

### **The Charing Guild of Players**

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Charing Guild of Players present  
***The Real Inspector Hound***  
***By Tom Stoppard***



***TALKING HEADS by Alan Bennett***

***A Lady of Letters***



*and*

***Bed Among the Lentils***



Date: Thursday 12th  
Friday 13th  
Saturday 14th  
May 2016

Programme : £1.00

# CHARING GUILD OF PLAYERS

<b>Patron</b>	The Rev Sheila Cox
<b>Chairman</b>	Carolyn Banham
<b>Deputy Chairman</b>	John Easun
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Valerie Parsons
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Peter Lilley
<b>Committee</b>	Anton Banham, Nick Hawley, Michael Headley, Jean Latter, Gill Magson, John Roberts, Karen Wright

## *This production*

Talking Heads by Alan Bennett

Alan Bennett sealed his reputation as the master of observation with the series of 12 ground-breaking monologues, originally filmed for BBC Television. At once darkly comic, tragically poignant and wonderfully uplifting, Talking Heads is widely regarded as a modern classic.

The two series were first broadcast in 1988 and 1998, and have since been broadcast on BBC Radio and included in the A Level and GCSE English Literature syllabus.

The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard

Following on from our February production of a number of very short plays/sketches by TS, we thought we would reprise one we first performed way back in May 1982!!

Inspector Hound is a short, one-act play. The plot follows two theatre critics named Moon and Birdboot who are watching a ludicrous setup of a country house murder mystery, in the style of a whodunit. By chance, they become involved in the action causing a series of events that parallel the play they are watching. I don't think TS likes critics much! Keep your wits about you though, you could get a little confused!!!

Feb 85	Taking Steps	Alan Ayckbourn	George Hutchinson
Dec 85	Pride And Prejudice	Jane Austen adapt. Helen Jerome	George Hutchinson
Apr 86	The Curious Savage (1)	John Patrick	Dee Daniels
Nov 86	Everybody Loves Opal	John Patrick	Michael Headley
Jan 87	Scarlet Ribbon	Rae Shirley	Dee Daniels
Apr 87	You Should See Us Now (1)	Peter Tinniswood	George Hutchinson
Nov 87	The Poltergeist	Frank Harvey	Dee Daniels
Feb 88	Time And Time Again	Alan Ayckbourn	George Hutchinson
May 88	The Dining Room	JR Gurney Jnr	George Hutchinson
Nov 88	The Skin Game	John Galsworthy	Dee Daniels
Feb 89	La Bolshie Vita	Ken Whitmore	Geoff Dale
Apr 89	Local Murder	Peter Whalley	George Hutchinson
Nov 89	The Matchmaker	Thornton Wilder	George Hutchinson
Feb 90	The Day They Kidnapped The Pope	Joao Bethencourt	Carolyn Banham
May 90	Tons Of Money	Will Evans & Valentine	Dee Daniels
Nov 90	Three Men On A Horse	John Cecil Holm & George Abbott	George Hutchinson
Feb 91	Pack Of Lies	Hugh Whitmore	Dee Daniels
May 91	Rebecca	Daphne Du Maurier	George Hutchinson
Nov 91	The Edge Of Darkness	Brian Clemens	Linda and Greg Hill
Feb 92	Badger's Green	RC Sherriff	Dee Daniels
May 92	The Chalk Garden	Enid Bagnold	Michael Headley
Nov 92	A Month Of Sundays	Bob Larbey	George Hutchinson
Feb 93	Relatively Speaking (2)	Alan Ayckbourn	Jennie Burgess
May 93	Pen Friends	Ken Whitmore	Peter Bonds
Nov 93	Farewell, Farewell, Eugene	John Vari adapt. Rodney Ackland	George Hutchinson
Feb 94	Home At Seven	RC Sherriff	Dee Daniels
May 94	When We Are Married (3)	JB Priestley	Peter Bonds
Nov 94	The Militants	Norman Holland	Dee Daniels
Feb 95	Lettice And Lovage	Peter Shaffer	George Hutchinson
May 95	And A Nightingale Sang	CP Taylor	Jess Hutchinson
Nov 95	Blithe Spirit (2)	Noël Coward	Michael Headley
Feb 96	Double Cut	Alfred Shaughnessy	Dee Daniels
May 96	The Vicar Of Wakefield	Caswell Garth	Brian Chalmers
Nov 96	Because Of The Lockwoods	Constance Cox	Sarah Geering
Feb 97	Same Old Moon	Geraldine Aron	George and Jess Hutchinson
May 97	Himself	Brian Phelan	Brian Chalmers
Nov 97	The Odd Couple (female version)	Neil Simon	Michael Headley
Feb 98	Theft (1)	Eric Chappell	Dee Daniels
May 98	My Three Angels (2)	Sam and Bella Spewack	Sarah Cavell
Nov 98	Shakespeare Country	Peter Whelan	Sarah Cavell
Feb 99	Penny Blue	Vanessa Brooks	Michael Headley
May 99	Dancing At Lughnasa	Brian Friel	Michael Headley
Nov 99	The Cemetery Club	Ivan Menchell	Gill Magson
Feb 00	Dead Guilty	Richard Harris	Sarah Cavell & Michael Headley
May 00	Cider With Rosie	Laurie Lee adapt. James Roose-Evans	Michael Headley
Jan 01	Cinderella	Pauline and Bill Fielder	Gill Magson
Nov 01	Day Of Reckoning	Pam Valentine	Peter Goldsmith
Feb 02	Ladies In Retirement (2)	Edward Percy & Reginald Denham	Michael Headley
May 02	Pastimes	Brian Jeffries	Gill Magson
Nov 02	Play On!	Rick Abbot	Peter Goldsmith
Feb 03	Forget-Me-Knot	David Tristram	Michael Headley
May 03	Curtain Up On Murder	Bettine Manktelow	Barry Andrews
Jan 04	Mr Wonderful	James Robson	Gill Magson
May 04	Red Riding Hood	Jim Sperinck	Barry and Maureen Andrews
Nov 04	Lord Arthur Savile's Crime (2)	Oscar Wilde adapt. Constance Cox	Peter Goldsmith
Feb 05	That Good Night	NJ Crisp	Dee Daniels
May 05	Suspicious	NJ Crisp	Peter Goldsmith
Nov 05	The Village Fête	Peter Tinniswood	Michael Headley
Feb 06	The Weekend	Michael Palin	Peter Goldsmith
May 06	Laying The Ghost	Simon Williams	Carolyn and Anton Banham
Nov 06	Heatstroke	Eric Chappell	Dee Daniels
Feb 07	You Should See Us Now (2)	Peter Tinniswood	Carolyn Banham
May 07	Laurel And Hardy	Tom McGrath	Chalkfoot Theatre Arts <sup>1</sup>
Nov 07	A Bolt From The Blue	David Tristram	Michael Headley & Marian White
Feb 08	Snake In The Grass	Alan Ayckbourn	Gill Magson
May 08	Over My Dead Body	Derek Benfield	Carolyn Banham
Nov 08	A Little Box Of Oblivion <sup>2</sup> (1)	Stephen Bean	Carolyn Banham
Feb 09	Treasure Island	Phil Willmott	Gill Magson
May 09	Absent Friends	Alan Ayckbourn	Stephen Prickett
Nov 09	Habeas Corpus <sup>3</sup>	Alan Bennett	Linda Gemmell
Feb 10	Between Mouthfuls <sup>2</sup> (1)	Alan Ayckbourn	Gill Magson
May 10	Comfort And Joy	Mike Harding	Michael Headley
Nov 10	A Little Box Of Oblivion (2)	Stephen Bean	Carolyn Banham
Feb 11	Between Mouthfuls (2)	Alan Ayckbourn	Gill Magson
May 11	'Allo 'Allo	Jeremy Lloyd & David Croft	Carolyn Banham
Nov 11	Joining The Club <sup>2</sup> (1)	David Tristram	Gill Magson
Feb 12	Last Tango In Charing <sup>2</sup> (1)	David Tristram	Cherie Hamlet-Smith
May 12	Steel Magnolias	Robert Harling	Michael Headley
Sep 12	Joining The Club (2)	David Tristram	Gill Magson
Nov 12	Last Tango In Charing (2)	David Tristram	Cherie Hamlet-Smith
Feb 13	The Odd Couple	Neil Simon	Karen Wright
May 13	Basil The Rat <sup>4</sup> (1)	John Cleese & Connie Booth	Karen Wright
Nov 13	Blithe Spirit (3)	Noël Coward	Carolyn Banham & Valerie Parsons
Feb 14	Basil The Rat (2)	John Cleese & Connie Booth	Karen Wright & Gill Magson
May 14	Mother Figure	Alan Ayckbourn	Michael Headley
Nov 14	A Talk In The Park	Alan Ayckbourn	Michael Headley
Feb 15	Are You Being Served?	Jeremy Lloyd & David Croft	Gill Magson
May 15	Theft (2)	Eric Chappell	Michael Headley
Nov 15	Dad's Army: The Deadly Attachment	Jimmy Perry & David Croft	Carolyn Banham
Feb 16	Three Plays from Happy Endings?	Glenn Bryan	Carolyn Banham & John Easun
May 16	The Curious Savage (2)	John Patrick	Carolyn Banham & Richard Austin
Nov 16	Six Revue Sketches	Harold Pinter	Michael Headley

## Past Productions

### In the Church Barn

May 58 The Lady's Not For Burning  
 Oct 58 An Italian Straw Hat  
 Jan 59 Arms And The Man  
 Apr 59 The City Gallant  
 Oct 59 The Happiest Days Of Your Life  
 Jan 60 Toad Of Toad Hall  
 May 60 Duckling Creek  
 Oct 60 My Three Angels (1)  
 Dec 60 Christmas In The Market Place  
 The Restoration Revue  
 Apr 60 The Recruiting Officer  
 Nov 61 Poet And Pheasant  
 Jan 62 Beauty And The Beast  
 May 62 The Paragon  
 The Edwardian Revue  
 Oct 62 Hobson's Choice  
 Jan 63 New Clothes For The Emperor  
 May 63 All My Sons  
 Oct 63 Blithe Spirit (1)  
 Jan 64 The Holly And The Ivy  
 Apr 64 Our Town  
 Oct 64 Rookery Nook  
 Jan 65 The Golden Plait  
 May 65 Romanoff And Juliet  
 Oct 65 Something To Hide  
 Jan 66 Here We Come Gathering  
 May 66 The Magistrate  
 Nov 66 Dinner With The Family  
 Feb 67 Paddle Your Own Canoe  
 Apr 67 Breath Of Spring  
 Nov 67 A Man For All Seasons  
 Feb 68 The School For Wives  
 May 68 Dandy Dick  
 Nov 68 And So To Bed  
 Jan 69 Celebration  
 Apr 69 Flowering Cherry  
 Nov 69 The Crucible  
 Feb 70 When We Are Married (2)  
 Apr 70 The Thwarting Of Baron Bolligrew  
 Nov 70 Inherit The Wind  
 Feb 71 The Noble Spaniard  
 Apr 71 Wait Until Dark  
 Nov 71 The Winslow Boy  
 Feb 72 Ladies In Retirement (1)  
 Apr 72 The Fan  
 Nov 72 Hadrian The Seventh  
 Feb 73 Separate Tables  
 May 73 Relatively Speaking (1)  
 Nov 73 The Right Honourable Gentleman  
 Feb 74 She Stoops To Conquer  
 May 74 Trap For A Lonely Man  
 Nov 74 The Lion In Winter  
 Feb 75 How The Other Half Loves  
 May 75 Semi-Detached  
 Nov 75 An Inspector Calls  
 May 76 Lloyd George Knew My Father  
 Nov 76 The Day After The Fair  
 Feb 77 Lord Arthur Savile's Crime (1)  
 Apr 77 In Praise Of Love  
 Nov 77 Oh Clarence  
 Feb 78 The Secretary Bird  
 Apr 78 The Heiress  
 Nov 78 The Proposal  
 Harlequinade  
 Zack  
 Feb 79 Gaslight (2)  
 Nov 79 Florence Nightingale  
 Feb 80 Home And Beauty  
 May 80 A Pair Of Spectacles  
 Nov 80 The Cure For Love  
 Feb 81 The Sound Of Murder  
 May 81 The White Liars & Black Comedy  
 Nov 81 Filumena  
 Feb 82 Enter A Free Man  
 May 82 Gosforth's Fête  
 The Real Inspector Hound  
 Nov 82 The Late Christopher Bean  
 Feb 83 The Gazebo  
 May 83 Pygmalion  
 Nov 83 Pink String And Sealing Wax  
 Feb 84 Happy Birthday  
 May 84 The Dark Horse  
 Nov 84 Settled Out Of Court

Christopher Fry  
 Eugene Labiche & Marc-Michel  
 Bernard Shaw  
 John Cooke  
 John Dighton  
 AA Milne  
 Philip Holland  
 Sam and Bella Spewack  
 Henry Gheon  
 Philip Holland  
 George Farquhar  
 Willis Hall & Lewis Jones  
 Nicholas Stuart Gray  
 Roland and Michael Pertwee  
 Philip Holland  
 Harold Brighouse  
 Nicholas Stuart Gray  
 Arthur Miller  
 Noël Coward  
 Wynyard Brown  
 Thornton Wilder  
 Ben Travers  
 Nicholas Stuart Gray  
 Peter Ustinov  
 Leslie Sands  
 Philip King & Anthony Armstrong  
 AW Pinero  
 Jean Anouilh  
 Max Regnier  
 Peter Coke  
 Robert Bolt  
 Molière  
 AW Pinero  
 JB Fagan  
 Keith Waterhouse & Willis Hall  
 Robert Bolt  
 Arthur Miller  
 JB Priestley  
 Robert Bolt  
 Jerome Lawrence & Robert E Lee  
 W Somerset Maugham  
 Frederick Knott  
 Terence Rattigan  
 Edward Percy & Reginald Denham  
 Carlo Goldoni  
 Peter Luke  
 Terence Rattigan  
 Alan Ayckbourn  
 M Bradley-Dyne  
 Oliver Goldsmith  
 Robert Thomas  
 James Goldman  
 Alan Ayckbourn  
 David Turner  
 JB Priestley  
 William Douglas Home  
 Frank Harvey  
 Oscar Wilde adapt. Constance Cox  
 Terence Rattigan  
 John Chapman  
 William Douglas Home  
 Ruth and Augustus Goetz  
 Anton Chekov  
 Terence Rattigan  
 Harold Brighouse  
 Patrick Hamilton  
 John Bowen  
 W Somerset Maugham  
 adapt. Sydney Grundy  
 Walter Greenwood  
 William Fairchild  
 Peter Shaffer  
 Eduardo de Filippo  
 Tom Stoppard  
 Alan Ayckbourn  
 Tom Stoppard  
 Emlyn Williams  
 Alec Coppel  
 Bernard Shaw  
 Roland Pertwee  
 Marc Camoletti  
 Rosemary Anne Sisson  
 William Saroyan & Henry Cecil

Donald Bain  
 Peter Ryan  
 Pat Lury  
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 Jennie Burgess & Stanley Bagshaw  
 Jess Hutchinson  
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 Pat Winzar  
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 Jennie Burgess  
 Philip Holland  
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 Gavin Barr  
 Philip Holland  
 Philip Holland  
 Jess Hutchinson  
 George Hutchinson  
 Stanley Bagshaw  
 Dee Daniels  
 George Hutchinson  
 Jess Hutchinson  
 Gavin Barr

## A Brief History of the Guild

We believe that there was amateur drama in Charing before World War II but it was not until December 1946 that the Reverend Peter Birkett formed the Charing Guild of Players. Six days later, on Christmas Eve, they performed a Pageant of the Nativity.

Surprisingly there is no record of any further activity until six years later when in December 1952 Quiet Weekend was performed in the Village Hall. Over the next five years there were another five productions, all in the Village Hall.

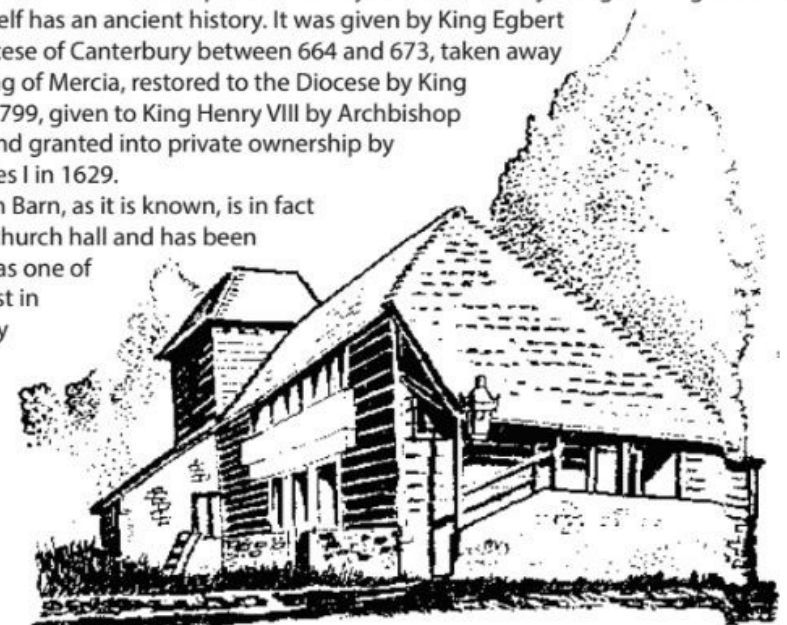
The Guild's first production in the Barn, in May 1958, was Christopher Fry's The Lady's Not For Burning. The author visited the Barn during rehearsals. From then on the Guild has produced plays every year, a total by now of well over a hundred.

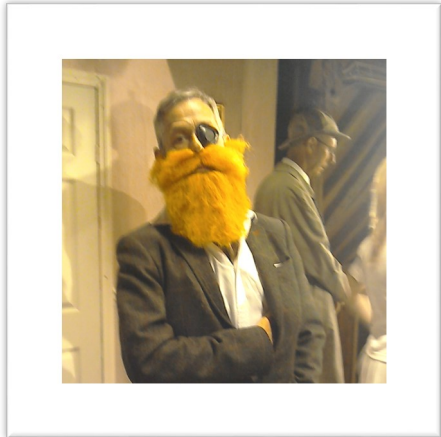
## The Barn

In 1956 the vicar, the Reverend Patrick Lury, with parishioners and Guild members had paid £100 for a seventeenth century tithe barn in High Halden. Its fine old timbers were lovingly dismantled and rebuilt over a period of two years on a site adjoining Charing Church.

The site itself has an ancient history. It was given by King Egbert to the Diocese of Canterbury between 664 and 673, taken away by Offa King of Mercia, restored to the Diocese by King Coenulf in 799, given to King Henry VIII by Archbishop Cranmer and granted into private ownership by King Charles I in 1629.

The Church Barn, as it is known, is in fact Charing's church hall and has been described as one of the loveliest in the country





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you find  
yourself covered  
in ginger fluff!!!  
It gets  
everywhere!!*

Rehearsing...



is...



Such fun!!!!

## *A Lady of Letters*

**Miss Irene Ruddock** Valerie Parsons  
**Directed by** Michael Headley

*Irene Ruddock is a single woman living near Bradford who is not afraid to speak, or rather write, her mind: she writes letters to her MP, the police, the chemist – everyone she can, to remedy the social ills she sees around her. Finally, she seems to have written one letter too far, the consequences of which, dramatically change her life!*

## *Bed among the Lentils*

**Susan** Karen Wright  
**Directed by** Michael Headley

*Susan, an alcoholic, nervous vicar's wife who has to travel into Leeds to go to the off-licence because of her debts with the local shop keeper, distracts herself from her ambitious, and, as she sees him, vainly insensitive husband and his dotting parishioners by conducting an affair with a nearby grocer, Ramesh Ramesh the third, discovering something about herself and God in the process.*

**There will be an Interval of 10 minutes**

# The Real Inspector Hound

by Tom Stoppard

Moon	Rob Francis
BirdBoot	Peter Lilley
Mrs Drudge (the help)	Gill Magson
Simon Gascoyne	Richard Austin
Felicity Cunningham	Karina Hymers
Lady Cynthia Muldoon	Louise Payne
Major Magnus Muldoon	Mark Woods
Inspector Hound	John Easun

Directed By	Carolyn Banham
Prompt	Shivaun Davidson

Stage Manager	Allan Bone
Assistant Stage Manager	Richard Austin
Set built and Painted by	Allan Bone, Brian White, Jean Latter, Anne Winograd, Anton Banham
Properties by	Cast and Crew, Sue Lowen
Sound by	Carolyn Banham
Operated by	Carolyn Banham
Lighting by	Anton Banham, Ian Avery
Front of House	Jean Latter, Brian White, Anne Winograd
Hair by	Richard Austin
Box Office	Charing Stores
Poster Design and Programme by	Richard Austin and Carolyn Banham

*Thank you! -*

*as ever to the wonderful backstage crew who do so much for us during  
rehearsals and performances!*

*To Sue Lowen for making the 'Swamp Shoes'! - We'll be back to ask!!*

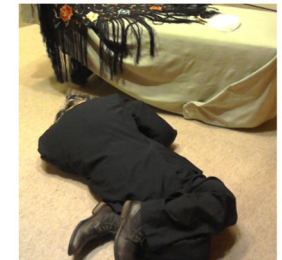
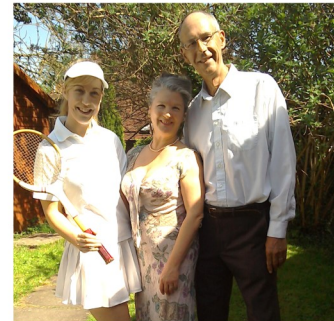
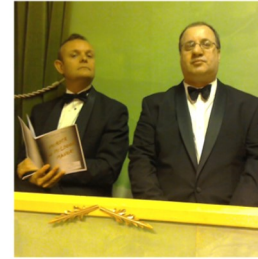
*To FHOD's for the loan of the chaise longue.*

*To Shivaun who appeared from nowhere to join us and ended up as  
prompt!! (She's played just about every part!!)*

*To all who give 110% - you know who you are!!*

*It is very much appreciated by me*

*CAB*



*Dress Rehearsal,  
on the hottest  
and sunniest day  
of the year.....  
so far!!!  
Where's  
Magnus???*