

Lots of laughs all the way at village show

THE latest production by Stage Two Downham, "Haywire," was yet another success.

Set in the living accommodation above a bookshop, the play had audiences laughing along as the plot gradually revealed evidence of extra marital affairs and modern attitudes towards marriage.

Director Gerry Purchase is to be congratulated on this, the first play he has directed with this group.

The cast in Eric Chappell's comedy was very ably led by the stalwart Bob Cleeve as Alec Firth, the bookseller. His affair with his assistant, Liz, played by Glen Purchase, was constantly frustrated by the rest of the family while his wife was away conducting a clandestine love affair of her own.

Liz Wrigley, as Alec's wife Maggie, managed to portray an excellent foil to the occasionally scantily clad Liz. As the son and daughter of the household, Alex Wildman and Lucy Scott hilariously demonstrated the wideness of the generation gap with some first rate comedy acting.

Yet the abiding memories of the play were provided by Pat Hargreaves who played Alec's aging mother to perfection and certainly won over the audience on every performance.

The very impressive set was built by Dan Bradbury, the stage manager was David Scott. A draw on the Friday evening raised £76 for the Children in Need appeal.

Eddie Bootle

Lots of laughs will be the order of the day in village next month



AUDIENCES at Downham Village Hall are in for an evening of laughter next month.

Stage Two is busy in rehearsal with "Haywire", a comedy by Eric Chappell.

The play tells the story of bookseller Alec Firth, who is having an affair with his assistant, Liz.

He has organised his life so that they can go to Spain together without his wife, Mag-

gie, being suspicious. There is plenty to go wrong, with hilarious effect.

The play opens on November 13th and runs until November 16th.

Our picture shows the cast of six in rehearsal - Bob Cleeve, Liz Wrigley, Pat Hargreaves, Alex Wildman, Lucy Scott and Glen Purchase.

(J201002-11)



AUDIENCES at Downham Village Hall are in for an evening of laughter next month.

Stage Two is busy in rehearsal with "Haywire", a comedy by Eric Chappell.

The play tells the story of bookseller Alec Firth, who is having an affair with his assistant, Liz.

He has organised his life so that they can go to Spain together without his wife, Mag-

gie, being suspicious. There is plenty to go wrong, with hilarious effect.

The play opens on November 13th and runs until November 16th.

Our picture shows the cast of six in rehearsal - Bob Cleave, Liz Wrigley, Pat Hargreaves, Alex Wildman, Lucy Scott and Glen Purchase.

(J201002-11)