

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 had directed with this group.

The cast in Eric Chappell's comedy was very ably led by the stalwart Bob Cleeve as Alex 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.

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