

# IRCHESTER PLAYERS

## BEST OF BRITISH

### SHOW REPORT

As always we look forward the Players shows and this one did not disappoint. A very original concept was turned into a funny script by Steve Lack and Dinah Stevenson depicting the goings on at a local Village Hall where the user groups were all preparing to take part in a Celebration Gala marking their award for winning a sub category in Britain's Best Kept Village competition.

There were some very funny moments and performances throughout the show and it is always difficult to highlight them all, but special mention must go (as a life long Two Ronnies fan) to the History Society's rendition of Bold Sir John. Hilarious!

Dan Wainwright's 'theatrical' theatre director, hired in to pull together the concept performance, was a master in comic camp, and probably reminded those in the audience who have previously trodden the boards themselves of many theatre directors.

I enjoyed Clive Minor's performance as Gladys the cleaner. His manerisms were great and touches of Les Dawson were evident - I am glad that he finally got his gussett sorted by Saturday night! My only niggling criticism, no pun intended (and it is only minor) was that I felt the two cleaners as characters would have worked much better and would have been even funnier had Clive been partnered by another male in drag in the classic Two Ronnies/Les Dawson and Roy Barraclough vein. However, Sue Gough playing his 'partner in grime' played the role well and they jointly had the audience howling at times.

Dinah Stevenson had me chuckling with her Amateur Dramatics piece - very "Joyce Grenfell" in delivery and very well written.

The conclusion, the Village Gala was accompanied by a tight band. The set was well designed and made great use of the limited space available. Technically, sound and lighting was good throughout.

A very entertaining evening, a full house which is always great to see and Irchester Players hospitality from everyone from front of house to Director sent me home with a smile on my face. A tin of Roses won in the raffle was a bonus!

Steve, please pass on my congratulations to the cast, the creative team, the crew and The Players committee for a thoroughly entertaining evening. I look forward to your next production.

Kindest regards

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