# The proceeds of our raffle

The proceeds of the raffle from each production is donated to local organisations. For this production the money will go to Oxted Young Persons Theatre (OYPT). OYTP is an inclusive theatre company for children and adults with disabilities or additional needs. Founded in 2011 to fill the need to provide a realistic theatre school for young people with learning disabilities, OYPT showcases all ages, all abilities and all needs; that's why everyone is very welcome. Term time classes are run during the day for adults and after school sessions for children in and around the Tandridge area. OYPT also offers free and assisted places to anyone who is on a low income making the groups accessible to everyone.

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# **PATRON of Bletchingley Players**



DAME JUDI DENCH

Dame Judi Dench has received many award nominations for her acting in theatre, film and television. These include eleven BAFTAs, (including the BAFTA Fellowship in 2001), seven Laurence Olivier Awards (including the Society's Special Award), two Screen Actors Guild Awards, two Golden Globes, an Academy Award, and a Tony Award. In June 2011, she received a fellowship from the British Film Institute (BFI). Dame Judi holds the record for most acting majors across all six American and British events, winning eighteen and receiving fifty two nominations. We are honoured that she is our Patron.

# **Bletchingley Players would like to thank:**

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# **Bletchingley Players present**



By Richard Everett

Bletchingley Village Hall
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

# THE CAST



#### **Grace** - Liz Tomlin

Liz made her first stage appearance at the age of five and since then has always been involved in dance and drama. She has been a member of The Players since the mid-nineties and has played a wide variety of roles such as Florence in *The (Female) Odd Couple*, M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias* and more recently Dinah in the *Dixie Swim Club*. Liz also regularly directs and she staged the UK amateur premier of *The Graduate*.



#### Ruth - Jackie Lucas

Jackie is delighted to be on stage for the second time this year. She has taken on a wide range of roles during her many years with the Players and has always enjoyed the challenge of developing the characters and bringing them to life. The interesting character of Ruth in this play is no exception. Her past appearances include Sherie in the Dixie Swim Club, Ellen Creed in Ladies in Retirement and Sheila in the May production of Trip of a Lifetime.



## Sarah - Phillipa Rushby

Phillipa counts herself very fortunate to be among the few people who have been able to continue their early passions in life through to their professional career. Acting featured heavily in early days and a degree in Drama in Education followed. Phillipa works with young children in her capacity as Head of English and Drama at a local school and is pleased to be back again after featuring in the one act play *Iron Magnolias* earlier this year.



#### Jo - Laura Fuller

This is Laura's first time with Bletchingley Players. Her love of the dramatic arts began as a five-year-old when she was cast as "Puss" in her school production of *Puss in Boots*. Throughout school she thrived in the arts and her passion for being on stage only grew. After university she went on to travel and later became a senior analyst. However, after becoming a mother and wife she found that her love for the stage still called and she is delighted to be back on stage.



## Bardolph - John Tomlin

John has appeared in and directed many productions for the Players. This time he finds himself both directing and appearing in *Entertaining Angels*. John said: "I found this particularly challenging. There are times when you are on stage and really need to be 'out front' looking in. Nonetheless it has been a great experience." He said the role of Bardolph is good fun and for the record, it's the first time he's ever played a ghost.

# **ENTERTAINING ANGELS**

## BY RICHARD EVERETT

## THE CAST

Grace	Liz Tomlin
Ruth (her sister)	Jackie Lucas
Sarah	Phillipa Rushby
Jo (Grace's daughter)	Laura Fuller
Bardolph (Grace's husband)	John Tomlin

## **Directed by John Tomlin**

## The action of the play takes place in a rural vicarage garden.

ACT I One day in summer.
ACT II Two days later.

This play is set in the recent past and looks at the emotional turmoil experienced by Grace whose late husband, Bardolph, was the local vicar. At times funny and at times very poignant, the play slowly uncovers the repression and resentment that Grace has been suppressing throughout her marriage and questions the very foundation of her faith. When her sister Ruth makes a startling admission Grace's world is turned upside down.



Stage Manager **Doris Parker** 



Lighting

Duncan Hollands



Sound
Paul Hyde

#### **ASSISTING WITH THIS PRODUCTION**

Front of House Managers...... Felicity Lund and Susan Power
Continuity - Pam Wastell
Box Office - Pam and Dave Wastell
Raffle - Joanna Scott