

Confusions

Four One-Act Plays by Alan Ayckbourn

I Mother Figure

Lucy	Lynda Parker
Rosemary	Gill Veck
Terry	David Ashe

II Between Mouthfuls

Waitress	Gwyn Halsall
Pearce	David Ashe
Mrs Pearce	Maggie Crawford –Dampier
Martin	Dermot Flaherty
Polly	Jo Knox

Interval

A chance to picnic—about 30 minutes

III Gosforth's Fete

Mrs Pearce	Maggie Crawford - Dampier
Milly	Lynda Parker
Gosforth	Chris Little
Vicar	David Ashe
Stewart	Dermot Flaherty

IV A Talk in the Park

Arthur	David Ashe
Beryl	Tara Lymer
Charles	Chris Little
Doreen	Gill Veck
Ernest	Dermot Flaherty

Production Crew

Directors	Chris Little, Cyn Kimble
Stage Manager	Roy Kimble
Stage Crew	William Peters, Dave Plumb, Cyn Kimble
Props	Mo Peters, Marg Plumb, Gill O'Leary
Sound	Nick Lowe
Lighting	Paul New
Make up	Shelley Pitter
Costume	Donna Goddard

About this production

We were delighted to receive an invitation from the Bishops Waltham Festival to stage our recent production of Ayckbourn's Confusions outdoors. Most of the original cast are back, but we welcome newcomers Lynda Parker and Jo Knox, who kindly agreed to learn all their lines for one night only!

About the plays

Confusions is a series of linked one-act plays on the theme of communication, or lack of it. It was created by Ayckbourn out of necessity for the Stephen Joseph Theatre Company in Scarborough as a winter programme suitable for touring and to showcase the talents of a specific company of five actors.

Mother Figure was an existing piece he had written the previous year; the other four plays were original although Ayckbourn has said that the idea for **Between Mouthfuls** can be found in one of his early television scripts.

The play opened in 1974 and began a local tour; it transferred to the Apollo Theatre in London in 1976 featuring John Alderton and Pauline Collins.

Tonight, we are performing 4 out of the 5 plays—we deemed the fifth play—**Drinking Companions**—too intimate for an outdoor production.