

CHORLTON PLAYERS

The Chorlton Players are a non-profit making theatre group based, oddly enough, in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

Established in 1969, the Society has been running for nearly forty years. Normally we host between 4-5 productions a year. We meet every Monday and Wednesday in the basement room of the Spread Eagle on Wilbraham Road, Chorlton between 8pm and 11pm, and we'd be glad to meet anyone who fancies becoming a new member.

The Society always needs members!

We need dedicated backstage crew, and front-of-house volunteers, as well as budding actors, so if you have an interest in any part of the process of putting on the show, get in touch. It's not all about acting, it's also about making friends and having a laugh!

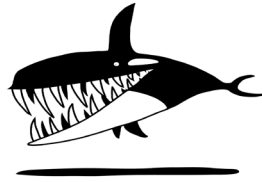
Interested? Get in touch with us!

More details can be found on the web at www.chorltonplayers.com. or drop us a line at: enquiries@chorltonplayers.com. To keep up to date with all the news on our future shows, sign up why not sign up to our e-news service (there should be a slip on this programme) or by emailing news@chorltonplayers.com



Chorlton Players – Not so much a drama group ... more a way of life!

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Our next production – it's Panto time again!!

Knight Fever!

7.30pm 21st-23rd January 2010,
with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Chorlton Players present

THE GRADUATE

By
Terry Johnson

Based on the novel by
Charles Webb

and the screenplay by
Calder Willingham
and
Buck Henry



PROGRAMME

15TH-17TH OCTOBER 2009

St Werburgh's Church Hall, St Werburgh's Road, Chorlton M21 0TL

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INTRODUCTION

In 1963 a 23-year-old Charles Webb published his debut novel, *The Graduate*. The young Charles had allegedly had an affair with an attractive older Pasadena socialite. The problem was that the socialite was married into a wealthy family and the Pasadena elite had a field day gossiping about their exploits. Webb took his experiences and mixed them up with a large dose of fiction. Charles became Benjamin, the socialite became Mrs Robinson and the Graduate was born.

The book was a cult success. The witty dialogue and satirical view of middle class America hit the right notes with a generation that was keen to turn its back on 50's family values and find a voice of its own. The success of the book led to a movie adaptation in 1967. The three lead actors, Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft and Katharine Ross all received Oscar nominations, such was the strength of their acting. It was however Anne Bancroft's portrayal of Mrs Robinson which transformed her character into a cinematic icon, whilst the term 'Mrs Robinson' is still used to this day to describe an attractive older woman.

Fast forward 30-odd years and playwright Terry Johnson adapted the story for the stage. The resulting play was a hit in both London and New York.

And that brings us to tonight. The cast has worked incredibly hard at bringing the production to life and the people behind the scenes have worked tirelessly. I am very proud of their efforts and I can't thank them enough.

So sit back and forgot about the dreary Manchester weather. Imagine it's summer, it's 1963, you're in California and the sun is shining...welcome to Chorlton Players' production of *The Graduate*.

Barry Pritchard (Director).

CAST AND CREW

Benjamin Braddock Rohan Shenoy
Mrs Robinson Clare Marshall
Elaine Robinson Liz Walmsley
Mr Braddock Tim Vaughan
Mr Robinson James Laidler
Mrs Braddock Alexis Tuttle
Desk Clerk / Man in Club / Priest Jon Clark
Stripper Felicity Paris
Psychiatrist Emma Stiles
Waiter James Kerr

Directed by Barry Pritchard
Produced by Jenny Archer

Stage Manager Simon Butler
Stage Crew Emma Stiles, Rebecca Hodges and others
Set Design Barry Pritchard and Simon Butler
Lighting Tony Morgan
Sound Annie Wallace
Production Advice Heidi Knight
Costumes Jenny Archer and Marian Daintree
Publicity Rachel McCrum and Jon Clark
Poster Design Barry Pritchard and Jon Clark
Front of House Helen Bowyer and Heidi Knight
Makeup / Hair Fliss Paris and Victoria Searle
Set Photographer John Beresford
1,001 other tasks Members of the Society

Take a look at our photogallery from this production at: www.chorltonplayers.com