAL

Act II.

scene 1	Midnight the same day
scene 2	Later the following morning.

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Actors and **Actresses** of any Size or Age!
Experience is Useful but not Essential.

Also anyone interested in working Backstage with Props, Costumes, Sets, Light & Sound, Prompt and much more!

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The Cast

HENRY WILLOWS - the divorcee	Ian Black
MATTHEW WILLOWS - Henry's son	Christopher Becker
CHRISTINE - Matthew's girlfriend	Charlie Owen
SUE - Henry's ex wife	Sara Owen

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Notes

Refreshments will be available during the Interval when the ***Raffle*** will also be drawn.

Please remember to **SWITCH OFF** your **MOBILE PHONES**.

No photography is allowed during the perfomance.



Behind The Scenes

Director----------	**Julie Petrie**
Stage Manager ----------	Marlene Tincknell
Continuity ----------	Mary MacPherson
Set Design----------	Karen Howell
Set Construction----------	Karen Howell, Mary MacPherson Marion Taylor, Peter Taylor
Lighting ----------	Matthew Cumber
Front of House Manager ---	Rosalind Dickinson
Props ----------	Jean Sarfas, Pat Lewis
Box Office ----------	Jean Sarfas
Refreshments----------	Marion Taylor
Publicity / Programmes ----	Peter & Marion Taylor

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The Author

Eric Chappell took up full time writing in 1973 after his first stage play, *The Banana Box*, was produced at the Apollo Theatre, London. The play later inspired the classic TV comedy *Rising Damp*, winner of the BAFTA award for best situation comedy. In 1979 Eric's screen version won the Evening Standard Film award for best comedy.

Other television successes include *The Squirrels, The Bounder, Home to Roost* (all of which won PYE TV awards), *Only When I Laugh, Duty Free, Singles, Fiddlers Three* and *Haggard.*

Eric has written over 200 television comedy scripts and more than 20 stage plays which are performed worldwide. He is unquestionably one of the top writers of comedy in Britain today.

Want to see more?

Welcome to our latest production put together by our dedicated members. We all very much hope you will enjoy our performance.

But it doesn't need to stop with this performance, we would love to welcome you to our next plays as a Patron. For £20 p.a., not only do you support us but you will also be entitled to the following great benefits:

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Mrs Young (Lancing)

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