

Welcome to the Lucilla production of A Bedfull of Foreigners

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Lucilla Dramatic Society & The Internet

- Lucilla has had a web site since 1999. The address is <http://lucilla-dramatic.merseyside.org>. Visitors can access the site from anywhere in the world, and they frequently have! We have had visits to our Site from places ranging from Japan & Taiwan to Estonia & Russia!
- There is a short history of Lucilla, details of our Productions and of our Festival, pictures of Lucilla House and of some of our activities, a special page devoted to some of our talented Members, and you can find out why we were on the BBC's Crimewatch!
- There is an application form for membership of the Society, and details of our Patrons Scheme.
- A feature of our site is our Guest book and we encourage people to post their comments

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A BEDFULL OF FOREIGNERS

A Farce by Dave Freeman

Directed by Kate Sumner

At

Crosby Civic Hall

On

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
11-13th November 2004**

At 7:45 p.m.

(Doors open 7:15 p.m.)

Programme 50p

<http://lucilla-dramatic.merseyside.org>

This is an Amateur Production

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Officers

President: Dr.Iris Collinson

Chairman: Brian Worster-Davis J.P. O.B.E

Credits

Director	Kate Sumner
Stage manager	Mike Broom
Set Designed by	Mike Broom
Additional construction	Mike Broom, Peter Mercer
Set Painted by	David Sumner
Assisted by	Bob Stone & Bryan Flemming
Properties	Jean McMahan Margaret Davies, Lillie Wilmot
Stage Manager Civic Hall	Bob Stone
Sound Effects	Kate Sumner
Prompt	Andrew Rice-Oxley
Refreshments	Hilary Turner & Members of the society
Programmes	Aileen Ward & Members of the society
Front of House	Brian Worster-Davis & Gentlemen of the Society
Ticket Secretary	Pat Edwards
Patrons Secretary	Val Broom

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Some Past productions

Lucilla DS goes back a long way, all the way to 1920, when a group of friends presented The Merchant of Venice, and called themselves the Lucilla Amateur Dramatic Society, after their founder's wife, Lucille Bond. We put on two productions each year here at the Civic Hall, in March & November, and in May each year we also organise a Festival of One-Act Plays - 2005 will be the 40th year. Here are some details of our most recent productions.

Spring 2004 Production: *Recipe For Murder*

Autumn 2003 Production: *You're Only Young Twice*

Spring 2003 Production: *Saving Ardley*

Autumn 2002 Production: *Murder In Play*

Spring 2002 Production: *Laying The Ghost*

Autumn 2001 Production: *On Golden Pond*

Autumn 2000 Production: *Suddenly At Home*

Spring 2000 Production: *Plaza Suite*

Autumn 1999 Production: *Don't Dress for Dinner*

Spring 1999 Production: *It Could Be Any One Of Us*

Autumn 1998 Production: *Gaslight*

Watch out for the Lucilla Spring 2005 Production

10 - 12 March 2005

Details to be announced.

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A Bedfull of Foreigners

A Farce by Dave Freeman
Directed by Kate Sumner

Cast

Karak	Gordon Craig
Heinz	John Wild
Stanley Parker	Mike Quirke
Brenda Parker	Val Broom
Helga Philby	Moira Weston
Claude Philby	David Sumner
Simone	Margaret McDowell

Act 1

9 p.m. on an evening in late October

Interval 20 minutes

Act 2

The same, five minutes later

There will be a slow fade to blackout to denote a short passage of time during this Act

The Cast

Mike Quirke (Stanley, husband of Brenda) would prefer to holiday in Skegness, but after being alone with Simone becomes Skegless? In his first major production since *On Golden Pond* Mike is well known for his rather nastier characters in *Sound of Murder*, *Arsenic & Old Lace* and *Gaslight*, to name but a few! Mike won the Best Actor Award for a fourth time in the 39th Lucilla Festival this year in the play *Departure*.



Val Broom (Brenda) has appeared in many Lucilla plays over the years in parts ranging from 12-year-olds to 75-year-olds. Some years ago she received an award for Best Actress in an All England Festival while playing a deranged wife --- she says that times haven't changed!



John Wild (Heinz) writes: 'Normally when I appear on the Lucilla stage, death is not far behind! In my debut appearance in 1985 in *Abigail's Party* I had a heart attack as I did in my last appearance a few months ago in *Recipe for Murder*. In *Suddenly at Home* I murdered my (stage) wife by suffocating her and in Ayckbourn's *It could have been any one of us* it was me! Dramatic and exciting as these parts have been I have to confess that the part I enjoyed the most was in *Off the Hook* when I played a gormless crook with a Lancashire accent - the accent was genuine: the gormlessness was a theatrical tour de force! So when I was offered the part of Heinz in this hilarious play how could I refuse? We are having great fun rehearsing it: I hope you do watching it'.



David Sumner (Claude, husband of Helga) has been acting for more years than he cares to remember, during the course of which he has won awards for both Best Actor and Best Character Actor. He enjoys playing both comic and serious roles and is looking forward to playing Claude, the pompous businessman in *Bedfull of Foreigners*.



Gordon Craig (Karak) has appeared in more than 100 full-length plays. Early plays included in the cast Leonard Rossiter and Rita Tushingham. Gordon has won awards for Best Actor and Best Character Actor. Since retiring he has done supporting actor work in films (*Hilary & Jackie*, *Al's Lads*) and TV, his latest assignment was doubling for Eric Sykes. Last seen on stage for Lucilla wearing a Harley-Davidson outfit in *You're Only Young Twice*.



Margaret McDowell plays Simone, a French cabaret dancer with a saucy sense of humour; she is mistress to Well that would give the game away! Margaret appeared in this year's Lucilla Festival where she won the Best Character Actor award for her portrayal of Rosemary in *Departure*, receiving special mention from the Adjudicator, who described her performance as having 'excellent comic timing'. Margaret says 'I love to entertain people and the best reward is people's laughter'.



Moira Weston (playing Helga) first appeared on the stage in a Lucilla production of *Anne Frank*, in the title role, when she was 15 years old. She worked alongside her stage husband Claude, played by David Sumner. She then worked professionally in the theatre in London for over 10 years before returning to Liverpool to marry. She gave up acting for a while, but the lure of the grease paint and the Lucilla called her back!



The Director

A Bedfull of Foreigners is **Kate Sumner's** ninth full-length production, and she has directed many One-Act Plays, several of which have won awards in the Lucilla One-Act Play Festival. Kate says that directing farce is a serious business although you wouldn't think so if you heard the laughter at rehearsals! After 2½ hours of intense concentration rehearsing three nights a week, then driving home to Aughton, often in bad weather, Kate sometimes has to convince herself that she's doing this for fun!

